

First Sunday Of Advent



**November 30, 2025
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 in today's service come from the 1982 Hymnal.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

Entrance Hymn 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

The Word of God

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

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

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.*

The Gloria S-280

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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 First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Hymn 61 Sleepers wake!

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

Celebrant Please stand as you are able and affirm your faith
with the reading of the Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People — Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

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;

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, for 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;

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.

Silence

For Addice, Addison, Adley, Amelia, Amy, Anthony, Barbara, Betty, Bill, Brenda, Buni, Carol, Charlotte, Debbie, Dennis, Donna, Eddie, Florie, Herselie, Janice, Jeff, Judy, Karen, Kelly, Kerrie, Lester, Lynn, Mary, Maureen, Michael, Michele, Mindy, Mitzi, Nancy, Nikole, Phyllis, Rocky, Sharon, Susan, Sybil, Terry, Tom, Ward, and Yisrael.

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The celebrant concludes with

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.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name, bring offering and
come into his court *Psalm 96:8*

Offertory Hymn 688 A mighty fortress is our God

At the presentation of the offering the people sing

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues

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

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 *sung*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 pray,
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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

The Celebrant continues

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
302 Father, we thank thee

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray,
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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. *Amen.*

The Procession into the World

Hymn 72 Hark! The glad sound! The savior comes

The Dismissal

Go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the spirit..
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

Postlude

Please remember in your prayers:

Addice Thomas, Addison Hendrix, Adley Hipwell,
Amelia Gorman, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Murrell,
Barbara Procino, Betty Schwartzkopf, Bill Jones, Brenda
Faulkner, Buni O'Brien, Carol McCartney, Charlotte Green,
Debbie Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews, Eddie Stevens,
Florie Angelini, Herselie Hendrix, Janice Tyler, Jeff Evans, Judy
Tinsley, Karen Traggorth, Kelly Cutter, Kerrie Schwartzkopf,
Lester Taylor, Lynn Smith, Mary Meehan, Maureen Marcotte,
Michael Mazzerat, Michele Dennis. Mindy Post, Mitzi Purvis,
Nancy Delierre, Nikole Webb, Phyllis Alles, Rocky Robinson,
Sharon Lundy, Susan Cole, Sybil King, Terry Algood,
Tom Holmes, Ward Hendrix and Yisrael Goldman

Announcements

- Annual meeting
- Advent Angel Tree
- Bishop's visit
- Stewardship
- The December Clarion
- Quilting Guild (first and third Tuesdays, 5-8 p.m.)
- Zumba Class on Wednesdays
- Friday morning fellowship each week: Altar Guild at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at 10 a.m., followed by choir rehearsal.

Serving today

Preacher and Celebrant: The Rev. David M. Clothier

Lay Eucharist Minister: David Bryant

First Reader: Ginny Bauer

Second Reader: Sharon Lundy

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.