

# ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

December 1, 2024  
First Sunday of Advent



The Rev. Dr. Julianne Hanavan  
Rector  
revjulhan@gmail.com  
401-480-3941

Richard Spicer  
Organist and Music Director  
richardspicer@verizon.net  
Thomas Hobin Deacon-in-training

674 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 401-751-1747  
E-mail: [allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsprovidence@gmail.com)

First Sunday of Advent  
December 1, 2024, 9:30 am

**Prelude** *Wie schoen leuchtet der Morgenstern* arr. J.S. Bach  
(How brightly shines the morning star, Hymn #497)

**The Processional** *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding* Hymnal #59

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this Advent wreath, and grant that we who uses it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive your abundant grace. As we light this first candle, may we be ready for you with open hearts and expectant spirits, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen**

### Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 355

### Trisagion

Hymnal # S-100

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

*Have mercy on us.*

### 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.*

**First Reading**                      **Jeremiah 33:14-16**                      **Barbara Badio**

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.

The Word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 25:1-9**                      **BCP, p. 614-15**

**The Second Reading**              **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**                      **Anne Tait**

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.*

**The Gradual Hymn**              *O day of God, draw nigh*                      **Hymnal # 601**

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 21:25-36**

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.*

**The Sermon**

**Rev. Julie Hanavan**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Chip Smith**

Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us. Enter into our darkness with your light. Come fill our emptiness with your presence, reveal your glory. **Come Lord, come down, come in, come among us.**

Come, Lord, be known in your church, for without you we have no message, we have no power. Come fill us with your presence, that we may proclaim

your peace. Lord, stir up your strength **and come among us.**

Come, Lord, and give peace to your world. Disperse the clouds of war and violence. Lord, stir up your strength **and come among us.**

Come, Lord and be known in our homes, that our homes may reflect your love, that we may rejoice in each other's presence, Lord stir up your strength **and come among us.**

Come, Lord to all who are unable to cope at this time; to all who are weighed down with troubles. We pray for the ill and those who care for them. Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation and those commended to our prayer : Derek, Gus, Victor, Gloria, Mary, Wilmar, Bill, and Angela; and for Dawn, Naida Thomas, Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Karen L., Elizabeth Pacek, John Dunning, Togba Treaah, and Sharita, Lord, stir up your strength **and come among us.**

Come, Lord of our salvation. We pray for friends and loved ones departed especially Samuel Korvili. May they rejoice in the fullness of your presence and your glory. Lord, stir up your strength **and come among us.**

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Emmanuel Cumberland; and Emmanuel, Newport.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week especially Rich Spicer.

Lord, we ask your blessing and protection for travelers returning home this weekend. We ask your blessing and protection for Sylvester and Divine Kpeh and Lydia Muhlenburg who travel to Liberia this week. Surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

**The Confession and Absolution** BCP, p. 360

**The Peace**

**Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem** *My Lord, What a Morning*

(LEVAS #13)

**Presentation** (Please stand as you are able.)

*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

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)** BCP, p. 361

**Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)** Hymnal # S-124

**Memorial Acclamation A** BCP, p. 363

**The Lord's Prayer** BCP, p. 364

**Breaking of the Bread** *Agnus Dei* Hymnal # S-161

### The Communion

*All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.*

**Communion Hymn** *O heavenly Word, eternal Light* Hymnal #63

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** BCP, p. 365

### Advent Blessing

May the Lord find you alert to his coming, open to his presence, aware of his love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional** *Lo! He comes with clouds descending* Hymnal # 57

### Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Postlude** *Wachet auf ruft uns die Stimme* arr. J.S. Bach  
(Awake! calls to us the voice, Hymn #61)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Healing Prayer** is offered each Sunday at the side altar during Communion.

**Food Collection:** Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of canned vegetables in December. Thank you for your generosity.

**Outreach meets this morning** after the Service.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 4:** Healing Service with Holy Eucharist, Noon in the church

**December 4:** Choir Practice

**December 10:** Bannister Center Eucharist, 2:30pm

**December 12:** Final day to drop off Angel Tree gifts

**December 14:** Advent Retreat with Rev. Dr. Maggi Dawn



For the Advent season, we switch to plainsong service music by David Hurd (b. 1950), an African American organist and choral director, composer, and music educator. Hurd attended the High School of Music and Art, the Julliard School, and Oberlin College. With more than 100 choral and organ works in print (including in the 1982 Episcopal Hymnal), he is much sought after for new commissions, and his music is widely performed.