

Service of HOLY COMMUNION

Renewed Ancient Text

Advent 1 – Year B November 29, 2020

Processional Hymn #362 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting

Surely the Lord is coming soon.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant and People pray

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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Then follows the Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

MATTHEW 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

The Celebrant and People pray

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us. or

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

The Gloria or some other song of praise may be sung or said, all standing.

The Gloria S280 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

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 forever. **Amen.**

Collect Hymn #563 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE LESSONS

One or more Lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly appry, O LORD.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people. – *Isaiah 64:1-9a*

Lector The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God

Psalm 80

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

- ² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might and come to save us!
- ³Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved!

⁴O LORD God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

- ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- ⁶You make us an object of contention for our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- ⁸You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.
- ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land.
- ¹⁰ The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.
- ¹¹ It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
- ¹² Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?
- ¹³ The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
- ¹⁴ Turn again, O God of hosts!

Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,

the stock that your right hand planted, and for the son whom you made strong for yourself.

- ¹⁶ They have burned it with fire; they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your face!
- ¹⁷ But let your hand be on the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!
- ¹⁸ Then we shall not turn back from you; give us life, and we will call upon your name!
- ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts!

 Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lector The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #462 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴ "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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.

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake." – *Mark* 13:24-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Marc Steele

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed: *Celebrant and People*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For Foley Beach., our Archbishop, and Julian Dobbs, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and St. George's Anglican Church. Today, in our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd in Binghamton, New York, The Rev. Matt Kennedy, The Rev. Anne Kennedy and Small Group Leaders in ADLW

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those celebrating their birthday this week; Greg and Grace

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially our President, Donald and our Governor, Phil.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially John, Kaitlyn & Aaron and Baby, Trevor & Carly and Baby, Eva, Rio & Babies, Stan and Family, Larry and TJ

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

A Prayer for Watchfulness (Lancelot Andrewes)

Thou, who with thine own mouth hast told us that at midnight the bridegroom shall come: Grant that the cry, "The bridegroom cometh!" may sound evermore in our ears, that so we be never unprepared to meet him, or forgetful of the souls for whom he died, for whom we watch and pray. And save us, O Lord. **Amen.**

The people may now add their own prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Celebrant concludes

Heavenly Father grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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 stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 JOHN 2:1-2

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the

majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD,

and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People And of your own have we given you.

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

Offertory Hymn #59 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved in the Lord: if you intend to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, you must consider how Saint Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthians, exhorts us all diligently to examine ourselves before we presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if we receive that holy Sacrament with a truly penitent heart and lively faith, spiritually eating the Flesh of Christ and drinking his Blood, so that we might be made one with Christ and he with us; so also is the danger great, if we receive these gifts unworthily. For then we become guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of Christ our Savior, and we eat and drink to our own condemnation.

Therefore, judge yourselves lest you be judged by the Lord. First, examine your life by the rule of God's commandments. Wherever you have offended, either by thought, word, or deed, confess your sins to Almighty God, with the full intention to amend your life. Be ready to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs you have done to others; and also be ready to forgive others who have offended you: for otherwise, if you unworthily receive Holy Communion, you will increase your own condemnation. Therefore, repent of your sins, or else do not come to God's Holy Table.

If you have come here today with a troubled conscience, and you need help and counsel, come to me, or to some other Priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive godly counsel, direction, and absolution. To do so will both satisfy your conscience and remove any scruples or doubt. Above all, each of us should give humble and hearty thanks to God for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Savior Jesus Christ. He humbled himself, even to death on a Cross, for us sinners who lay in darkness and in the shadow of death, that he might make us children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life.

Because of his exceedingly great love for us, our Savior Jesus Christ has instituted and ordained these holy mysteries as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death and passion, to our great and endless comfort.

To him, therefore, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, let us give continual thanks, as is our duty and our joy, submitting ourselves entirely to his holy will and striving to serve him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **Amen.**

THE SURSUM CORDA

The People stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

THE SANCTUS

Sanctus S125 [1982 Hymnal]

All Standing

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself

once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People together 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 FRACTION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung or said here

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

Communion Hymn #304 [1982 Hymnal]
All Standing

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #57 [1982 Hymnal]All Standing

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord People **Thanks be to God.**





BIRTHDAY PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR:

Greg Ventura – November 30

Grace Todd – December 1

REMEMBERING OUR PARISH HOMEBOUND

Eva Stout Rose Morgan Elsie Samuelson

Al Tosi Smitty and Tina Smith Stan Greaves, Jr.



THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday Advent 1

9:00 AM Holy Communion [Church and Live Stream]

Tuesday

10:00 AM Food Pantry [by appointment]

Wednesday

10:00 AM Ladies' Coffee Connect [online]

7:00 PM Evening Prayer [Church]

7:00 PM AA Men's Big Book - CLOSED [EH]

Thursday Vestry Reports due

8:00 AM Morning Prayer from Anywhere

12:00 PM Food Pantry [by appointment]

5:00 PM Music Practice [Church]

6:00 PM Ladies' Coffee Connect [online]

Friday

8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous [EH]

Saturday

8:00 AM St. Mary and St. Timothy Worship

1:00 PM Music Practice

5:00 PM St. Mary and St. Timothy Worship

Announcements for the Week of November 29, 2020

Christmas Flowers

It is time to bring back the beautiful Christmas flowers that adorn our church for the birth of our Savior. Christmas flower envelopes will be available in the pews every Sunday until December 20th for your flower donations. Please print all information clearly. If you are not able to attend in person, you may still send in your donation for Christmas flowers. Please address the envelope to the attention of the Flower Committee.

Master the Mortgage Sunday - TODAY

Through the end of October, we have saved 25% of the amount we need in November 2025. Based on the number of months remaining until the 15-year call of the balance of the mortgage, we need to save approximately \$4,100 each month. Thank you for your continued offerings.

Flower List for 2021

Beginning today, the 2021 Flower Donor list is on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please make any additions, changes, etc. to the list as soon as possible.

2021 Offering Envelopes

2021 offering envelopes are available in the back of church. Please pick up your box today. If you are not currently using offering envelopes and would like to do so, please see Jan Kwiatkowski or call the Parish Office.

Morning Prayer from Anywhere!

Join us for Morning Prayer on Thursdays, at 8:00 AM by PHONE! Dial 425-436-6376 when the phone system answers enter 814307# and that's it! You can join in the service by going to the web site <u>dailyoffice2019.com</u>. There you will find the complete service in its proper order.

We are Here for You!

Please do not hesitate to call or email your Vestry contact or the Parish Office with any needs. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 2 PM or you may email office@helmettachurch.com if there is anything we can do to support you. Please continue to practice health safety. God hears your prayers from everywhere. Your Vestry and parish staff are praying for you.

Allegiance Landscaping Gives Back

Visit Allegiance Garden Center at 104 Main St. Helmetta for your Christmas trees, grave blankets, grave vases and wreaths. Custom orders can be made. Stop into the garden center or order by phone 732.521.3344 and let them know you are a member of St. George's parish. Allegiance will donate 10% of the proceeds back to St. George's.

Evening Prayer

Deacon Greg is officiating Evening Prayer every Wednesday at 7 PM in the church.

We are Grateful for Your Tithes and Offerings

- Use your bank's online bill payment feature. The check will be mailed to St. George's.
- Mail a check to church
- Access St. George's website and select "Contribute." Note there is a 2.8% fee imposed by PayPal. The church will receive \$97.20 from a donation of \$100.

New Life Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment for anyone in need. Please contact the Parish Office at 732.521.0169 to make an appointment. Thank you to all the faithful volunteers who help us serve nearly 90 families each week.

Special thanks to Stan Greaves, Walmart on Spring Valley Road in Old Bridge and everyone who helped us distribute Thanksgiving turkeys and dinners to over 60 patrons!

2021 Birthday List

A copy of the 2021 birthday list may be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church. Please initial any dates that are correct and make any changes or edits directly to the list.

Please visit our parish website for updated calendar information at www.HelmettaChurch.com

