

Pohick Episcopal Church • November 28, 2021 • 8:00 am

First Sunday of Advent • Holy Eucharist Rite I

Procession

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Trisagion

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(said in unison)

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

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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 Lessons

Reader A Reading from Jeremiah (33:14-16)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:(1-9)

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Reader A Reading from 1 Thessalonians (3:9-13)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (21:25-36)
People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon The Reverend Celal Kamran, *Assistant to the Rector*

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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

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Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray for an end to the pandemic and for all who are able, to seek vaccinations. We pray for those on our prayer list on page 9.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray for the soul of Tom Ronaldi, Jr., father of Tom and father-in-law of Rev. Lynn, who died November 18.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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 Peace

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

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People *It is meet and right so to do.*

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life..

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and

heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant and People

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *Amen.*

In the Episcopal tradition all are welcomed to the Table. All baptized Christians may receive Communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing.

For now, we continue to partake in Communion in One Kind (bread only). You may come to the rail and kneel to receive if you are able. If not, please stand at the rail, or indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant *(Sentence of dismissal)*
People *Thanks be to God*



Those Who Serve

Celebrant and Preaching The Reverend Celal Kamran, *Assistant Rector*
Lay Eucharistic Ministers John Pasour and Femi Ayorinde
Acolyte Samantha Biddlecomb
Ushers Stew Remaly and Dru Hodges

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Lynn Anderholm, Nancy Bireley, Davis Sessums, Suzanne Froman, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, Roy Baumann, Jack Oats, Andy, Chrissy, Judy Schmid, D'Andrea Wooten, Carney McCullough, Bill Hosp, Greg Scott, Andrea Nutter, Darryl Sebastian, Lisa Ruf, Anita Stribling, Alice Jean Scott, Nelson Whittaker, Chuck MacDonald, Janet Hinson, Joan Egan, Jehl Palvado, Carl Steuernagel, Mike Morgan, Charlotte Knipling, Sarah, Terrence Dolan, and Buck Gastrell.

We pray for the soul of Tom Ronaldi, Jr., father of Tom and father-in-law of Rev. Lynn, who died November 18.

The people may add their own petitions

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those having birthdays this week: Judy Baroody, Donald Brownlee, Anne Sayer, Asher Blankenship, Jace Harrill, Maria Holmes, Tanya Reams, Elizabeth Agar, Jan Buckius, Charles Choi, Andrew Eitler, Austin Gastrell, Renee Vaughn, Steve Vopelak, Adrian McCabe, Christopher Moon, and Diana Bland.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, and Jesse Grimm.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

We pray for the Afghan refugees and for those left behind.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for St. Bartholomew's, Richmond, and St. Peter's, Richmond.



Announcements

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. Following the Diocesan guidelines, masks will be worn during church services and in the Parish House. Coffee Hour will be held in the Common Room following this service. We hope you can join us!
- **The Fall worship schedule** has begun with services at **8 am and 10:30 am, with Sunday School and fellowship at 9:15 am. Compline continues** Wednesday nights via Zoom. Link is emailed.
- **Christian Education Classes** (online at www.pohick.org).
 - **Four-Part Adult Forum “Courageous in Community: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope”** will continue December 5. Get coffee and join us in the Common Room between services, beginning at 9:15 am.
 - **Building Community.** Sunday evening Zoom Bible Study on Romans led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com.
 - **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7-9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan, for information or to register.
 - **Children’s Christian Education**, in-person, and virtual components. Please contact Frances Sessums for information and registration.
- **Playdate for young ones!** Pohick Parents with babies and young children interested in forming a playdate/parent group contact Rev. Celal.
- **ATTENTION all 3rd-12th grade Sunday School students** who have speaking parts in the Live Nativity: please be at the fairground stage at 9:15 am on December 5 for our mandatory rehearsal. Bring warm coats, hats, and gloves! Parents, please pick up your student at 11:30 am. Plan on it being cold!
- **Watch for details:** We plan to adopt an **Afghan family** to help settle via NOVA Raft.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.

- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours between services.** Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs in the Parish House. Details online or call Connie Myers at 703-201-2204.
- Let the **Martha Guild** help you with decorations for the Christmas Holiday with our fresh Greenery: centerpieces, tabletop trees, and wreaths. Order online or the order form in the Common Room or Office entry way. Deadline is December 5 with pickup on December 11. Questions, contact Connie Myers.
- **Advent/Christmas Calendar:**
 - First Sunday in Advent is today!
 - Blue Christmas Healing Service for all parishioners Wednesday, December 8, at 7 pm.
 - Live Nativity on Fairgrounds for parish and community Saturday, December 11, at 2 pm and 3 pm.
 - Christmas Open House Come-N-Go at the Rectory Friday, December 17, 6-9 pm. Newcomers welcome!
 - Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 19, at 6 pm.
 - Christmas Eve service at 6 pm and 10:30 pm.
 - Christmas Day service at 10 am.
- **Christmas Flower** dedication forms can be found in your church box or in the office. Forms will be due December 5. Any questions, please contact Susan Pehrsson.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop Save the Date:** Shop for your Christmas gifts at the Golden Dove on December 5, 8-12:30 pm, in the Common Room between services and forums! We are open Sundays 9-10:30 am and the first Saturday of each month from 1-3 pm.

We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves, receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry and join us for Fellowship Hour between services at 9:15am in the Parish House.

Pohick Episcopal Church

The Reverend Dr. Lynn P. Ronaldi, Rector

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