The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022
10:30 AM  Holy Eucharist
PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN  H73  The King shall come when morning dawns

Celebrant:  In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People:  Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.  AMEN.
OPENING ACCLAMATION
Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People: You come to your people and set them free.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (Said together)

A LMIGHTY 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE
H56 O Come, O Come Emmanuel v. 1-3

COLLECT OF THE DAY
Celebrant: God be with you
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Let us pray.

A lmighty 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 LESSON  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!

Lector:  Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People:  Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM    Psalm 122   Laetatus sum

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."

SECOND READING 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing before and after the Gospel is read

HYMN L11 Prepare ye the way of the Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.”

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-in-Charge

JAZZ RESPONSE A musical response to the sermon

THE NICENE CREED
Please rise, in body or in spirit.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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
O God, We are called up to the mountain to meet our God. We therefore pray for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut and throughout the world. Pray for the peace of all God’s People, May all who love You prosper.

Now is the time to change our ways and to follow our living God. Pray for the peace of all God’s people, May all who love You prosper.

Creator God, The hour has come and is already here for us to change our ways and address the climate emergency that affects all of our sisters and brothers throughout our world. Pray for the peace of all God’s people, May all who love You prosper.

Generous God, At this time of Thanksgiving, we are thankful for all that has been given to us; our very breath and the gift of families and friends. Pray for the peace of all God’s people, May all who love You prosper.

Loving God, we remember with compassion those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We remember those on our prayer list and especially; Annette, baby Jasper, Jess, Michael, Susan, Thurmon, and Tom. Please add the names you wish to pray for, either silently or aloud…

We remember those who have died and those who mourn their loss. Pray for the peace of all God’s people, May all who love You prosper.

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have sent the prophets and we did not hear. Then you sent your son, to be one of us and to show us the way to You. May we listen with open hearts that we might truly hear where you call us this Advent and in all the days to come. We ask this in Jesus’ name and through your life giving spirit, one God now and forever. AMEN.

CONFESSION OF SIN
Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept, then minister and people say together

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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

Please rise, in body or in spirit.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: La paz del Senor sea siempre con ustedes. People: Y con tu espíritu.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you. People: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God’s peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, especially Tudy as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in your goodness all the days of her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
OFFERTORY HYMN  Ubi Caritas

Where charity and love prevail, God is there.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING  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 God thanks and praise.

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

Because you sent your 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:

Celebrant and People:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY  S129  SANCTUS
The Celebrant continues
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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ’s death,
We proclaim Christ’s resurrection,
We await Christ’s coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Paul and James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.
Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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 for ever. AMEN.

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.
A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION S163 Lamb of God

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.
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN  L152  Let us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to-geth-er on our knees;
let us drink wine to-geth-er on our knees;
let us praise God to-geth-er on our knees;

Refrain
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris-ing sun,

O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
Please rise, in body or in spirit.

Celebrant and 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.

BLESSING
CLOSING HYMN    H68  Rejoice! rejoice believers

1  Re-joice! re-joice, be-liev-ers, and let your lights ap-pear!
2  See that your lamps are burn-ing, re-plen-ish 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

Celebrant:   Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People:     Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Sunday Worship
10:30 am
in person and livestreamed on Facebook
visit our website to find the livestream

Wednesday Noonday Prayer
12:20 pm
in person in the Chapel,
enter by the ramp off Chapel St.

Tues/Thurs Evening Compline
8:00 pm
on Zoom
visit our website for the Zoom link

Celebrant:
The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-in-Charge

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ST. PJS COVID-19 POLICY

As cases and hospitalizations continue to drop, we are paying attention to changing trends and guidelines, including the lifting of mask mandates in various places. However, as God’s community, we are called to lift up the most vulnerable among us. Because we have parishioners with compromised immune systems, as well as babies who are too young to get vaccinated, we will continue to wear masks at all times within the church for the time being. Mask wearing will return to being optional for readers, preachers, and celebrants while they are speaking.

Please be aware that by attending church, you are participating in our live stream, which means you may appear in a video that is saved on our Facebook page.

SC REGION ADVENT SERIES: Becoming Beloved Community

Weekly on Mondays, 7 pm, beginning November 28

As Advent is a season of preparation for the inbreaking of Jesus, The Episcopal Church has developed an Advent study series to help us reflect on how we are preparing to make flesh the Beloved Community of God’s dream. Each week we will look at the lectionary readings for the preceding Sunday. The Rev. Rachel Thomas will facilitate this Monday evening group, which will take place on Zoom from 7-8 pm beginning November 28. Email her at rthomas@episcopalct.org to receive the link.

The Rev. Jill Morrison and the people of Christ Church, Quaker Farms, will be hosting the study in-person on Thursdays beginning with dinner at 6 pm, followed by the study at 7 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join them; December 1 will be their first session. More information can be found by emailing rev.jillian.b.morrison@gmail.com.

2022 #ADVENTWORD

AdventWord is an inspirational global online Advent calendar. A single word is chosen from the Sunday Lectionary readings for each day of the season of Advent. Shared in English and Spanish, you can sign up to receive a daily meditation and visual image inspired by this word at adventword.org, as well as share your personal reflections via social media using #AdventWord.

Pick up a calendar of this year’s #adventWord at the back of the church or learn more online at adventword.org.
**PRAYERS & THANKSGIVINGS**

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed and their families and friends.

Blessed are they who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit for they rest from their labors.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We give thanks for the birthdays and anniversaries of members, friends, and supporters of the St. PJ’s community.

Tudy Hill (11/27)

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing... Romans 15:13*

**ST. PJ’S PRAYER LIST**

The list reflects prayer requests for those who are homebound, or who have long-term concerns. During the Prayers of the People we read aloud the names of those who are experiencing acute illness or distress.

Charles Amore  
Charles Harris  
Jennifer Nelson & Marilyn Nelson  
Gary & Susan Sapp  
Gwen Chapin  
Hanne Howard  
Henry Noyes  
Nanci Perez  
Leota Tucker  
Martha  
Tiras Jaske  
Rev. Harlon Dalton  
Pam Sayre  
Alene Tate  
Edwina Johnson  
Marcia Smith  
Martin O’Brien  
Andrew, Anastasia & Katherine Oghy  
Kori Menefee  
Theresa Kovacs  
Susan & Edd Eldridge  
baby Jasper  
Misha  
Herman Mukwaya  
Ryan  
Isaiah Colville  
Ryan & Codi Welch  
Lola Layman  
Harriet Baskerville  
Judy  
Elizabeth Price  
Tom Caffelle  
Tony & Mary  
Wildrich  
Susan Yates  
Karl Mini  
Al Cimino  
Brian Fillmore  
Doug Parker  
Michael  
Leslie & Tom  
Thurman Whitley  
Annette Coscia  
Jess Loden Kirby  
Nanci Perez  
Richard Holcomb

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The Rev. Stacey Kohl, Priest-in-Charge  
William Cleary, Director of Music  
Tudy Hill, Minister of Pastoral Care  
Susan Yates, Liturgist  
Crystal Gooding, Parish Administrator  
Samuel Rodriguez, Sexton  
The Rev. Steve Crowson, Priest Associate

**OUR VESTRY**

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Treasurer: David Hill  
Clerk: Maggie King

David Tate  
Nate Solberg  
Agatha Zichichi-Evans  
Lynne Severance  
Maggie King  
Max Clayton  
Bill Evans  
Marilyn Bergen  
Vanessa Gonzalez-Rivera