

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 1, 2019**

8:00 A.M.	Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M.	Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude	<i>Johannes Brahms - Es ist ein Ros entsprungen</i>
Opening Hymn	<i>Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us</i> 61 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation	355 (red book)
Collect for Purity	
Song of Praise	56 v. 1-2 (blue book)
Collect of the Day	159/211 (red book)
I reading—Isaiah 2:1-5	
Psalm 122	779 (red book)
II reading—Romans 13:11-14	
Gradual Hymn	<i>Rejoice, rejoice believers</i> 68 (blue book)
Gospel—Matthew 24:36-44	
Homily	The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed	326/358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	8:00 a.m. Form I 328 (red book)
	10:30 a.m. (<i>Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy . People: Hear our prayer.</i>)
The Peace	
Offertory	
Presentation of Alms	<i>Instrumental</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	Prayer II, 8:00 a.m. 340 (red book)
	Prayer B, 10:30 a.m. 367 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i> S 130 (front blue book)
At the Breaking of the Bread	S 164 (front blue book)

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant “gluten-free”.

Communion *(During the Sundays of Advent we will receive in silence)*

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to attend, they are sent at this time.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer 339/366 (red book)

Closing *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* 57 (blue book)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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!

PSALM 122 779 (red book)

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.

MATTHEW 24:36-44

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.”



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*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*

WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.

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