



The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Parkersburg, WV

December 1, 2024 10:15AM

The Holy Eucharist: First Sunday of Advent

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Participants in the Service:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

Director of Music: Dennis Deem

Lector: Bob Crocker

Chalicer: Toni DeVore

Welcome Center: Sally Harris, Cathy Freed

Intercessor: Linda Crocker

Guest Organist: Scotty Rockhold

Acolytes: Kaityln Foggin, Aubrey Smith, Anthony Williams, Eva Crocker

The Word of God

Prelude

“**Wachet, auf** from **BWV 140**”

J.S. Bach

Processional Hymn #57

“Lo! He comes, with clouds descending”

Helmsley

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed are you, Holy and living one.

People You come to your people and set them free.

The Celebrant says

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.

Kyrie #S96 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
 and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
 remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn #66

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

Then, all standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Katie Beth Miksa

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV *(led by Linda Crocker)*

During the seasons of Advent and Christmas, the prayer list usually prayed for during the Prayers of the People will be found at the end of the service booklet. The congregation is free to add names in the appropriate place in the prayers, either silently or aloud, and to pray for these people throughout the week.

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

Priest adds concluding prayers

Celebrant:

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Introduction of New Rector

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Anthem

“Keep Your Lamps:

Spiritual arr., André Thomas

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 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.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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

Sanctus (8AM)

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.

Sanctus # S130
(sung at 10:15)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people remain standing. Then 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 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;

The Celebrant continues

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 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,

People and Celebrant

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. Then may be said

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Agnus Dei #S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: Behold what you are
People: May we become what we receive.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, followed by those present.

Communion Anthem “O Come, Emmanuel” (*Dr Bob Herceg, cello*) *Elaine Hagenberg*

Post Communion Hymn (pg. 8) “People look East”

After Communion, the Celebrant says:
Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries: Deb Hepburn-McKinney, Darlene Slusher

Closing Hymn #73 “The King shall come when morning dawns” *St. Stephen*

The Celebrant, dismisses the people with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

“Go Now in Peace” (sung twice when bells are present)

Go now in peace;
go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere
you may go.

Please stay seated

Postlude “Sonata for Piano in D major, K.381” *W.A. Mozart*

Post Communion Hymn

“People look East”



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY we welcome our new rector, the Rev. Katie Beth Miksa. Please join us in the Great Hall following the service for a welcoming lunch.

Advent Series led by the Rev. Katie Beth Miksa - Katie Beth+ will lead a formation series during the 9:15-10am time slot on three Sundays during Advent (December 8, 15 and 22). It will be loosely based on Rev. Heidi Haverkamp's book *Advent in Narnia*, which she particularly recommends if you like short daily reflections during Advent. It intersperses brief passages of scripture with quotes from C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Please note, you will not need Haverkamp's book, nor to have read or seen *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, to enjoy this formation series.

Christmas Altar Flowers – If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of or in thanksgiving of someone or something special in your life, you may use your Christmas Flower envelope provided with your offering envelopes or a check indicating in the memo section that it is for Christmas flowers. Please include a note of how you would like it to appear in the Christmas Flower insert for the bulletin. The deadline to be included in the Christmas bulletin insert is **Dec. 16th**.

Your Christmas Greetings for our parishioners may be emailed to Linda at LLBC100@msn.com before Dec. 16th. They will appear in a special Christmas edition of the "Shepherd's Staff" on Dec. 18th. We will have sheets out for your message beginning next Sunday.

Rummage Sale – The December sale is this week, Fri, & Sat., Dec. 6 & 7. Deb will be open for Adopted Families on Dec. 9th & 10th. If you have winter clothing or holiday items, please bring them in ASAP.

Adopted Families – Please return your filled toiletry bags and any donations of hats, gloves or gift wrap this week.

Bible Study – We have 2 Bible Study groups led by David Cooper. One group meets from 4:15 – 5:15 PM and is discussing the Letter to the Romans. The other group meets from 5:15 – 6:15PM and is studying First Samuel. You are welcome to attend either group.

Open Altar Flower dates: Two vases are available on Dec. 29. Contact Ginger in the office with your requests.

Hanging of the Greens – Please plan to stay after the 10:15 service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd to help decorate the church for Christmas. This is a wonderful fun time for fellowship and preparing for the coming of our Lord.

Good Shepherd Parish Prayer List

The People of Israel and Gaza	Marcia Doyle – healing	Eric Dailey – healing
The People of Ukraine	Peggy Roberts - healing	Peter Gevas – healing
Dee Milhoan – strength	John Stevens – healing	Mary Gevas – healing
Jone Johnson – healing/strength	Diane Cottrill – healing	Ann Stevens– healing
Deb Hepburn-McKinney – healing	David Cottrill - healing	Jay Lathrop – healing
Vickie Dilley – healing/strength	Chris Heckman – healing	Heyward Roberts - healing
Amanda Morris – awaiting liver transplant	Shauna Hyde – healing	

Safety for all those serving in the Armed Forces
Sterling Slusher, Joe Slusher, Lauren Fielder, Peter Keiser

Those needing healing from cancer

Glen Kirk	Julia Lee	Marlene Cox	Ellis Corra
Judy McCoy	Alana Dailey	David White	Chris Angotti
Doris Lowe	Gary Greer	David Nevins	Wendy Meridith
Hal Foss	Charles Sterchak		