

December 3, 2017



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II

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8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I) THE WORD OF GOD

The Call to Worship

Presider I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People ***Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that we may learn God's ways
and walk in God's path.***

Presider Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People ***Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!***

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &

Summary of the Law BCP page 323

Lord have mercy upon us BCP page 324

The Collect of the Day (1st Advent) BCP page 159

The Lessons (page 6-7)

Advent wreath lit during reading of the Psalms

The Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed BCP page 326

The Prayers of the People BCP page 328

The Confession of Sin BCP page 330-331

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP page 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP page 336

The Breaking of the Bread BCP page 337

The Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*) BCP page 339

The Blessing

The Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Prelude: “Meditation on Veni Emmanuel”

Philip Moore

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

The Congregation joins the choir in singing the following Advent introit as a prelude to our worship.

Hymn #56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

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| 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. | 2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. |
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***Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!***

Refrain

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Opening Hymn: #61 “Sleepers, wake”

Wacht auf

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity

BCP page 355

Lord have mercy (Kyrie eleison) #S-96

Proulx

The Collect of the Day (St. Nicholas)

The Lessons (page 8 -9)

Advent wreath is lit during reading of the Psalms

Sequence Anthem: “An Advent Song”

Fair & Martin

The Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

BCP page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP page 387

The Confession

BCP page 360

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: “A Follower of Jesus” (Tune: ‘The Holly and the Ivy’)

A follower of Jesus, by persecution torn,
Was Nicholas the Bishop, to noble parents born.

Forsaking wealth and power, he gave to all in need,
The bread to fill their bodies, God's love their souls to feed.

He taught the Gospel simply so all could understand,
Through works of loving kindness faith flourished in his land.

He sought and blessed the children, he shared in every way;
His memory is with us—we love him still today.

His robe a bishop's crimson, our Advent patron lives,
In life of all who follow, in heart of all who give.

As Christmas fast approaches, we follow his good lead
In sharing our abundance with everyone in need.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sursum corda: #S-120

Sanctus: #S-130

Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem #S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Gerald R. Near

The Communion

Communion Music: “Carillon on ‘Creator of the Stars of Night’”

C. Callahan

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

BCP page 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #73 “The King shall come”

St. Stephen

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Trumpet Tune on ‘Wacht auf’”

Martha Sobaje

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Stephen and Victoria Fisk in loving memory of Marcos A. Vidal for his birthday (December 4).

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for our priest Fr. Ron;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Susan Ostrout (12/5), Kelly Perry (12/5), Cynthia Anderson (12/8), Betsey Downey (12/11), Thomas Kancler (12/3), Trisha Beatty (12/6), Wendy Paggioli (12/4), Peter Celio (12/10);

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of December 3: Eleanor Barron, Andrew Nolette, the family of Jacqueline Smith; Cathie McAlistar, Chin Osmond, V.F., R. Bettancourt, S.F., C. Farren, T. Jeter, E. Caron, N. Vidal, Henry Jones, S. Hicks;

Prayers added the week of November 26: Sienna Roper; Denise B., Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

Prayers added the week of November 19: Kim F., Frank Sloan; Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, Luther Gibson & Liz Farnham; Irene, Jeni, Mary Jo, Gloria; Lianie; Kyle;

We pray for the deceased, remembering especially the father of Fr. John Burton & Jacqueline ("Jackie") Smith.

Prayer List: Our Prayer Ministry will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

Advent & Christmas Services

Services of Holy Eucharist for the **Four Sundays of Advent** (12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24) will be our usual services at 8:00 (Rite 1) & 10:00 (Rite 2).

The **Christmas Pageant** will be held on December 24th at the 10 a.m. service.

On Christmas Eve there will be the regular 8 & 10 o'clock services.

The traditional **Christmas Eve service with choir will be held at 5:00 p.m.**

On **Christmas Day** there will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

On the 1st Sunday after Christmas there will be a service of **Lessons & Carols** at 9 a.m.



Announcements

Christmas Cookies – Our annual cookie baking for Christmas Giving will provide **195 dozen cookies** to families who are clients of HIHS (Hebron Interfaith Human Services) this Christmas. Please bake some if you can and bring them on Sunday December 17 when St. Peter's parishioners will be putting together the platters after the 10 o'clock service. For any questions please call Judi Babin.

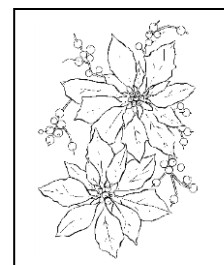
The Christmas Mail Boxes are out and waiting for your Christmas cards. For those who aren't familiar with this annual mailbox, you can save a stamp by putting your Christmas card for a parishioner in the box behind the appropriate letter, and your card is delivered on a Sunday! Don't forget to check to see if you received a card!

Christmas Mittens -Thank you so much for snatching up the mittens! Your gift should be **wrapped with the mitten attached** so the contents can be identified. **The wrapped gifts are due back at St. Peter's on Sunday December 10th** when they will be collected by Holy Family. All of our gifts will be given (by Holy Family) to the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic.

Local Food Pantry Collection –This month's non-perishable food collection is for the Hebron Food pantry (HIHS).

The American Red Cross will be holding a **blood drive** at Phelps Hall on Friday, December 22nd. This is an invaluable Christmas gift that you can give to three people by donating your blood. It takes about an hour start to finish.

Poinsettias as a memorial to decorate the church on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are available for ordering. There is a sheet at the back of the church for sign-up. \$12 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 18th.



Christmas Pageant December 24th

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again. The Christmas pageant is only three Sundays away. It will be held on Sunday, December 24th at the 10 am service. Please contact Alison Forrest if you have children who would like to be part of the pageant. Narrators and costumed "actors" are needed. Please let Allison know ASAP so she can assign roles. Any parents who are interested in helping **are more than welcome**, even if it's just standing in the back of the church and "entertaining" little sheep during the performance.



Thanks so much, I look forward to hearing from you. Allison

Blue Christmas Service - Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Gilead Congregational Church. This is a service of comfort, healing and hope in recognition that the holidays are not always an easy time for everyone especially those experiencing losses of all kinds. Come as you are and bring a friend.

Discretionary Fund Collection - The first Sunday of each month the loose offerings (offerings **not** in pledge envelopes) go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This Sunday the collection will benefit the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem to assist with their ministry in five countries in the Middle East and the hospitals and schools they run for some of the poorest residents in that part of the world. Please be generous.

Stewardship - Thank you for your 2018 pledge. We are very near our goal set for this year's budget. There is still time to get your pledge in if you have not done so.

Bring your creche (nativity scene) to church. In addition to the usual Christmas decorations we invite you to consider bringing a nativity scene to place on our window sills. If there is a story behind your creche write it on a card along with your name. Bring them to church no later than Friday, December 22.

Homeless Boot Party - St. Peter's is supporting the annual "boot party" in Hartford which is a foot clinic for our homeless neighbors. We are collecting travel size toiletries including toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand/body lotion, gold bond foot powder, antiperspirant, shampoo and soap. Please place the items in a plastic bag and bring them to church by Monday, December 4.

DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 3 ADVENT 1 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 am	December 4	December 5 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 6 B & G 7 pm	December 7	December 8	December 9
December 10 ADVENT 2 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 am	December 11	December 12 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 13	December 14 Seniors?	December 15	December 16
December 17 ADVENT 3 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 am	December 18	December 19 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 20	December 21 Vestry 7 pm	December 22 Decorating the Church for Christmas 9:30 a.m. BLOOD DRIVE 1-6	December 23
December 24 ADVENT 4 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Christmas Pageant 10 a.m. Traditional Christmas Eve service 5:00 p.m.	December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M.	December 26 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 27	December 28	December 29	December 30
December 31 1 st Sunday after Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols 9:00 a.m.	January 1 New Year's Day Office closed	January 2 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	January 3 B & G	January 4	January 5	January 6 EPIPHANY
January 7 Epiphany Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	January 8	January 9 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13

The Readings for the First Sunday of Advent

The Collect:

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.

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil -- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you -- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10: 13-16

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.