

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**NOVEMBER 27, 2022***Masks are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.*

8:00 A.M.	Rite I	323 (red book)
	Collect of the Day	159 (red book)
	Nicene Creed	326 (red book)
	Prayers of the People	328 (red book)
	The Great Thanksgiving—Form II	340 (red book)
	The Lord’s Prayer	336 (red book)
	Post-Communion Prayer	339 (red book)

11:00 A.M.	Rite II	355 (red book)
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This service is livestreamed to the parish Facebook page

Prelude

Opening Hymn	<i>Sleepers Wake! A voice astounds us</i>	61 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Collect for Purity		
Hymn of Praise	56, verses 1-2	(blue book)
Collect of the Day		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		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People— Response “Lord, have mercy”		
The Peace		
Preparation of the Table	<i>Signs of ending all around us</i>	721 (green book)
The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer B		367 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* S-130 (blue book)
At the Breaking of the Bread *Jesus, Lamb of God* S-164 (blue book)

Communion

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead, please cross your arms across your chest.

During Communion *Wait for the Lord* insert
Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)
Seasonal Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Lo he comes with clouds descending* 57 (blue book)
Dismissal 366 (red book)
Postlude

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

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

Besides this, 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 armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling 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, '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.

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). 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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