



# First Sunday of Advent

**Nov 30, 2025**  
**10:00 am**  
**Holy Eucharist**

**St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church**

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*The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep  
darkness—on them light has  
shined. (Isaiah 9:2)*



## Welcome to St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

We are an open, affirming and inclusive parish, worshipping in the Episcopal tradition. No matter where you're from, or what you believe, you are welcome to gather with us, sing with us, pray with us, learn with us, and receive communion with us. We do our best to make our customs accessible to all people, but if anything seems confusing, feel free ask someone for help, or simply sit and observe.

### Welcome, Visitors! Tell us about yourself.

If you are visiting today, we invite you to sign the Guest Book. We would love to get to know each other! And if you're seeking baptism, confirmation, or simply a community of healing and hope to belong to, we would be delighted to join you on your journey.



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# The Word of God

## \* Lighting the Advent Wreath

As we light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. *Amen.*

## \* Processional Song

*"Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers"*

Hymnal # 68

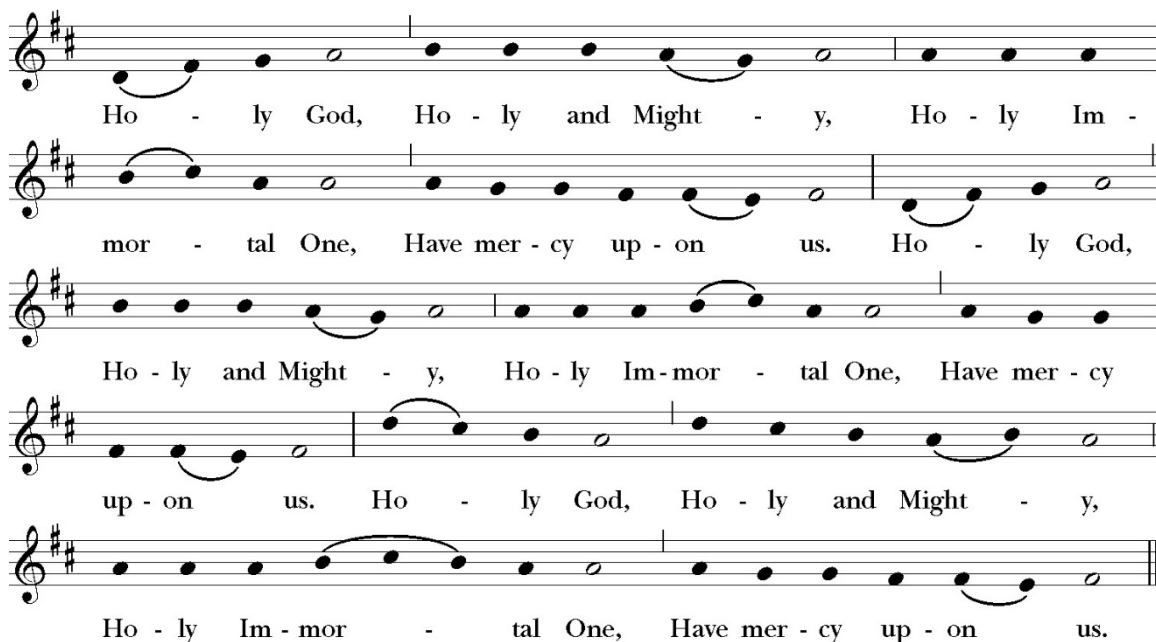
## \* Opening Sentence

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

## \* Trisagion

Hurd



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
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## \* Collect of the Day

Advent 1

Celebrant      God be with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

Celebrant      Let us pray. 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

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 any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, \*

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Now our feet are standing \*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city \*

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, \*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

For there are the thrones of judgment, \*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls \*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake, \*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*

I will seek to do you good.

## Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

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.

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### \* Sequence

*"Seek Ye First"*

Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

And His righteousness.

And all these things shall be given unto you.

Al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia.

## \* Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

Celebrant      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew  
People      **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Celebrant      The Gospel of the Lord  
People      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Ryan Wiksell

## \* Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our

salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### \* **Prayers of the People**

R&R 28

Intercessor     People of God, come let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths. Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor     Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**



Intercessor     Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor     Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor     Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**

Intercessor     Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest to reign with us forever and ever.

Teach us your ways, O God

**People            That we may walk in your paths.**

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

Celebrant      Let us confess our sins to God.

**All**              God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant      Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

## The Peace

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**          **And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

- Sun, Dec 14, 10 am – Advent Lessons and Carols
- Thu, Dec 18, 6 pm – Christmas Party
- Wed, Dec 24, 6 pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist
- *No Christmas Day Services*
- *No Midweek Eucharist Dec 31*

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory**

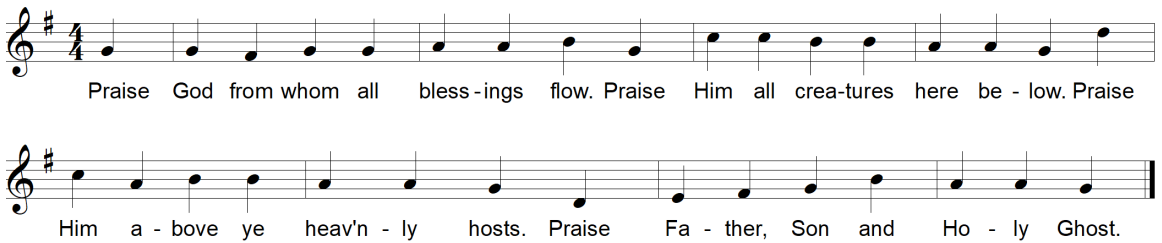
*“Christ Is the World’s True Light”*

Hymnal # 542

**\* The Presentation**

*“Doxology”*

Hymnal # 43 v4



**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer 3**

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

\* **Sanctus**

*“Holy Holy Holy Lord”*

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant, in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that we don for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with you Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Michael, the Archangel, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

**All: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen**

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray,

**All** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are your, now and for ever. Amen.

## \* Fraction

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.



**Communion Notes:** Communion is offered in two kinds: bread and wine. One may receive the bread alone, dip it into the wine, or drink from the chalice after consuming the bread. Sealed, pre-packaged containers of bread and wine are available. Gluten-free bread may be requested by crossing one's hands palms-down. All manners of reception are valid, and all are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.

## Communion Music

*"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"*

Hymnal # 601

## \* Postcommunion Prayer & Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All** God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# \* Closing Hymn

"Stay Awake, Be Ready"

Walker



1. Stay a - wake be \_\_\_\_ read - y You  
2. Change your lives, he's \_\_\_\_ com - ing. The  
3. Go \_\_\_\_ back, tell \_\_\_\_ John \_\_\_\_  
4. By the pow'r of the Spi - rit



do not know the hour when the Lord is com - ing. Stay a -  
one who is the light of the world is com - ing. Change your  
all that you have heard and have seen me do - ing. Go \_\_\_\_  
Mar - y will give birth to a son called Je - sus. By the



wake be \_\_\_\_ read - y. The Lord is com - ing soon! Al - le-  
lives, he's \_\_\_\_ com - ing. The reign of God is near! Al - le-  
back, tell \_\_\_\_ John \_\_\_\_ the won - ders that you see. Al - le-  
pow'r of the Spi - rit Em - man - u - el is near. Al - le-



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! The Lord is com - ing soon!  
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Em - man - u - el is near.

# \* Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



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