

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2023

10:00 AM

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

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The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. James H. Reho

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*see insert for musical responses*)

The Call of the Shofar

Ned Averill-Snell

Processional Hymn

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal 57

Opening Acclamation

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff is labeled "Celebrant" and contains the lyrics "Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit." The second staff is labeled "People" and contains the lyrics "And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men." Both staves have a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Trisagion

Hymnal S-102

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 211

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light

Hymnal 64

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form I)

BCP p. 383

Confession of Sin

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Choir: O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who order'st all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Choir: O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing
nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to
flight.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7. 16-18

BCP p. 702

At 8:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.

At 10:00 AM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been

strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory	<i>Jesus come, adored by angels</i>	Gerald Near
Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)		BCP p. 367
<i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S-130
The Memorial Acclamation <i>(see Lectionary and Music Insert)</i>		
The Great Amen <i>(see Lectionary and Music Insert)</i>		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>The Lord will come and not be slow</i>	Hymnal 462
The Postcommunion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Announcements		
Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors		
The Final Blessing		
The Concluding Hymn	<i>Rejoice! Rejoice believers</i>	Hymnal 68
The Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude		

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THE GREENS AT THE ALTAR

are given to the Glory of Almighty God.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM

Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

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*The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.*