

First Sunday of Advent



**December 1, 2024
10:00 a.m.**

**The Episcopal Church
of the Epiphany
Crestview, Florida**

Instructions for participating in the service appear in italics in the body of this bulletin.

Hymns used today come from the 1982 Hymnal

Prelude

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Entrance Hymn 56 O come O come Emmanuel (verses 1-5)

The Word of God

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Trisagion (Hymn S-102) *Sung by all / three times*

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

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.*

The Lessons (insert)

The people sit

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 25:1-9

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The people stand

Gospel Hymn 59 Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David M. Clothier

A period of silence for quiet contemplation

The 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

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.

Stand or kneel. Pray responsively.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Church of the Advent, Lillian, Alabama;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially the Most Rev. Sean Rowe, our new presiding bishop;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, the Bay County Jail, Panama City;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the Crestview Area Shelter for the Homeless;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The people may add their own petitions, either silently or aloud.)

For Addice, Adley, Amanda, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Buni, Brenda, Cindy, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Florie, Hugh, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Judy, Julie, Kei’Mari, Lynn, Mary, Maureen, Mike, Missy, Nancy, Nathan, Phyllis, Sharon, Steve, Sun Ki, Sybil, Tara, and Terry.

The Celebrant concludes with

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Stand or kneel, Silence

All say

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

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Response And also with you.

The people may exchange the Peace with one another

Announcements

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offering and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Blessing of the Offering

People sing All things come of thee O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Spoken responsively

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-129 *All sing*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Response Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you

and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns 63 O heavenly Word, eternal Light
73 The King shall come

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,

People 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and his Son our savior Jesus Christ. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

The Procession into the World

Hymn 74 Blest be the King whose coming

The Dismissal

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Adley Hipwell, Amanda & Jacob White,
Amanda Spradlin, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell,
Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill Jones, Brenda Faulkner,
Buni & Steve O'Brien, Cindy Duffy, Debbie Evans,
Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Florie Angelini, Hugh Kent,
Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Judy Tinsley, Julie Hill,
Kei'Mari Martin, Kim Sung Ki, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan,
Maureen Marcotte, Michael Mazzerat, Missy Jones, Nancy
Delierre, Nathan Mussell, Phyllis Alles, Sharon Lundy,
Steve Haskew, Sybil King, Tara Colondres, and Terry Algood

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Advent, Lillian, Alabama;
and Bay County Jail, Panama City.

Announcements

- Potluck lunch today
- Annual Meeting next week
- Advent Food Drive
- Stewardship campaign
- Quilting Guild on first Tuesday of each month
- Exercise/balance class starting in January
- Zumba Class on Wednesday
- December Clarion

*Your presence is a blessing to the Church of the Epiphany!
We hope you will experience the grace and love of God here
with us, whether you have been a part of our church for years,
or are walking through our doors for the first time.*

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Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home for all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.