

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAINT JAMES

November 27, 2022

## The First Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### The Word of God

#### Voluntary

Oboe Concerto in A, BWV 1055 (Larghetto) Johann Sebastian Bach

*Played by Randall Wolfgang, oboe d'amore and Sean Price, organ (1685-1750)*

The Advent wreath is given by Adrienne & James Thomas  
to the glory of God and in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for:

Loved ones past and present

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

#### All Praying Together

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.

#### Opening Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

Hymn 59

#### The Greeting

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

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.

#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray:

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.

*Leader:* Behold! Listen!  
*Congregation:* This is important!

### Collect for the Community (*Read together in unison*)

Gracious God, strengthen in us the two values that we hold central as a Christian Community. These values are inspired by Jesus' two great commandments. First, we love God or something greater than ourselves with all our hearts and mind, and second we commit to loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. There is no boundary or condition to our love and commitment to God or to our neighbor, no matter who they may be. All are welcome in this place. Amen.

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### The Psalm (*Read responsively by the half-verse*)

*Psalm 122*

1 I was glad when they said to me, \* "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing \* within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city \* that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \* the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \* the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \* "May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls \* and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \* I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \* I will seek to do you good."

## The Epistle

*Romans 13:11-14*

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Sequence Hymn

Jesus came, adored by angels

*Hymn 454*

## The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 24:36-44*

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew*

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

**The Rev. Audrey Hasselbrook**

## The Nicene Creed (Recited In Unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

## Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the contributions and influence of Native Americans that have enriched our common lives together.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation [especially Bill, Elle, Helen, Morgan, Ginny, Doug, Delrene, John, Rilee, Jim, Edward, Donna, Dianne, Neil, Judy, Heather, Colleen, Scott, Ashley, Joanne, Kathy, George] *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

## The Confession and Absolution

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: 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.

## Concluding Collect

## The Sharing of the Peace

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

## Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

Robert Roth

Sung by the St. James Choir

(b. 1928)

## Doxology

### Hymn 380, Verse 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

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

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:

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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 say,

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Fraction Anthem**

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us

*Hymnal S-164***The Invitation**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn**

O day of God, draw nigh

*Hymn 601***A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Almighty God, we believe that you are truly present in this Holy Sacrament. Whether we can be at your table or not, we unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing, Benediction, and Dismissal****Closing Hymn**

O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Hymn 56, Vs. 1-2***NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH**

During the month of November we recognize the contributions and influence of native Americans to the history, culture, and achievements for the United States in our prayers and biographical information found in the bulletin.

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# THE H.O.S.T CORNER (HERE'S ONE SMALL THING)

*I will do this one small thing:*

- Come to church as often as I can
- Commit to walking with our teens in a Suicide Prevention Walk
- Sort your winter coats for donation to the coat drive
- Volunteer for the parish's food insufficiency program
- Sign up for the choir
- Sign up your children for church programming
- Donate food for the outdoor food pantry
- Donate food to the soup kitchens
- Give one hour in our thrift store
- Give one Sunday to help gather this community in worship by being an usher
- Be a Church Reader
- Volunteer for two months in Sunday School
- Volunteer for one month in Sunday School
- Volunteer for two weeks in Sunday School
- Volunteer for one Sunday in Sunday School
- Volunteer to work with our teens and youth.
- Give one hour to sort clothing and items for our neighbors in need
- Weed one section of the Memorial Garden
- Offer a ride to church for someone who needs it
- Make a short weekly phone call to the homebound
- Help with social media posts
- Reach out by email to welcome a new member
- Invite a friend to Church
- Talk about our church's good works with others
- Show up to events at the church.
- Say hello to a neighbor
- Volunteer to keep the outdoor food pantry stocked.
- Buy one pack of diapers for the diaper program
- Add an extra can of soup to my grocery cart for the Food Bank
- Learn the names of three teens or children in our church
- Say Hello to three teens or children in our church
- Become informed about our town government
- Talk about homelessness in my town
- I will vote

Be good stewards.

We urge you to keep up to date with your financial support of the church.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- \* **Stewardship:** Pledge cards have been mailed out to your home; please do not throw them out. Fill them out and please mail or return to the church.
- \* **Advent Blue:** Beginning this year we will use a Marian Blue set of hangings and vestments for the season of Advent in place of the purple. Both colors are appropriate, but using blue in Advent and purple ones in Lent helps to differentiate the focus of each season. Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ in the manager as well as his Second Coming. Purple is the color we associate with fasting and penance of our Lenten disciplines, and the Kingship of Jesus.
- \* **Prayer Requests:** Each Sunday during the Prayers of the People we will offer names from the parish prayer list. These names will be included in the weekly e-newsletter for inclusion in your personal prayers. Parishioners are always encouraged to offer up names of others in need, or their thanksgivings, during the Prayers of the People. Call or e-mail Rev. Audrey with prayer requests.
- \* **Montclair State University Brass Holiday Concert:** Join us next Sunday, December 4th at 7pm for MSU's annual holiday brass concert. Enjoy transcriptions and arrangements of holiday classics as well as new favorites. The concert is free of charge and welcome to everyone!
- \* **Community Service Opportunity - Dec. 3rd:** Help is needed to pack our mobile food pantry Saturday morning. Dec. 3rd, around 9 a.m. We will go to two locations in Montclair to distribute food. Contact Rev. Audrey for more information.
- \* **Annual Holiday Gifts and Toys for Drive Prison Ministry - through Dec. 4:** We are collecting holiday gifts for children whose families have been impacted by incarceration. Select a tag from the bulletin board located in the church tower.
- \* **Christmas Tree Lighting and Händel's Messiah:** Join us on Tuesday evening, December 6th at 6pm for the annual tradition of hot chocolate lighting of the Christmas tree on the St. James front lawn. Following the lighting at 7:30pm is the community Messiah-sing led by the Oratorio Society of New Jersey. All are welcome to attend this annual holiday tradition!
- \* **Nursery Care** - We always welcome children in church! Nursery care, for children up to 4 years of age, is available in the education Wing during the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service.
- \* **Advent Fair** - Our annual Advent Fair is Sunday, Dec. 4, the Second Sunday of Advent and St. Nicholas Day during coffee hour. We'll have crafts to make and supplies to take home for your Advent Wreath.
- \* **PATCH Party**- our annual party for children whose families have been affected by incarceration is Saturday, Dec. 10. Help is needed from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.. We serve lunch, make crafts, play games, and have a visit from St. Nicholas. Contact Rev. Audrey. Teens can use this event for community service hours.
- \* **Christmas Pageant** - The Christmas Pageant will be back in person and performed on December 18th. All children in the parish are welcome to participate. Older youths and Alumni visitors are invited to help share this tradition with the younger children who haven't enjoyed a pageant in 3 years. Please sign up on the sheets in the Church Hallway, email Rev Audrey Ahasselbrook@gmail.com, or text Fran Lapinski at 973-951-8025.
- \* **Fisher Kids:** Youth group grades 3-6 meets Monday, November 28th from 5-6:30pm. Contact Rev. Audrey for more information.
- \* **Acolytes on 11/27/22:** Wren Delp, Jackson Pagliaro, Kira Hirsch

## HONORING NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH



**Tori Amos - Singer-Songwriter**

With a discography full of platinum and gold plaques, singer-songwriter Tori Amos, a member of the Cherokee nation, has been an important American musician for more than 25 years. A classically trained musician and vocalist, Amos began her studies at age 5 when she won a full scholarship to the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University. In September 2021, Amos released her sixteenth studio album.