Parish of the Good Shepherd

The Episcopal Church in Waban, Massachusetts

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026 – 10:00AM

Choral Eucharist, Rite I
***The Book of Common Prayer, page* 323**

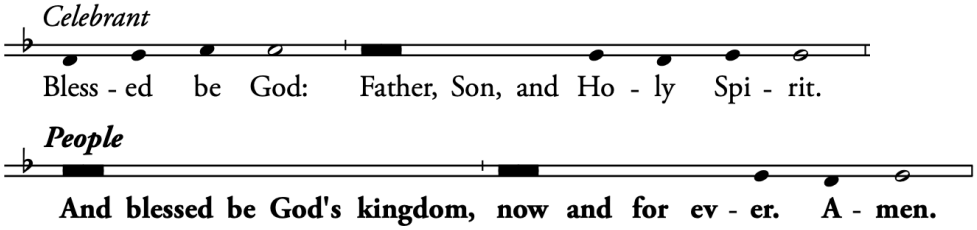
Voluntary *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand as the bell tolls.

Processional Hymn "Lo, he comes with clouds descending" Hymnal **#57** *Helmsley*

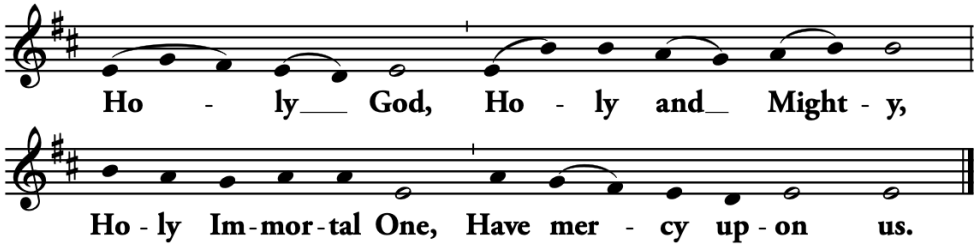
The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer* 323



Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law *The Book of Common Prayer* 323

The Trisagion *sung three times by all* *The Hymnal 1982* **S 99**



Prayer for the Parish in Transition

Almighty God, **you know the needs of your Church in every place: Look graciously upon us, the people of The Parish of the Good Shepherd, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for this parish. Give us discernment, wisdom, and confidence in your timing. Guide the members of our Search Committee and Vestry as they labor to be faithful in seeking your will, and bless our parish life with mutual trust, respect, and courage as we walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The Collect for Advent I

The Book of Common Prayer 159

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

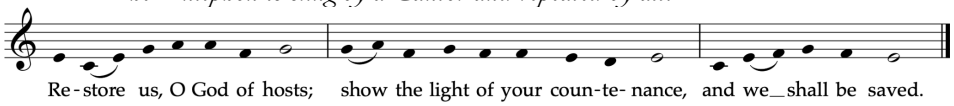
The People sit. Isaiah 64:1-9

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.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Qui regis Israel

The Antiphon is sung by a Cantor and repeated by all:



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;*
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **Antiphon**
4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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

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

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

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

The Second 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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Hymnal **#54**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel; Verse 3 after

The Gospel

Standing Mark 13:24-37

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The People sit.

The Nicene Creed *The People stand.* *The Book of Common Prayer* 326

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 IV, The Book of Common Prayer* 388

Leader Lord in your mercy;
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession of Sin *The Book of Common Prayer* 331

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.
The people kneel.

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

The Celebrant stands and adds an absolution.

Absolution and Comfortable Words *The Book of Common Prayer* 332

The Peace *The people stand.* *The Book of Common Prayer* 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

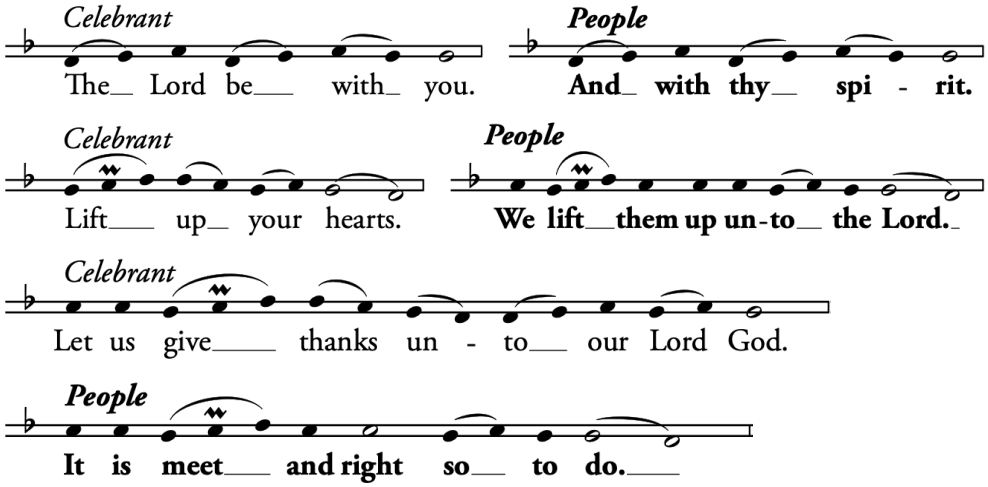
Offertory

Anthem *Come, Savior of the Nations (Part I)* *arr. by Frances Fitch(b. 1951)*
from settings by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), Lukas Osiander (1534-1604), and Hugo Distler (1908-42)

The ushers collect the offering. Your generosity supports the ministries & work of this parish.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People **And of thy own have we given thee**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer II) *The Book of Common Prayer* 340



The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying,

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

"Holy, holy, holy" *Sanctus* The Hymnal 1982 **#S 114**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

By whom and with whom, and in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

"Our Father" *The Lord's Prayer* *The Book of Common Prayer* 336

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

"O Lamb of God" *Agnus Dei* The Hymnal 1982 **#S 158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Presentation and Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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, with thanksgiving.

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread (gluten free available). To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.

During the Administration of the Sacrament

Anthem *Come, Savior of the Nations (Part II)* arr. Frances Fitch (b. 1951)
from settings by Michael Praetorius (1571-1621), Lukas Osiander (1534-1604), and Andreas Raselius (c. 1563-1602)

Hymn "Of the Father's love begotten" Hymnal **#82**
Divinum mysterium

The Post-Communion Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer* 339

Celebrant and People, kneeling

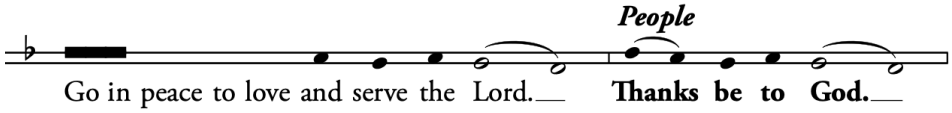
Almighty and everliving God, **we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Blessing

The people stand for the processional hymn.

Recessional Hymn "The King shall come when morning dawns" Hymnal **#73**
St. Stephen

The Dismissal



Voluntary *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* J. S. Bach
from *Orgelbüchlein*

Parish Notes for The First Sunday of Advent

Coffee Hour – In the Common Room with today's hosts
Naomi and Tom Errath

This Week at Good Shepherd:

Sunday	10:00 AM	Choral Holy Eucharist and Children's Christian Ed
		Coffee Hour Follows
		No Adult Forum
Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM

Mark Your Calendars For:
Dec 6 Advent II, A Service of Lessons & Carols
Dec 13 Celtic Eucharist, 5:30PM
Dec 20 Advent IV, Children's Christmas Pageant

Christmastide Service Schedule:

Sun - Dec 20	10:00AM	Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist
Thurs - Dec 24	4:30PM	Family Christmas Eucharist, Rite II
		*Prelude begins at 4:15PM
	10:00PM	Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite I
		*Prelude begins at 9:45PM
Sun - Dec 27	10:00AM	At Trinity Episcopal Church, Newton
Sun - Jan 3, 2027	10:00AM	Christmas II with Epiphany Brunch

Annual Christmas Pageant ~ Schedule
First Rehearsal ~ Sunday, Dec 6 following the 10:00AM service for 30-45 minutes. We will assign roles, walk through the story and try on costumes.
Main Rehearsal ~ Sunday, Dec 13 following the 10:00AM service for 45 minutes. We will practice entrances, places and carols.
Dress Rehearsal ~ Saturday, Dec 19 from 10:00AM to 11:00AM, in the Sanctuary.
Pageant Day ~ Sunday, Dec 20 arrive at 9:30AM, dress for service and line up.

Christmas Flower Donations – Offering envelopes for Christmas flowers are available at the back of the church. Donations in any amount may be given in honor or memory of someone. Please print names clearly and mark checks "Christmas Flowers," or e-mail the information to the parish office. ***Donations must be received no later than 12:00PM on Wednesday, December 16, 2026.***

Adult Forum - December 2026
Dec 6 *Nativity Set Reflections* with Rev Natasha
Dec 13 *Get to know* John and Wilma Kassakian
Dec 20 *Carol Sing and Cookie Swap* in the Common Room during Coffee Hour
Dec 27 No Adult Forum, Happy New Year!

Christmas Cookie Swap – Dec 20 at coffee hour. Please RSVP to Mary Dawley or Barbara Bower if you wish to participate. Additional details in our weekly email.

2026/2027 Stewardship – Please remember to get your 2026 Pledges in by the end of the year. Per IRS regulations, all donations must be postmarked or received in hand by **December 31** to be counted for fiscal year 2026.

If you have not made a 2027 Pledge please do so as soon as possible, thank you.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Ted Ritchie – Lector/Usher; **James Oldfield** – Subdeacon; **Sut Hting Mung Awn** – Chalice Bearer; **Biz Bracher** – Intercessor; **Mike Yeh** – AV Tech; **Vivi Leavy** – Crucifer; **Miles Scott** – Torch Bearer(s); **Ann Ritchie** – Altar Guild

The Reverend Natasha Stewart - Celebrant and Preacher

The Reverend Natasha Stewart, Interim Rector
Frances Fitch, Interim Organist/Choirmaster
Sara Foley, Parish Administrator

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