



December 3, 2017: The First Sunday of Advent at 10:30am

Music

Prelude	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645</i>	J.S. Bach
Entrance	<i>Sleepers Awake!</i>	Hymnal 61
Gradual Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Hymnal 56, v. 1 & 2 before the Gospel; v. 3 after
Offertory Anthem	<i>Zion hears the watchmen's voices</i>	by J.S. Bach
	<i>See, her Lord from heav'n descending. With grace and truth and power unending, Her daystar dawns with brightest ray. O come, thou blessed One, Lord Jesu, God's own Son Hosianna! We follow there Thy feast to share, And taste the joys beyond compare! Glory now to God we render, Who reigns on high in heavenly splendour; Let every tongue in praise unite. Lo, we enter heav'n's bright portal To join the song of saints immortal With angels round thy throne of light. No mortal joy can e'er with heav'n's true bliss compare. Alleluia! Rejoice below, i-o, i-o! Sing out in dulci jubilo!</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>Here, O My Lord</i>	Hymnal 318
	<i>My Lord What a Morning</i>	LEVAS 13
Exit	<i>Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	Hymnal 57
Postlude	<i>Paeon on "Wachet auf"</i>	David Lasky

Scripture

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*

based on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"



Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. **Refrain.**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

You have fed them with the bread of tears;

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you;

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. **Refrain**

2nd Lesson

1 Corinthians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *Please stand*

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Worship Leaders

Presider	The Rev. Beth Scriven	Acolytes	Chloe Olliff,
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell		Christian Davis
Lectors	Doug Black, Melissa Harris	Ushers	Corrine Lamberson,
Chalice	Josephine Ezenwa, Scott Ferguson		Pierce Lamberson

Announcements

Stewardship Update: Our Annual Campaign so far has yielded fantastic results.

2017 (final)	2018 (to date)
Total Pledges: 107	Total Pledges: 97
Total Pledged: \$225,497	Total Pledged: \$243,374
New pledges for 2018: 16	
Percent of 2018 pledgers under age 40: 21%	
Historic Pledges Increase/Decrease : + \$10,048	

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2018, there is still time. You may pledge online at www.holycommunion.net or use a pledge card (on the round table in the lounge.) Pledging helps our vestry complete the work of budget planning for 2018.

FaithQuest (5:30-7:30pm) Our teens and their friends have the run of the church the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. They share dinner, discussion and play raucous games like flashlight tag. Email Brooklyn Payne at youth@holycommunion.net for info or to sign up.

Theology on Tap – Dec. 5 (6:30pm) Come enjoy an evening of holiday fun as we test our knowledge of Advent Trivia (led by the Rector). We gather the first Tuesday of each month upstairs at Dressell's Pub (419 N Euclid Ave., 63108.)

Advent Soup Supper and Prayer – Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20 (6:00pm) Starting on Wednesday, Dec. 6 and each following Wednesday evening of Advent, you are invited to step away from the busy holiday pace for a shared meal and some quiet prayer time. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. contemplative prayer, and then those who can stay will share a simple soup supper. If you are willing to help prepare dinner with a team of other parishioners, please sign-up today or online (www.holycommunion.net/Advent).

Advent Party – Sunday, Dec. 10 (5:30pm – 7:30pm) Mark your calendars to welcome the Rev. Chester Hines and his wife Elizabeth back to Holy Communion at our annual party to kick-off the season of Advent. There will be food and drinks, music and fun for everyone and, of course, an Ugly Sweater Contest. Sign up in the entryway if you plan to attend, and if you can volunteer to bring a dish to share. All are welcome, invite a friend!

Adult Forum next Sunday, Dec. 10 (9:15am) “What is a Deacon?” with the Ven. Mark Sluss, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Missouri. (Find the upcoming schedule at www.holycommunion.net).

Laundry Love – Tuesday, Dec. 19 (6:30pm) Our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) If you'd like to volunteer, please come at 6:00pm for volunteer orientation. Read more and sign up at www.holycommunion.net/service/laundry-love/

Godly Play on Sunday mornings! (9:15am) Children are invited to head downstairs at 9:15 for our Montessori-based Christian formation program. Registration is not required. For info email Heidi Olliff: hmolliff@holycommunion.net.