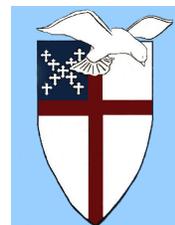




Epiphany Episcopal Church Odenton
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, November 28, 2021
8:00 am & 10:30 am



Watch. For you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. (Mark 13)

Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Hymn

O come, O come

1982 Hymnal - 56, vs. 1-3

Opening Prayer

BCP - 355

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 Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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 Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my
salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right * and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

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 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."

Reflection

*For all that has been—Thanks! To all that shall be—Yes!
Dag Hammarskjold)*

Joe Gill

Nicene Creed

BCP - 358

Prayers of the People

BCP - 392, Form 6

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Eugene and Robert, our bishops; for all clergy and laity;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for all those effected by the Coronavirus and for those working for racial justice. And also those for whom we offer our prayers, aloud or silently _____. (Silence) Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, we offer our prayers aloud or silently _____. (Silence) We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, remembering especially _____, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. (Silence) Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Confession & Absolution & The Peace

BCP - 360

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A Book of Common Prayer - Page 361

Offertory & Presentation Hymn

Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.

God help us be a meeting ground where hope and healing can be found.

God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere.

Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that separate.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.

Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,

Where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

Communion Hymn

Spirit, be our Spirit (The Monks of Weston Priory)

V. 1: Spirit, be our spirit, in this time of searching for new life.

Open inner spaces with the fullness of your love

Refrain: Spirit let us now be and forever transformed for all humanity.

V. 2: Movement of your presence heals and deepens our hope to freely live.

Gift of heart where truth springs from the goodness that you've sown.

V.3: Into desert silence, there to listen and be with open heart,

you shall lead us thirsting; and we turn from our fears: forgiving love.

V.4: Spirit be our spirit in this time of searching for new life.

Open inner spaces with the fullness of your love.

Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Peace

O God, the Father of all, guide us into the ways of peace. Lead us from prejudice to truth; deliver us from hatred, cruelty, violence, and mean spiritedness; fill us with generosity, hospitality and love, and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Announcements **ENJOY THESE DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS!**

~Farewell Tea on December 5

~Housewarming Party on December 12

~Christmas Pageant on December 19

~Christmas Eve on December 24

~Lessons & Carols on December 26 (Christmas I)

TEA RAFFLE: AN AUSTRIAN FINE CHINA TEA SET FOR 12!

All proceeds will be used Parish Hall furnishings. Tickets are \$10 or 6 for \$50

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE FROM THE VESTRY

Closing Hymn

How like a gentle spirit

LEVAS Hymnal - 113

Final Blessing

All: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one, evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon us, and remain with us, now and forever. Amen.

Dismissal **Celebrant:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.