

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020, 11:00 am

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Service at All Saints' Chapel

Seating is available in the rows with yellow "Please sit here" cards at the ends, but not others. If necessary, you may reach a rest room by walking through the arch to the congregation's left, then turning down the hallway to your left.

Prelude

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

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

The celebrant prays the Collect for Purity, to which the people respond **Amen.**

Trisagion (repeated 3 times)

Celebrant Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

All Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The celebrant prays the Collect of the Day, to which the people respond Amen.

Isaiah 64:1-9

After the lesson
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

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.

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.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

After the lesson Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Mark 13:24-37

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

Sermon

The Rev. David Goodpaster

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.

Prayers of the People, Form I

The people respond to each petition Lord, have mercy.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

After a period of silence, all pray together

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 Priest pronounces absolution; then all stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

In greeting each other in the name of the Lord, keep at least 6 feet distant.

Announcements

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

The 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. . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

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 celebrant continues ... 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 ... now and for ever. People **AMEN**.

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has 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 yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

People We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

When Bread and Wine are ready for distribution, the Celebrant says The gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Be sure to maintain 6 feet of distance from anyone outside your household at all times. Keep your mask on, extend your arms fully, and cup your hands to receive the wafer bread without touching. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the priest. As you pass the table of chalices, you are invited to pick up one per household. After returning to your seat, shift your mask, consume the Sacrament, and re-mask right after. Please return the chalice to one of the tables provided following the service.

Communion of the People

After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray Celebrant and People

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 Celebrant pronounces a blessing.

A Deacon dismisses the People, who respond Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The arrangement at the Altar today is given to the greater glory of God in thanksgiving for James Christopher Pappas IV by Jennifer Michael and Jim Pappas.

Readers – Meghan & Brian Mazur Intercessor – David Goodpaster Video – David Boyd Ushers – Susan Holmes, Greg Maynard Tellers - Susan Holmes, Michael Whitman Vestry of the Day – Susan Holmes Altar Guild - George Dick Flowers – Marilyn Phelps

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: the Lusitanian Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Advent, Nashville

Prayer Requests: Stewart Abercrombie, Abu-Ali Abdur'Rahman, Bonnie Babb, Jeannie Babb, Phoebe Bates, David Burnett, Leigh Ann Campbell, Corky Carlisle, Matthew Collins, Stephanie Faxon, Barb Ford, Catherine Garcia, Linda Hutton, Peter Hutton, Ariel Jones, Houston King, Cheryl Lankhaar, Jennifer Lewis, Mary Lynch, Jeff Mazur, Raymond McCoy, Waring McCrady, Jane McKenna, Mary Matlock Newman, Elizabeth Noland, Allen Peek, Jennifer Sturgis Roberts, Glenn Smith, Russell Stubblefield, Elizabeth Taylor, Van Tucker, Peggy Ward, Scott and those others we name.

Birthdays: Betty Barton Blythe, Jennifer Michael, Jennifer Matthews, Sophia Hartman, Melissa Williams, Susan Holmes, Sarah Ward,

In-person worship at 11am:

The 11 am service is at All Saints' Chapel through January 24, 2021. If it is prudent for you to attend, we hope to see you there!

Worship will continue to be offered online at 8:30 and afterward on our Facebook page and at 11:00am and afterward on our YouTube channel.

Home Communion is available from the clergy and lay Eucharistic Visitors with the goal that any parishioner not comfortable attending church in person will be able to receive safely once per month. If you would like Communion brought to you, please contact Deacon Betty Carpenter at deacon@oteyparish.org.

Advent Wreaths: materials for wreaths are provided at no cost (while supplies last). Please pick up yours on the porch of Brooks Hall. We will supply candles, clips, and candle holders. Please gather your own greenery. Pine boughs, holly, spruce, and many other types of greenery may be used.

Fire on the Mountain Youth Sunday School - 4-6pm via Zoom. Grades 6-12.

CAC continues its work of serving the needy with food and in other ways. Director David Goodpaster is staffing CAC, taking sensible precautions while serving people in need 9 to 11am, Monday through Friday. Please call 931-598-5927.

Parish staff members are combining in-person and remote work as best fits their duties. To meet with a staff member, please contact the staff member directly, call the office phone number (931-598-5926), or send an email (admin@oteyparish.org).

Bishop's (Updated) Pastoral Letter November 24, 2020

Dear Clergy and Parishioners of the Diocese of Tennessee,

"But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation" (1 Thess. 5:8).

St. Paul's words in First Thessalonians speak to members of the church in the period between Jesus' ascension into heaven and his coming again in glory. In this meantime, Paul reminds his listeners that they are to stay awake and to be alert; to practice good works and care for others; to cultivate the virtues of faith, hope, and love toward God. They should not be caught by surprise when Christ comes, but be prepared to greet him.

We too live in that time of waiting. The season of Advent that begins on Sunday underscores this reality. We should be watchful, and be prepared, as we wait for Christ's coming again.

In the same way, the last year has been a time of spiritual testing for our diocese. We have been travelling on a "Wilderness Road" like the one depicted in the eighth chapter of the Book of Acts. This journey began with the start of the pandemic, but has no fixed date of completion. This uncertain time has allowed us to develop our own spiritual practices, rooted in the same disciplines required during Advent: expectancy, alertness, and watchfulness.

As our churches and parishioners have practiced "The Wilderness Road: Acts 8," in this time of pandemic, we have discovered new ways to engage our mission and ministry. I am grateful to all of you for your hard work. The prudent measures that we have put in place in order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus have not stopped us from answering the call of God, or even from discovering new calls. We have also been able, in many contexts since May, to find prudent ways forward for public, in person worship. The combined protocols of physical distancing, consistent masking, and hand washing, have been a blessing in preventing infection.

As the rate of infection from the Coronavirus increases throughout our state, and across our nation, this is a time for additional watchfulness and alertness on the part of our members. We must be on our guard. This is not a time to relax the protocols that have served us well. I ask you to continue to pay attention to the public health measures outlined in "The Wilderness Road: Acts 8." In this coming season, I ask you to continue to be alert; to be mindful and careful of others; above all, to practice faith, hope, and love.

You all are in my prayers. Your ministries are an encouragement to me. I rejoice in being on this "Wilderness Road" with you.

- The Rt Rev'd John Bauerschmidt, Bishop of Tennessee

The mission of Otey Parish is to worship God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve the world for which Christ died, to educate and nurture our community, and welcome all.

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