



November 27, 2022 -- First Sunday in Advent - Year A  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR 97355  
10 am **THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II**  
Rev. Wally Gustav, Presider & Preacher

## **Advent I -- HOPE**

*It is our hope that our service may have a deep and abiding meaning for all who worship here. Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee and fellowship.*

**Prelude -**

*Susan Bevington*

*"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" arr Anna Laura Page*

**Processional Hymn # 56** (vs 1,2 3)

**'O Come, O come, Emmanuel'**

**Dedication of the Gospel Book** - Presented in memory of Jeanne James

*Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

*Priest: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Today, we ask for God's blessings as we gather with thankfulness to dedicate this Gospel Book to the glory of God. This book, which contains the Gospel readings which will be used at our congregation's Sunday morning worship services and at other special worship services such as Christmas and Ash Wednesday.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*Priest: This Gospel Book is given in memory of Jeanne James, a faithful member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, who was empowered by God's grace and served under the lordship of Christ in a variety of ways. Some of these ways included serving as Leader of the Altar Guild, President of the Episcopal Church Women, Treasurer for the congregation, and Organizer of the Springtime Tea and Fashion Show.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**A Reading** - "The Word of God is our Source of Peace and Strength and Hope"

*Priest: O Lord, your word is a lamp unto my feet,*

**Congregation: And a light to my path.**

*Priest: When I feel afraid and think I've lost my way,*

**Congregation: Still Lord you are there right beside me.**

*Priest: Nothing will I fear,*

**Congregation: As long as you are near.**

**All: Please be near me to the end.**

*Priest: Jesus be my guide,*

**Congregation: Hold me to your side.**

**All: I will love you to the end.**

*Priest: O Lord, your word is a lamp unto my feet,*

**Congregation: And a light to my path.**

**Dedication of the Gospel Book**

*Priest: Gracious and Eternal God, let your blessings rest upon us as we dedicate this Gospel Book to your glory. Accept this Book which we offer in thanksgiving: may it*

*increase our vision of your lordship, remind us of your goodness, and support our callings of service. Let the words that are read from this holy book be a blessing to us and everyone who hears them so that all of God's people may continue to be a blessing to others in their lives.*

**Congregation: Amen.**

**Priest:** *We now dedicate this Gospel Book to the glory of God and in memory of Jeanne James – In the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Congregation: Amen**

## **Lighting the Advent Wreath**

*George & Michelle Hamilton*

*(Or use the Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Booklet in the Pew)*

**Leader:** Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

**The first purple candle is lit, as the Leader continues.**

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

**People: God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, and to prepare for when he comes again, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

Verse 1 of 'O come, o come, Emmanuel' Hymn 56 (in Unison)

**O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.**

## **Opening Acclamation**

❖ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

❖ ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

## **Collect for Purity [BCP p. 355]**

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Trisagion (in unison) S-102**

❖ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy Upon Us

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## Collect for the Day *(in unison)*

***Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

## Liturgy of The Word

### First Lesson from the Hebrew Scriptures

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm *Laetatus sum* (sung using modified Anglican chant – S415) Psalm 122

- <sup>1</sup> I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- <sup>2</sup> Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- <sup>3</sup> Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- <sup>4</sup> To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- <sup>5</sup> For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- <sup>6</sup> Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you."
- <sup>7</sup> Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- <sup>8</sup> For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- <sup>9</sup> *(Second half of chant)* Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

### Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone,

the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Hymn #66**

*'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 24:36-44**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Wally Gustav*

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

[BCP p. 292]

Celebrant: Presider: Let us join with *those* who commit *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father almighty?

**People:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers of the People – A Special Form for Advent I**

*Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel,*

**People: be our hope and our salvation.**

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying:

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need of healing grace, *[especially :]* that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers especially all those on our parish prayer list, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those to whom we take Communion today *[especially :]*

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died [*especially* :]  
O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Confession of Sin & Absolution** [BCP p. 360]

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** [BCP p. 360]  
**Offertory**

*Susan Bevington*

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night" arr Mark Hayes*  
*(Please stand while elements are brought to the Altar)*

**Hymn of Presentation for Advent** – Hymn 56 v. 7

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

**Liturgy of the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP p. 361

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**                    *Presider and People (sing together) [#585 WLP]*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully

receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:  
**The Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Are yours now and forever. Amen. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

**"Jesus, Lamb of God"** (*Sing Together*) S-164

### **Communion of the People**

**Healing Prayers** -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer should go, after receiving the sacrament, to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join them for the laying on of hands.*

#### **Communion Hymns #58 "Lo, He comes with Clouds ascending"**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving** [BCP p. 366]

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Announcements**

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *front cover of BCP (Red Prayer Book)*

### **Seasonal Blessing**

**Closing Hymn #59** **'Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding'**

**Dismissal** [BCP p. 366]

*Celebrant* Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude:**

**"All Things Bright and Beautiful"** *arr Anna Laura Page*

*Susan Bevington*