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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A parish in the Diocese of Pennsylvania

November 29, 2020, 10:00 AM– *First Sunday of Advent*

Our Mission: God is calling the people of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Wayne, Pennsylvania to follow Jesus' teaching to love God with all our hearts, souls and minds; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore we love and embrace each other, friend and stranger alike in worship, service and prayer as we seek to live in and share God's Word.

– Adopted by the St. Mary's Vestry, May 2015



Voluntaries *"Sleepers wake!" A voice is calling*

Ludwig Krebs

"Sleepers wake!" A voice is calling

J. Sebastian Bach

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Stand and join in the singing of the opening hymn in procession.

Hymn in Procession 61, "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken: rious: tals "The her as time star we has is with come, risen, joy O her your maid - ens wise! light grows bright. throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Collect for Purity

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.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 56 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Vss 1 & 2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

“We begin our church year with Advent, a season of preparing for Christmas and at the same time looking toward the Second Coming of Christ. The season’s liturgical color may be purple or saron blue symbolizing royalty—because Christ is our king. The candles are purple, signifying serious self-examination, for Christ is our judge.

Long ago the people in northern Europe made the first wreaths, bending evergreen branches, a symbol of everlasting life, into a circle which—having no beginning and no end—represents eternity. The wreath symbolizes our eternal life in Christ; the four candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world.”

(Excerpt from The Advent Wreath published by Forward Movement)

The people sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel



Stir up your strength, O LORD, and come to help us.

- 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.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Church in Corinth

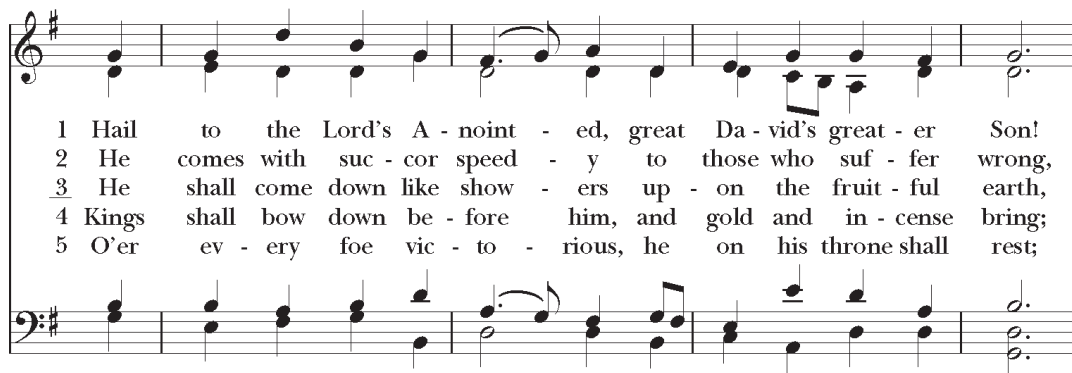
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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..

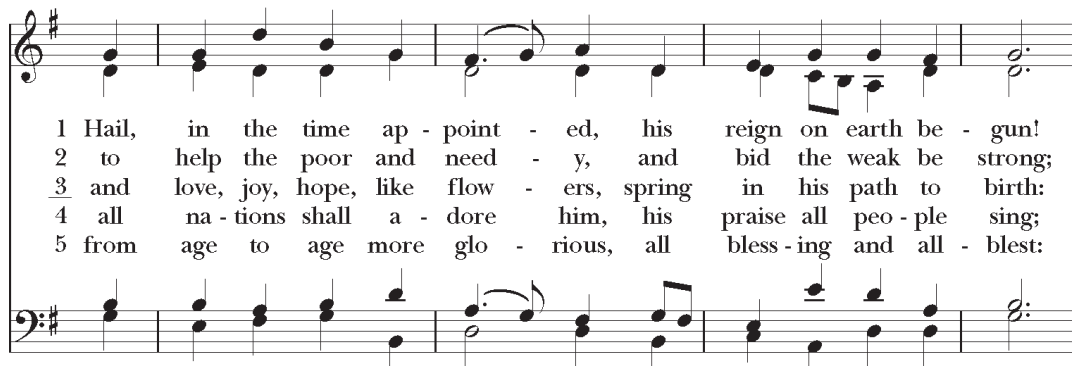
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please rise for the following hymn, and remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.



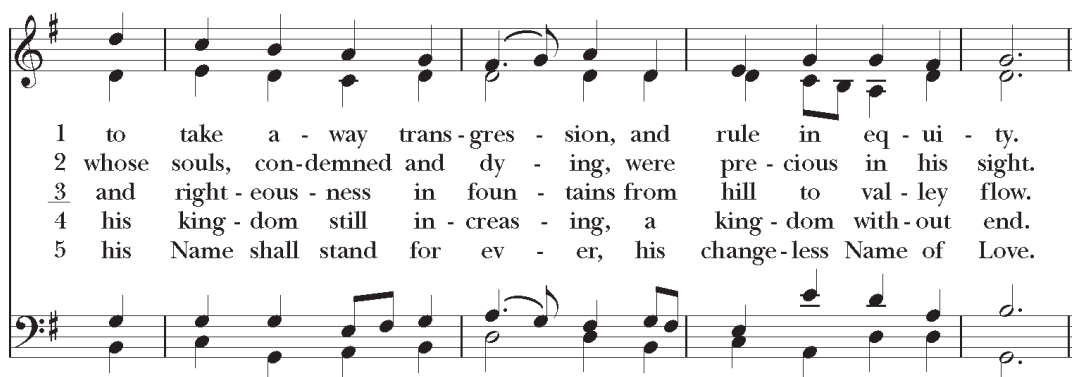
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Lucy Ann Dure

Nicene Creed

All stand.

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 man.
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

Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon, You are the light by which we wake and work. responding;
Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Surround your church, her leaders, and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Daniel our bishop, and Joseph and Lucy Ann our priests. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open their hearts to your will; (*silence*) let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

We pray for our leaders: especially Donald, our president; Tom our governor; and the Congress and courts of this land. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share so that all have enough: food, care, and peace; (*silence*) let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give the people of the community a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible; (*silence*) let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

That we pursue an end to racial injustice in all systems which perpetuate hate and violence against people because of the color of their skin; grant us wisdom and courage to open our hearts and minds to our own need for repentance, that we may love one another as you love us; (*silence*) let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

During this pandemic, help us to demonstrate our faith as Christians by focusing more on your power, Lord Jesus, and less on our fear (*silence*); renew and transform our anxious minds (*silence*); restore our hope through your grace and mercy (*silence*); and may we be ever mindful that you are always with us; (*silence*); let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Father of us all, we pray for those who have recently returned to your embrace and those who are broken remembering especially J. Logan White on the anniversary of his death this week; Frances Hull in whose memory the Advent Greens on the High Altar are given; and Kaye Brinkley Spalding and Lori Helen Lynch in whose memory the additional Advent Greens are given; and the departed members of the Spalding and Sharp families in whose memory the Sanctuary Candle is given; (*silence*) let us pray.

People **Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.**

Lover of our souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation. Today we pray for (*congregation reads the name aloud*) **Jennifer, Irene, Lisa, Judy, Patty, Mary, Betty, Carl, Victoria, Anna, Jeff, Jess, Fred** and in our parish cycle of prayers we pray for Courtney Tyus and Michael Price, Bud and Beth Tyson, Gordon Turk and Clem and Anna Urey any other special intentions which may be added at this time either silently, aloud or electronically.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Celebrant 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.**

All stand.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer C

Offertory Anthem - Recitative and Aria (Messiah)

George Frideric Handel

Daniel Gallegos, bass-baritone

*For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:
And Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising
The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light,
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,
Upon them hath the light shined.*

The people stand and sing

Doxology

Old 100th

All things come of thee
And of thine own have we given Thee

Then facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus – S131

Gerald Near

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy on

us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

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.

From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, A Prayer before Spiritual Communion

The Invitation to Holy Communion

"A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving"

"My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen."

—St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787

Communion Carol - *People look East*

Besançon carol, arr. by B. Ferguson
Words. Eleanor Farjeon

(Sung by all, first in Latin, then in English, repeated many times)

*People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.
Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.
Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,*

*Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.
Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving 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.

A prayer for those observing birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

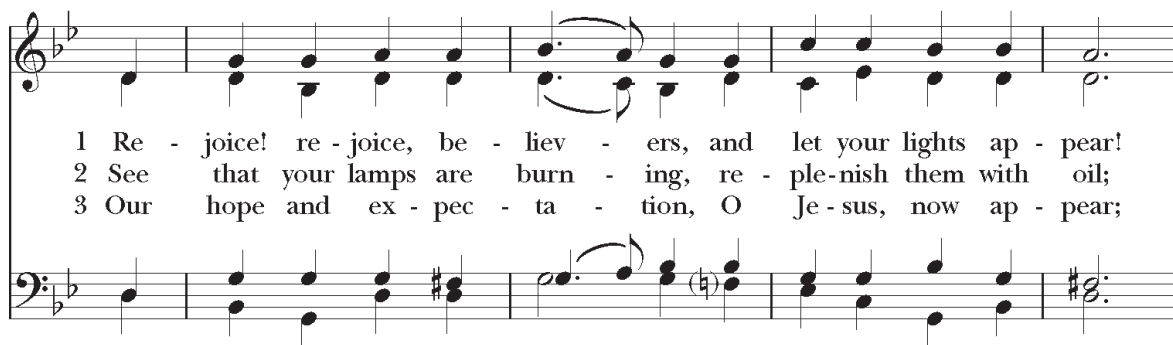
A prayer for those observing anniversaries

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church; Send your blessing upon these persons who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them in your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

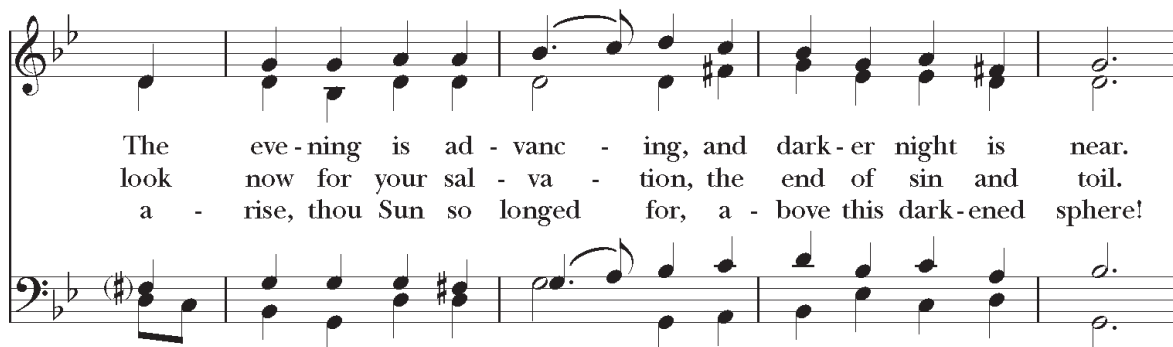
Blessing

Closing Hymn-68, *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

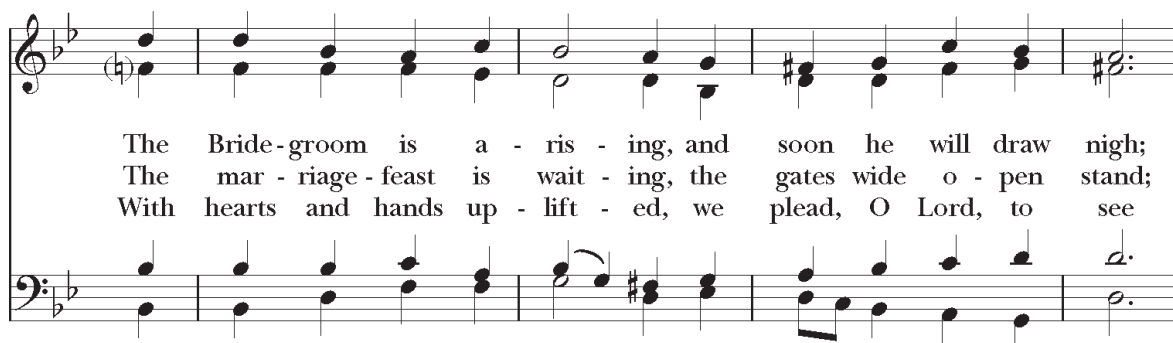
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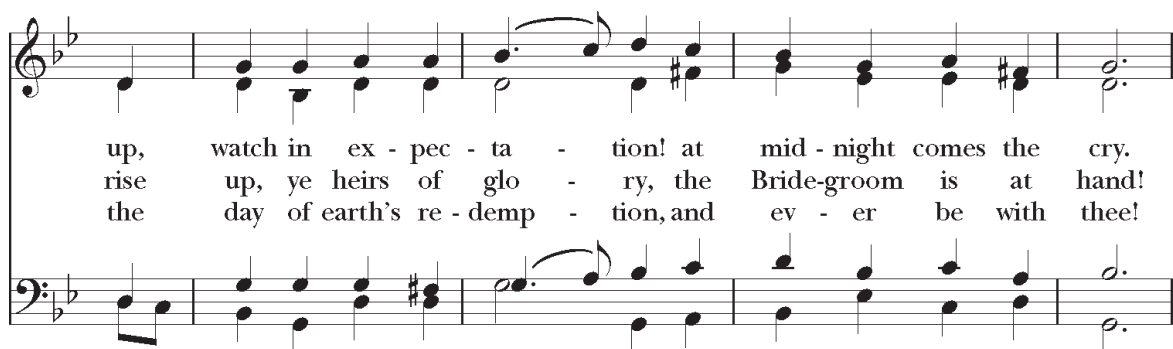
1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Dismissal

Voluntary - *Improvisation: Dialogue on 'Rejoice, rejoice, believers'*

G. Turk

Invitation & Announcements

To all who are lonely and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, this church opens wide its doors and bids you WELCOME!

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary's this morning. Let's Connect. Joining from the website? Send us an email; On Facebook? Leave a comment/message us; Joining in-person? Sign our guest book by the front door.

Today is Sunday, November 29, 2020-The First Sunday of Advent

9:50 am livestream opens and recording begins

9:51 am Music prelude begins

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II liturgy begins

Reader: Marylu Hill

Advent Greens on the High Altar this morning are given in loving memory of Frances Hull, a dear friend and past member of St. Mary's, by Barbara, Nicole and Collette Zimmer.

Additional altar greens are given by the Huck family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Kaye Brinkley Spalding and Lori Helen Lynch.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the departed members of the Spalding and Sharp families.

Intercession List

Please pray for those in ongoing need of our prayers and all on our parish intercession list at St. Mary's:

Jennifer Lurie, Irene Steinhardt, Lisa Hart, Judy Austin, Patty Lander, Mary Tatnall, Betty Rippel, Carl Hinchey, Victoria Coates, Anna Radford, Jeff Russell, Jess Russell and Fred Lohmann. Included on the prayer list are our friends Paige Longstreth, John David, Rev'd Rick Harris, Susan Rex, Robert Phillips, and our prayer intentions from daily prayers this week.

Please note: It is our practice to take individuals off the Intercession list after four weeks. Please let Chris know if you need an extension. The names read aloud today include St. Mary's parishioners and family members of parishioners.

Please say aloud the names of your loved ones during the Prayers of the People when the lector pauses for the congregation to add their own petitions.

Prayers for the Parish

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded of all the blessings God has given us, especially our parishioners! Beginning this week, we will designate five families weekly with prayers during our eleven liturgies. We hope our prayer intentions will lift your spirits and comfort you during the pandemic. This week we pray for Courtney Tyus and Michael Price, Bud and Beth Tyson, Gordon Turk and Clem and Anna Urey.

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Daily Prayer

Join us daily at 9:00 am and 5:00 pm:

The website [live stream page](#)

St. Mary's Episcopal [Facebook page](#)

A Note from your Financial Administrator

2021 Pledge Campaign

We are excited that our 2021 Pledge Campaign “Faith-FULL Generosity” is successfully underway. We pray that the messages from our staff and parishioners will inspire and encourage you. We are grateful to have already received 78 pledges, 71% of our family participation goal! Please continue to submit your pledges online, or by returning the pledge card mailed in early October. Your pledge helps us accurately plan for the coming year.

Ways to Give

As a friendly reminder, you can continue to make your gifts via the following methods:

Online Giving

Please visit stmaryswaynepa.org or text as follows:


Worship1887(space) \$(amount you wish to contribute) to 73256.

For Bank Bill Pay and USPS, please mail to:

St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Attn: Debbie Ealer
104 Louella Avenue
Wayne, PA 19087

Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and participation in the ministry and mission of St. Mary's. Your efforts make so many things possible for our parish and community.

Pledge Update
November 25, 2020



For the 2020 Budget Year	For the 2021 Budget Year
100 Pledges Received	78 Pledges Received
Total = 327,248	Total = 265,230

AmazonSmiles

For those of you who shop via **Amazon**, we have registered St. Mary's in a program called **AmazonSmile**. First started in October 2013, AmazonSmile provides an opportunity for shoppers to designate a charity to which Amazon will donate 0.5% of a shopper's eligible purchase to the charity of the shopper's choice. To participate in this program, simply shop via the website smile.amazon.com. Click Get Started. You will then be prompted to select a charity – we are registered under the name “St. Mary's Episcopal Church.” Please then select the one for Wayne, PA. You will then be prompted to check a box acknowledging how the program works, and then you will be good to go. Your account information should self-populate. However, for St. Mary's to receive the benefit, you must always shop via this smile.amazon.com link. You will only have to designate St. Mary's one time, but you will always need to shop via this site for your purchase to be counted. Contact Debbie with questions- debbie@stmaryswaynepa.org.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please use the online [Sign-Up Genius](#). The instructions are very easy and are included in the online registration. Contact Chris with Sign-up questions chris@stmaryswaynepa.org and Susan Huck with other questions sbmhuck@aol.com.

Please make checks payable to **St. Mary's Altar Guild** and send to St. Mary's Church Attn:Debbie Ealer at 104 Louella Ave, Wayne PA 19087.

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, December 20



Join us for Advent Meditation, Nov 30-Dec 5

The St. Mary's Adult Formation Committee cordially invites all to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ while experiencing the beautiful stories of Mary found in our stained glass windows, scripture and music. This week from Monday through Saturday take an in-person, self-guided tour of the St. Mary windows. We provide the music and meditations. Come and visit the church, alone or with a friend, for an hour in safety. Please register for your private, hour long, in-person visit of the church via [Sign Up Genius](#). Please keep in mind, if these times do not work for you, we can always schedule something later in the advent season. Just contact Chris Wittrock for help.



Live Nativity

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 pm

It's been QUITE a year so we're hosting QUITE a Christmas pageant for 2020 with a LIVE NATIVITY! Join us outside on the lawn and expect such a clatter as we share the story of our dear Savior's birth with several of God's furry creatures including goats, pigs, even a llama. Please wear your mask and keep 6ft apart for safety. Bundle up and come on out!

This celebration is in place of the Family Service and will not be a full liturgy. We will have the 10pm Christmas Eve Liturgy with live-streaming so you may join us and enjoy the joyful beauty of the service from home.

Zoom Classes this week

Monday 11/30- Bible Study at 11:00 am

Click the [meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 944 6256 8155

Password: 475211

One tap mobile +16465588656,,94462568155#

Telephone only dial +1 646 558 8656

Thursday 12/3- Coffee Klatsch at 11:00 am

Click the [meeting link](#)

Meeting ID: 974 0473 4990

Password: 978070

One tap mobile +16465588656,,97404734990#

Telephone only dial +1 646 558 8656

Book Club

Please join us on Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9th when we will read aloud and discuss Dylan Thomas's famous story of A Child's Christmas in Wales.

In January we will read Brit Bennett's The Vanishing Half. We are planning to read Chekov's play Three Sisters in February and then in March we will discuss the late-nineteenth century German novel Effi Briest by Theodor Fontane. The complete text in English is available online at the Gutenberg Project. Everyone is warmly invited to attend our meetings, whether you have read the book or not.

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