

ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

November 27, 2022
First Sunday of Advent



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Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

Prelude	<i>Savior of the nations, come</i>	J. S. Bach
Processional	<i>Savior of the Nations, come</i>	Hymnal #54

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 use 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 **BCP, p. 355**

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen**

Collect for Purity **BCP, p. 355**

Trisagion *Hymnal #S-102*

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy upon 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 forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading**Isaiah 2:1-5****Raheem Dabrre**

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 anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122**BCP, p. 779****Raheem Dabrre****The Second Reading****Romans 13:11-14****Anne Marie Nagle**

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

The Gradual Hymn *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us***Hymnal #61**

The Holy Gospel

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.

The Sermon

Rev. Julie Hanavan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Musa Goll

Leader: God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all people of good will who seek God's grace and light, that we may be enlightened through our service to others in the name of Christ. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who are in need that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Rev. Becky Anderson, Marybeth, and Theo.

We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Michael Blake, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Rena, Lusaynie Sirleaf, Victor, Phil, John Flinton, and Fontella.

O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are gathered here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray in thanksgiving for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially Anne Marie Nagle.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

We pray for all who asked for our prayers that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have died that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. *O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	<i>Every valley shall be exalted</i> David Moniz, tenor	G. F. Handel
Presentation Hymn	<i>The King shall come</i>	Hymnal #73
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		Community Mass p.4
Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)		Hymnal #S-130
Memorial Acclamation A		Hymnal #S-135
The Lord's Prayer		BCP, p. 364
Breaking of the Bread	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Schubert Folk Mass S-164

The Communion

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

Music During Communion	<i>Better be Ready</i>	LEVAS #4
Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP, p. 365

Advent Blessing

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 with you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

Recessional

Hosanna to the living Lord!

Hymnal #486

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Savior of the nations, come

J. S. Bach



Notes From the Organ Bench

The Bach prelude and postlude today are two different organ chorales based on the hymn “Savior of the nations, come” which is our opening hymn as well.

Bach’s organ chorales always contain the hymn tune although the hymn tune is not always apparent.

Ernie Hirsch was a dedicated fan of Bach’s music.

I cannot relay how much I will miss having Ernie walk up to me after Sunday service and say “...when are you going to play some Bach?”

May God bless you, Ernie.

Barry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If visiting or a newcomer, please join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall.

Christmas Flowers: The church will be decorated for Christmas with poinsettias and other flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, December 18th. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to "All Saints' Memorial Church."

Angel Tree Gifts: If you would like to participate in this year's Angel Tree, please collect a card from the tree after the service. Please return your wrapped gifts with the tag from the tree but remember to not attach the tag to the gift. Thank you so much for your support!

Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of boxed mac & cheese in November and canned vegetables in December. If you are unable to contribute to the monthly theme, we always accept pre-packaged, shelf stable, non-expired food of any type.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 27: Confirmation Class Today

November 30: Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers, 12:00pm in the church

November 30: Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30pm in the choir room

December 12: Vestry Meeting, Zoom

December 18: Angel Tree Gifts to Church