



First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021 11:00 am

Welcome Guests & Visitors! We are glad you are here. If you are new to St. Thomas, stop by the Welcome table in the lobby and identify yourself to our clergy and people so we may properly welcome you. You may also fill out a welcome card located on the backs of the chairs in the church. If you need assistance with the order of service, feel free to ask the person next to you.

Auditory Assistance is available – ask an usher or a greeter to obtain a hearing device.

PRELUDE *Creator of the Stars of Night* Dale Wood

OPENING ACCLAMATION Book of Common Prayer

All stand

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

People O Lord, make haste to help us.

Officiant and People

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

Alleluia.

Hymn *Prepare the Way, O Zion* (verses 1-3) Hymnal #65

BIDDING PRAYER

LESSON 1 “The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One” Isaiah 11:1-9

Hymn *Comfort, comfort ye my people* (verses 1, 2) Hymnal #67

LESSON 2	“The prophet proclaims good news to a people in exile”	Isaiah 40:1-11
Anthem	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	John Ness Beck
LESSON 3	“God promises that a child shall be conceived”	Isaiah 7:10-15
Hymn	<i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i> (verses 1-3)	Hymnal #66
LESSON 4	“The angel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary“	Luke 1:26-38
Hymn	<i>Tell out, my soul</i> (verses 1, 2)	Hymnal #437
LESSON 5	“St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior”	Matthew 1:18-23
Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (Verses 1, 4, 5, 8)	Hymnal #56
	Cantor will sing verses, congregation joins in singing the refrain.	

OFFERTORY - *The collection is taken at this time and brought to the altar.*

LESSON 6	“Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God”	Mark 1:1-15
Anthem	<i>Come, Jesus Holy Son of God</i>	Handel

THE SERMON

During the singing of the anthem, the officiant proceeds to the high altar.

The responsory may be chanted on one note, dropping a minor third on the text underlined.

VESPER RESPONSORY

v. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dis-mayed:

r. ***Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.***

v. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

r. ***Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.***

v. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

r. ***Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.***

THE LORD’S PRAYER

A moment of silence is kept.

v. We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

r. ***In the midst of thy tem-ple.***

COLLECT FOR ADVENT

THE BLESSING

HYMN *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending* (verses 1, 4) Hymnal #57

POSTLUDE *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Nicolai/Bach

To request prayers, please fill out the form on the Prayer Request card located on the backs of the chairs. We invite you to list your specific concerns and leave them in the Prayer Request box at the back of the Nave, place them in the offering plate, or bring them to the church office. Prayers of the People are written weekly. Normally they are offered for three weeks, but any request may be resubmitted as needed.



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