The First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2026 – 10:15 a.m.



St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
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through the love of Jesus Christ

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Welcome! We are a diverse community committed to carrying out Christ's mission in the world around us, strengthened, nurtured, and guided by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Some of us were born into the Episcopal Church, some of us were received into it as adults, and some of us are discovering it for the first time. We come from various occupations, family configurations, educational backgrounds, interests, and talents. We have found hospitality here, and invite you to join us.

Our religious tradition is best known for the beauty of its Anglican music and liturgy. Contemporary issues are tested by the standards of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. The conscience of the individual is highly respected, and corporate worship is the means by which Christ shapes our moral values, nurtures and guides our spiritual formation, shapes the character and community of the faithful, and equips us for mission and ministry. If you are not currently active in another congregation, please accept this invitation to worship with us, and to make our church your own.

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10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Hymn 59 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* *Merton*

Celebrant Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.
People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Song of Mary S-243 *Magnificat* *Luke 1:46-55*

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

**He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**
**He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.**

**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.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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**.

The Lessons

Isaiah 64:1-2, 7-9

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!
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.

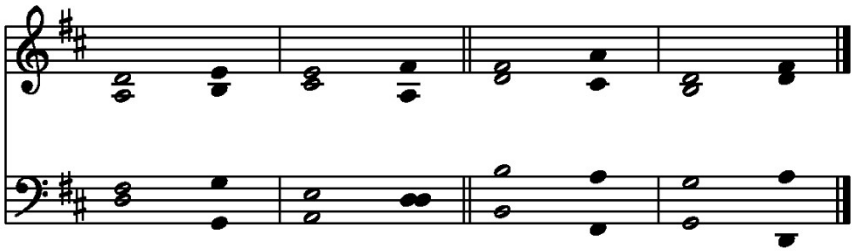
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1, 16-18

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a |flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the |cherubim.
17 And so will we never turn away from |you, *
give us life, that we may call upon your |Name.
†18 Restore us, O God of |hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be |saved.

† Second half of the double chant

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1 Corinthians 1:3-7

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 60 vss. 1 *Creator of the Stars of Night* *Conditor alme siderum*

Mark 13:24-37

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

People **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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 60 vss. 3 *Creator of the Stars of Night* *Conditor alme siderum*

The Sermon The Rev. John Bolin Shellito

The Nicene Creed

(Note that in Greek the word for "believe" is the same as the word for "trust")

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.

Prayers of the People, for Breaking the Silence Sunday

(Drawn from a Mother's Union link shared by the Diocese of Virginia Episcopal Church Women in the Breaking the Silence Sunday Toolkit):
https://www.mothersunionpeterborough.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Mothers-Union-16-Days-Prayers.pdf

God of shelter, give refuge to those who suffer violence and abuse in unsafe homes.
Bring your peace.

God of deliverance, release those who are enslaved and controlled by abusers, and give them sanctuary.
Bring your freedom.

God of compassion, defend the abused and the innocents who witness violence.
Bring your hope.

God of salvation, surround, guide and heal those who abuse and bully others.
Bring your light.

God of perfect love, move us toward holiness in our relationships with you, with one another and with creation.
Bring your assurance.

God of shelter and peace, deliverance and freedom, compassion and hope, salvation and light, perfect love and assurance, hear our prayers for the special needs and concerns of our congregation given either silently or out loud, including for Jack, Tom, Pam, Sharon, Kathleen, Eileen, Bob, Cindy, Deborah, Lee (family of Scott and Lisa), Danielle (friend of Mark), Kevin and family (friends of Linda), Jennifer (family of Anne), Arlie (family of Theresa), Vanessa (friend of Leigh), Stan and Gwen (family of Kate), and Iglesia San Juan Bautista.

(originally written as a Prayer for Domestic Violence Awareness Sunday -and shared in The Presbyterian Outlook https://pres-outlook.org/2018/10/prayer-for-domestic-violence-awareness-sunday/)
For more resources, please call the Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence Hotline at 703-360-7273 or Artemis House at 703-435-4940 or visit *https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/domestic-sexual-violence/shelter-options*

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to thy never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that thou art doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The Celebrant says the concluding Collect, of the Holy Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

The Peace

All stand as able

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

Welcome and Announcements

The Prayers for Birthdays & Anniversaries

All those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are invited to be recognized

Watch over your *child/children [_____]*, O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when they stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants *[_____ and _____ etc]*, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Table

Celebrant

May the peace which passes all understanding guard your hearts and minds, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offertory Hymn 438 *Tell Out My Soul!* *Woodlands*

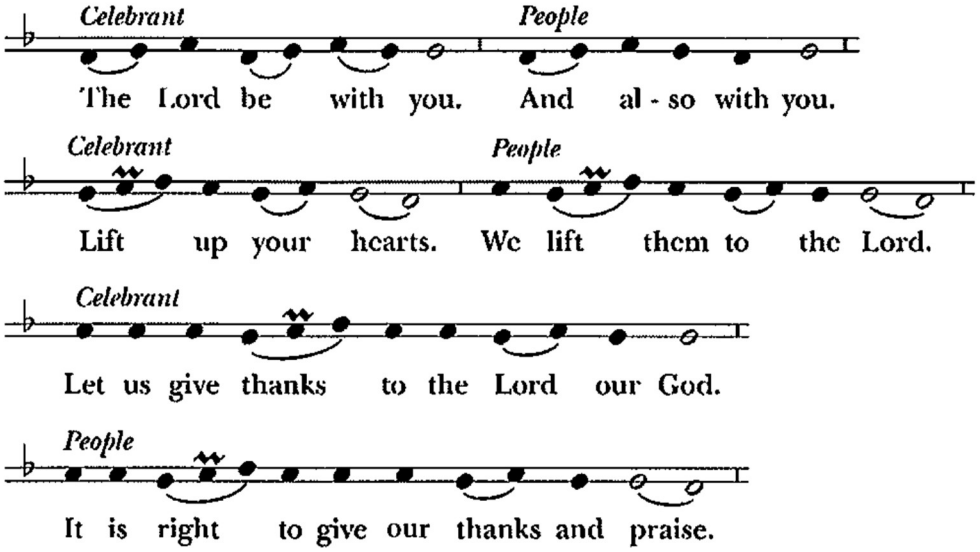
Doxology 380 *Old 100*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1 *Enriching Our Worship*

The people remain standing, as able



Celebrant

It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy,
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 triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus WLP 858 American folk melody, arr. M. Pruner

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,

Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:
"Take, eat:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:
"Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

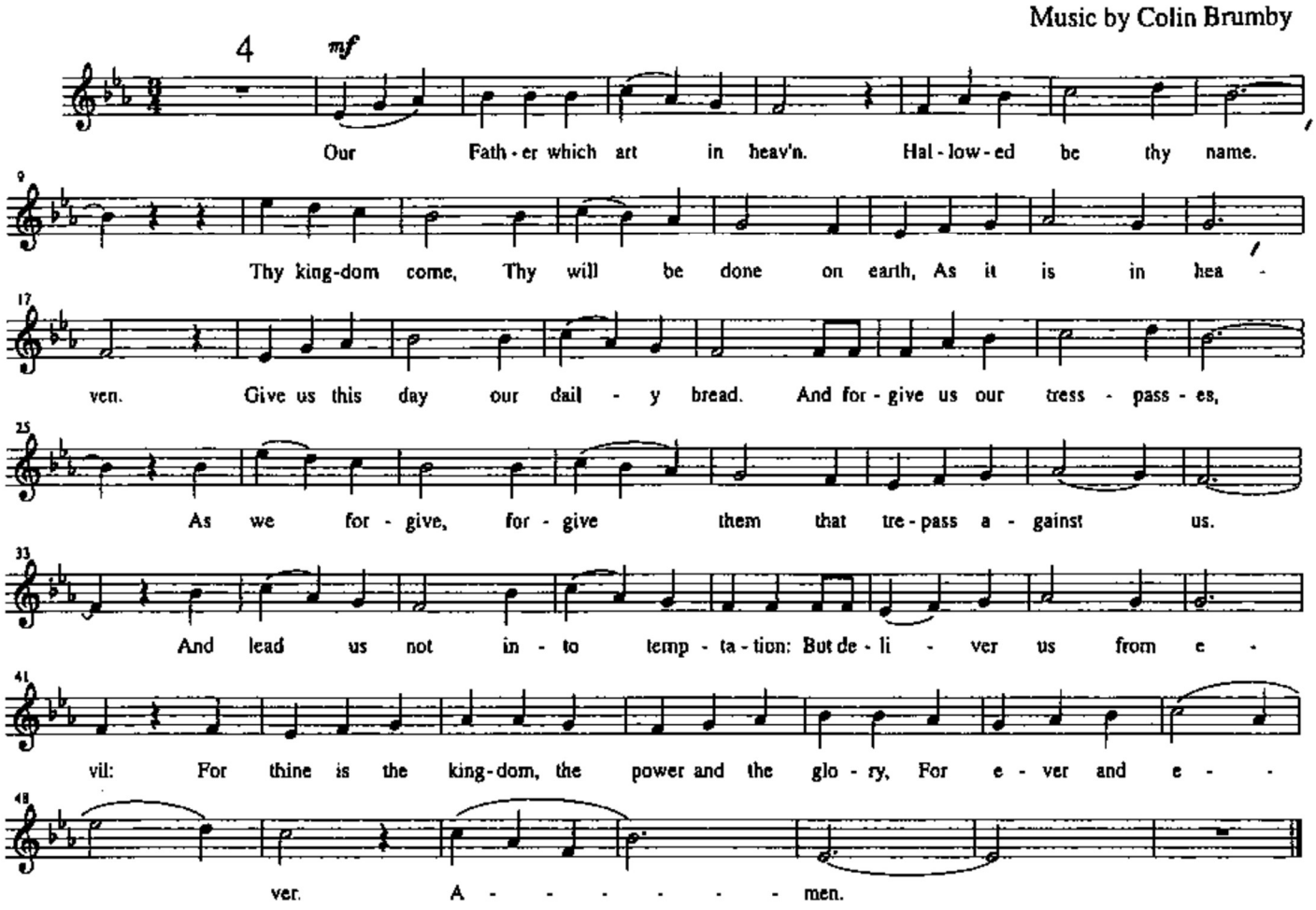
The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.
Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons,
that with the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Blessed Barnabas, and all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **Amen**.

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



The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

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 and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Hymn 69	*What is the crying at Jordan?*	*St. Mark's Berkeley*
Hymn 67	*Comfort, comfort ye my people*	*Psalm 42*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 73 *The King Shall Come* *St. Stephen*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the people with these words

Celebrant Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 29	*First Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
2:00 PM	Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing
4:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)
Monday, November 30	
10:00 AM	AA Serenity Seekers – Library
Tuesday, December 1	
10:00 AM	WOSB Meeting – Richardson Room
Wednesday, December 2	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Worship – Library
8:30 PM	AA Barnabas Group – Richardson Room
Thursday, December 3	
11:00 AM	Tai Chi – Richardson Room (until 11AM)
6:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Saturday, December 5	
9:00 AM	Breakfast with Santa – Richardson Room (until 12PM)
6:00 PM	LNO Hug & A Cookie – Richardson Room (until 9PM)
Sunday, December 6	*Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist *followed by Coffee Hour*
2:00 PM	Vietnamese Language School – Education Wing
4:30 PM	FACETS – Richardson Room
5:30 PM	Ryder's Rounders – Richardson Room (until 9 PM)
5:30 PM	Ladies' Night Out Al Anon – Lyles Room (until 7 PM)

Participants in the service today are:

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	Katie, Adam, Ciaran, Michael
Lectors	Luke Strange, Molly Newling
Chalicists	Cindy McLaughlin, Ellen Riddle
Usher	Tim Greer
Coffee Hour Hosts	Ken & Camille Mittelholtz
Flower Guild	Lisa Verstandig
Flower Delivery	Hugh Agnew
Counters	Robin Erskine, TBD
Caritas	Beth Harper
Altar Guild	Molly Newling, Sharon Jones, Jocelyn Leatherwood

Participants in the service on December 6 are:

8:00 a.m.

Opener	Wendy Williams
Acolyte	TBD
Lector	Theresa Merchant, Michael Dugger
Chalicist	Michael Dugger, Cindy McLaughlin

10:15 a.m.

Acolytes	TBD
Lectors	Theresa Merchant, Cindy McLaughlin
Chalicists	Cindy McLaughlin, Michael Dugger
Usher	John Westerlund
Coffee Hour Hosts	Margot Donnelly, Camille Mittelholtz
Flower Guild	TBD
Flower Delivery	TBD
Counters	Art Hamerschlag, Ken Mittelholtz
Caritas	Molly Newling
Altar Guild	Grace Robbins, Linda Hartman, Maria Bottlick

Land Acknowledgement

We remember and honor the Indigenous people of the world, especially the Piscataway Conoy Nation, whose land we now occupy in this region that was once their home, and that was taken from them. We give thanks for them and their care for this land. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us; rather, we are charged with stewardship of the Earth, and are all members of our Creator's family. We ask God to help us learn from our past mistakes and be instruments of justice and peace for all people, particularly the original Indigenous inhabitants.