

*FINAL HYMN 57: "Lo, he comes with clouds descending"

POSTLUDE: Rhapsody on Helmsley

Helmsley
Lloyd Webber

Today's Celebrant & Servers:

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music- Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer-, Alice Pumbo, Steve Hartz, or Colton Jaquith

Thurifer- Chris Henry Acolytes: J.J Moran , Anna Thiessen

MC 10 AM-David Kennison, Lector 8:00 AM Kevin Grace or Alice Pumbo

Greeters: Barbara Wengrovius & Anne Kennison

Lector 10 AM: Jane Moran

Counters: Jon Pearson & Bob Paska

WELCOME GUESTS-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during the 10:00am service upstairs in the Great Hall.

ADVENT WREATHS Join us after the 10am service in the Great Hall to make an Advent Wreath for your home. Recommended donation \$10.

CHRISTMAS SPLENDOR Please consider a donation for the purchasing of poinsettias for the high Altar, greens, and trees for this year's Christmas season. Memorial donations are needed now for December and will be printed in the bulletin in December.

STOCKADE TREE LIGHTING St George's is once again hosting the annual tree lighting in our neighborhood. Fr. Matt will say a blessing at 5:30 and April, Helen, and Isaac will light the tree. A reception follows in the Great Hall.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS FILMS Tis the season for fellowship and classic Christmas movies! Join us Dec 3, 10, and 17 at 7:00 PM in the Great Hall. Our first selection will be *The Bishop's Wife* starring Gary Grant and Loretta Young. Dec10: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Dec 17: *White Christmas*.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Join us on Dec 14th 7PM at the Van Dyck for Theology on Tap. The Topic will be "Keeping Christ in Christmas." How do navigate the overlap and difference between the Christian celebration of Christ's Nativity and the secular "Holiday Season."

YMCA CHRISTMAS BAGS Stop in the Great Hall and pick up a bag the fill with gifts for needy folks ministered to through the YMCA. Bags are available for both adults and children.

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING IN THE GREAT HALL. All are welcome (you don't need to know how to sing or read music) to experience the old harmonies of the Sacred Harp tunebook every Wednesday from 6-8pm. More information at albansacredharp.org. Come join us, and let your friends who love to sing know about this new opportunity. Next meeting 12/6

BIBLE STUDY We encourage you to join us in reading and studying about the ministry of the prophets Elijah and Elisha as recorded in 1 Kings and 2 Kings. We will be meeting between services, 9:10 in the Shaw Lounge for a brief discussion

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's book club will meet January 21 following the 10 AM Mass. The book to be discussed is *Lilac Girls*, a memorable novel of survival based on true events that occurred during WWII.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING-St. George's is scheduled to man a station at the Price Chopper on Eastern Parkway from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday December 9th. There will be a signup form in the back of the church starting this Sunday. Time slots are one hour.

CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission Food Pantry. Please remember the food pantry when doing your grocery shopping as your contributions assist those who are not able to consistently realize proper nutrition for themselves or their families.

BERGAMI FAMILY welcomed Baby Emilio into their family on Friday, Nov 10. Mom Chelsey, dad Vince and big brother Gio are doing well. If you would like to bring them a meal, please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/e743r> or speak with April Stromberg (610-247-6457), who will help you to sign up.

2018 PLEDGES If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, we strongly encourage you to do so. You can drop your card in the plate or in the box at the back of the church. You can also mail it into the office at 30 N Ferry St. Please have them in to us before Dec. 15.

FALL COAT COLLECTION - Thank you to everyone who hung a coat on the rack in the Great Hall Foyer. 29 coats plus assorted hats, mittens, scarves and vests were donated to a grateful City Mission this week.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS There is one open nomination for Senior Warden. Traditionally a Church Warden is nominated from the ranks of the Vestry. There are two open nominations for Vestry members (providing one Vestry Member is nominated to serve as Senior Warden. See the posting in the back of the Church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, December 3 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 AM Mass, Rite II

9:10 AM Bible Study

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

5:30 Stockade Christmas Tree Lighting

7:00 PM Classic Christmas Films in the Great Hall

Monday, December 4 John of Damascus

Tuesday, December 5 Clement of Alexandria

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Rite I Mass

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass, Rite II

5:00PM Evening Prayer

6:00 PM Shape Note Singing in the Great Hall

Thursday, December 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass Rite II

5:00PM Evening Prayer

Friday, December 8 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite II

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday, December 9 Advent Feria

Parish Intercessions-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Andrea, Carolyn, Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Tina, Christian, and Sam

Birthdays: Kyleigh Raeder 12/6, Beverly Noxon 12/8,

Barbara Wengrovius 12/8

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December 3, 2017

The First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE: Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel Gene Clarke (b. 1948)
INTROIT: *Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let me not be confounded; neither let mine enemies triumph over me; for all they that look for thee shall not be ashamed. Show me thy ways, O Lord; and teach me thy paths. Glory be...*

THE GREAT LITANY (See Insert)

KYRIE ELEISON: *Communion Service in C Sydney H. Nicholson

OPENING SENTENCE (BCP 323):

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins

People: His Mercy endureth forever. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 64: 1-9

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.

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

The St. Martin Psalter



Show the light of your coun-ten-ance, O God, and we__ shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. *Antiphon*
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. *Antiphon*

THE EPISTLE: 1Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

***SEQUENCE HYMN 66:** "Come thou long expected Jesus" *Stuttgart*

ALLELUIA: *Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13: 24-37 *stand*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to thee, O Christ

THE SERMON

Fr. Matt Stromberg

NICENE CREED (BCP 327)

stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)

CONFESSION (BCP 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Officiant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *Unto thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God in thee have I trusted; let e not be confounded; neither let mine enemies*

triumph over me; for all they that look to thee shall not be made ashamed.

***OFFERTORY HYMN 657:** "Love divine, all loves excelling" *Hyfrydol*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: *It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying...*

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS: **This music is found of the card in your pew*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334)

kneel

LORD'S PRAYER **This music is found of the card in your pew*

THE FRACTION (BCP 337):

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore Let us keep the feast

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

AGNUS DEI: *This music is found on the card in your pew.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof

but speak the word only and I shall be healed

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:

(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

COMMUNION SENTENCE: *The Lord shall show loving kindness; and our land shall give her increase.*

COMMUNION MOTET: "Advent" *David N. Davenport*

Come again Emmanuel, as your Advent draws us near. Promised One, O Israel, drive away all doubt and fear. Come, Emanuel. Once you came on a wintry night, born a Child, but yet a King. Lead us to your heavenly light, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring. Come Emanuel, oh come Emanuel. Comfort all who come to thee, ill our lives with hope and love. Reign in us forever more, lift our thoughts to you above. Come again Emanuel, we are ready to receive, we prepare our hearts for you, we believe, yes, we believe. Come, Emanuel.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339):

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.