



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 27, 2022 at 10:00AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of Saint Clement!
We are so glad you are here to worship with us this morning.

Welcome to worship at Saint Clement! We are delighted to come TOGETHER this Sunday! We also are thrilled you have chosen to celebrate with us. **Nursery care is available for infants to age 4.**

During the liturgy, we will use the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal 1982, and the LEVAS Hymnal found in the pew racks. 'S' refers to the service music section at the front of The Hymnal 1982.

All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this liturgy. Gluten-free wafers are available. Receive the bread in the outstretched palm of your hand. Wine is offered in a common Chalice during communion; you may receive the wine by sipping from the Chalice or through intinction (dipping your bread). If the reception of Holy Communion is not part of your tradition, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate to the priest your desire to receive a blessing.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Saint Clement will provide Sunday treats.

To learn more about the mission and ministry of the Church of St. Clement, please email Rev. Robin Razzino at revrobinazzino@gmail.com or the Church Office at office@saintclement.org. We would be happy to set up a meeting with you.

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Gathering:*Prepare the Way of the Lord***Taizé****Text:**

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Lighting of the Wreath: Advent I**Celebrant:**

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.

The candle is lit.

Scripture:

Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Prayer:

Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. **Amen.**

Processional:*Blest be the King Whose Coming***Hymnal 74****Opening Acclamation****BCP 355****Kyrie***Lord, Have Mercy***Hymnal S96****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 Old Testament*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!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

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."

The Epistle

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence:

Christ is the World's True Light

Hymnal 542

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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| Sermon | The Rev. Robin Razzino | |
| The Nicene Creed | | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form IV | | BCP 388 |
| Confession of Sin | | BCP 360 |
| The Peace | | BCP 360 |
| Announcements | | |
| Offertory Hymn: | <i>Sleeper's Wake</i> | Hymnal 62 |
| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B | | BCP 367 |
| Sanctus | <i>Sanctus</i> | Hymnal S130 |
| Memorial Acclamation | | BCP 368 |
| The Lord's Prayer | | BCP 364 |
| Fraction: | <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i> | Hymnal S164 |
| Communion Music: | <i>Wait for the Lord</i> | Taizé |
| Text: | Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart. | |
| Post-Communion Prayer | | BCP 365 |

Blessing from the Book of Occasional Services

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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

Final Hymn:

Soon and Very Soon

LEVAS 14

Dismissal

Postlude

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Please Remember in your Prayers

Parishioners: Yvonne Eyo, Shirley Hicar, Justin Morgan, Elsie Mosqueda, Peggy Nigon, Jim Payne, Ellen Rayner, Fiona Montante, Barbara Borden, Mike and Linda Oliver, Wick Cromwell, Sarai Welch, Daniel Ziegler, and Harry Williams.

Friends & Family: Joey Connor, Beth Crawley, the Forest family, Gene Heiler, Boris Medrano and his family, Cameron Pattissal and family, C.P. Reid and family, Josh Wimberly, CC Mullen, Richard T, Brian Hood, Tiffany Foddrell, Nate Zapadka, Kate Zapadka, Cathy Mercer and Family, Baby Ford and Family, Nancy Stavely, Jake Murray, Kenneth Lively, Karen Johnson, Chris, Doug Brown, Joyce and Simone, Julius and Marina Gonsalves, Iona, Tara McCallister and family, Simon I., Griffin Sidler, Marie Gillespie, Whitney Faunteroy, William Rahn, Rose-Ellen Eastman and family; Nick, Victoria and Sophia Ellington, the family of Amanda Villarosa, Sharon and Nancy Hill, Marie Carey; Izzy, Ben and Brittany Phelps; Noel, Daniel and Darryl; Jean, Lance, Theo and Oliver Pennington; Pat Heflin, Fred Bayne, Susan Wiard, Caitlin Koerber, Elizabeth Koerber, Jonathan Judah, Beth Hoffman, Jerry and Sandie Casway, Alberto Salvado, Nancy Perkins, Michael Scully, Jeanne Watson, Larry Passow, Jennifer and Nessa Seagraves, Jovita Mina, Tara McCleary, the Elkin family, Karena and her son Kelsey, Anne Crawley, Lea Nigon, the Gil family, family of Lynne Gravina, Sara Iturregui and family, the Garth Froom family, Anne and Jim Riordan; Bob Wright; Shea; our families, friends and neighbors affected by COVID-19 especially Nancy Poe, Katie Mazzocco, Carlos and Pamela Davila; Rita, Bobby and Tisha Massey; David Lambert; Gabi Salas; Michael Coling; Suzanne Martin; for the victims of the war in the Ukraine, especially those who have died and their surviving family members; for the citizens of Sri Lanka during this time of turmoil; for all in the path of destructive storms this Hurricane season, especially those recovering from Fiona and Ian.

For Those Who Have Died: Norman Sherlock, family of Christina and Sean Sherlock.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray in celebration of the Ordination and Consecration of the XIV Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia.

Birthdays this Week: Please pray for Ozan Say (12/3).

Announcements

Trees, Trees, Trees! 'Tis the Season! Saint Clement is in the midst of our Annual Christmas Trees Sale. Have a spare hour or three...even just 45 minutes? Please sign-up to volunteer on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, while supplies last! Details are available via SignUp Genius; links can be found in the Weekly Email! Questions? Chris Kent, our Fearless Tree Leader, can be reached at kentcp@gmail.com. We look forward to gathering and bringing a bit of fellowship, festivity and greenery to the community!

Bulletin notices - Please submit announcements to the Parish Administrator (office@saintclement.org) no later than Tuesday at 9:00 AM. These will be included in the weekly email and the Sunday bulletin.

The Church of Saint Clement

1701 N Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Robin Razzino, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Patricia Lyons, Assisting Clergy

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Michael Gray, Junior Warden

Christopher Kent, Treasurer

Peggy Nigon, Register

Ben Brown

Lee Dreyfus

Wendy Harper

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*(*returning Jan. '23)*

Sunday 10:00AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Office Information

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Whether you are a newcomer or visitor, we trust you will feel at home in this Christian community, where we are a parish in mission to:

Spread the Word of God, Share the Love of God

Serve the People of God