

**The Liturgy for the
Proclamation of the Word of God and
Celebration of Holy Communion**

9:30 a.m.

November 29, 2015



First Sunday of Advent

Hope

*“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them his light shined.” Isaiah 9:2*

All are welcome to this time of worship where together we experience the presence of God. As you enter into worship please be mindful of others in prayer, saving conversation for after worship. Please silence all electronic devices. Inquire of an usher for any assistance.

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us" J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 57 Lo! he comes with clouds descending *Helmsley*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Trisagion S-100

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

All sit.

Lesson

1 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.

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God.**Sequence Hymn 72**

Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes

*Richmond***Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:25-36

All stand.

The Holy Gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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."

The Gospel of the LORD.

Praise to you, LORD Christ.**Sermon**

Dr. Leslie Joseph

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People Form VI

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Peace

Offertory Anthem

Keep your lamps!

Spiritual
arr. Andre Thomas

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

*All are invited to receive communion. This is the LORD's Table. All who hear His call, come and partake of this holy meal.
Some may choose to receive the bread only or to have a blessing. Please indicate this to the communion minister.*

Sanctus S-127

The LORD's Prayer

BCP p. 364

Communion Anthem

E'en so LORD Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz

Communion Hymn 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

Post Communion Prayer

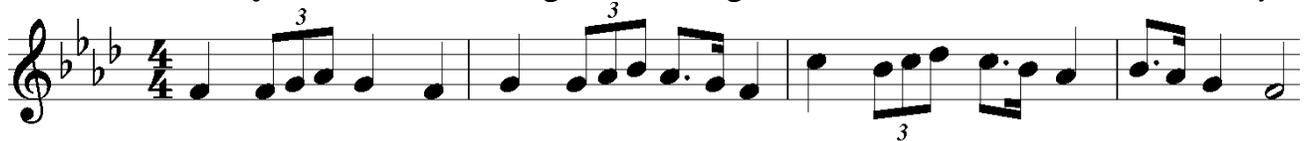
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Blessing

Post Communion Hymn 721

Signs of endings all around us

Ton-y-Botel



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O³ Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Announcements

Those who wish to make an announcement, gather at the piano, step to microphone, state your name and make announcement clearly and briefly.

Dismissal

Voluntary

Finale on "Wachet auf"

Wayne Wold
