

“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”
— Matthew 24:44

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 9:00am

The Annunciation of Our Lady Episcopal Church
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Welcome to Annunciation

Before Worship

We ask that conversations and greetings before the worship service happen in the Narthex. We try to keep the Nave as a space for quiet prayer and contemplation as we enter into worship.

What's Happening

The bulletin is your guide to everything happening in our parish. It contains everything you need to fully participate in the service. Some of the music we will sing can be found here in the bulletin or the Red or Blue hymnal in your pew.

Communion

Everyone, including children, are welcome to receive Communion.

Hospitality

After the service, please enjoy good food, coffee, and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Let's Get Connected!

We want to get to know you better and tell you more about our community. Please fill in a Newcomer Card, available at the Communications Center near the main entrance.

Children

We welcome children to participate fully, and we do not expect them to be perfectly quiet. If your child needs a break, feel free to bring them to the Narthex (lobby) or make use of our Nursery: take a left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Restrooms

The main restrooms are off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space. A

gender-neutral restroom is located to your left as you exit the worship space, down the hall.

Wheelchair Accommodations

There are wheelchair-friendly spaces in the pews, on the outside aisles. Accessible restroom stalls are in the main restrooms off the Parish Hall, to your right as you exit the worship space.

Hearing Assistance

Hearing devices are located on the table near the main entrance. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Online Worship

Streaming to Facebook Live

If you aren't able to join us for our in person service, the video will be available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/annunciationgurnee/live/>

You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the video.

In-person, indoor worship

- If you are not feeling well, please stay home.
- Masks are optional inside. Please gauge your own continuum of safety.

Please ask an usher or worship leader for assistance with anything you need.

The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Reflection on Staying Awake

When Brother Lawrence began to learn constant communion with God,
he often spent his prayer period rejecting wandering thoughts,
only to find himself caught up in distractions.
He just couldn't regulate his devotions by the methods some succeed at.
Nonetheless he had given forced meditation a try, but finally gave it up as a bad job. ...
He had given careful thought to the devices for getting to God,
but learned the quickest way to get there meant going straight to God.
How?

By continually loving God
– he called this “a continual exercise of love” –
and by doing everything for God's sake.

from *The Practice of the Presence of God*

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection
collected by Abbott Joseph de Beaufort
edited and paraphrased by Donald E. Demaray

Opening Hymn

#68, *The Hymnal 1982*

Rejoice, rejoice believers

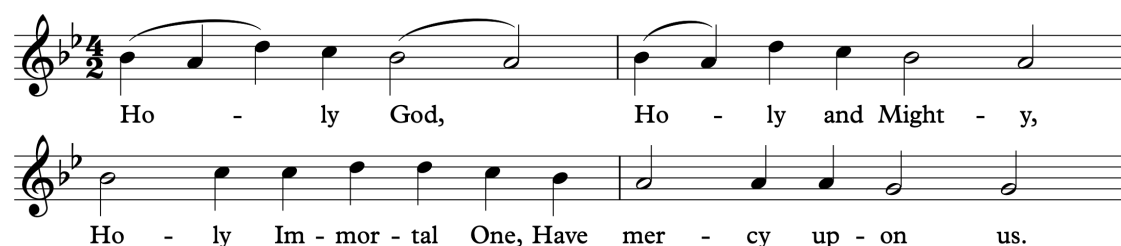
Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People: *You come to your people and set them free.*

Celebrant and People: *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.*

Trisagion

S-102, *Blue Book, Hymnal 1982*

Sing 3 times:



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.

People: **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

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!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Reader: Let us say the psalm responsively by whole verse.

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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.*

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

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. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #454, v.1

Jesus came, adored by angels

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon: 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.

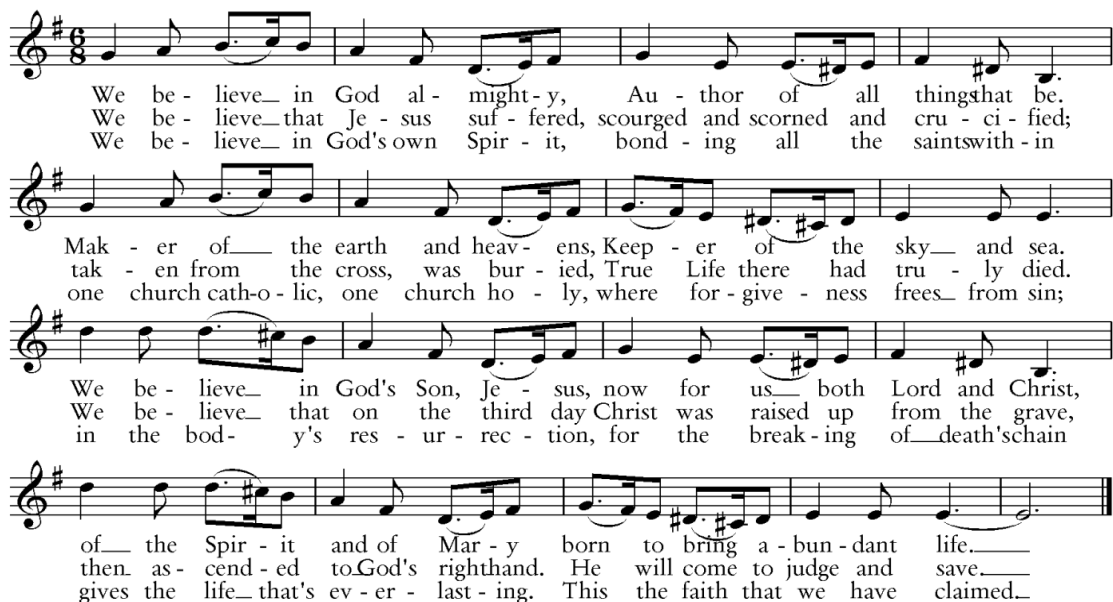
"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith



We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in

Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.
tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;

We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain

of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's righthand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: Dear friends, what I say to you I say to all: keep awake. Let us appeal to God, saying, "Show the light of your countenance, *and we shall be saved.*"

Leader: Restore your holy catholic Church, O Lord God of hosts. Give us eyes to see that together we are not lacking any spiritual gift. Strengthen us that we may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. This morning we remember Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, The Church of North India, and the Dioceses of Renk and Southeast Mexico. Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: Restore justice throughout the world, O Lord God of hosts. You work for those who wait for you. Come to the help of the oppressed and the needy. Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: Restore your creation, O Lord God of hosts. Awesome are your deeds and wonderful are the works of your hands. Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: Restore peace in the city, O Lord God of hosts. Make us mindful of our interdependence. Help us to respect the dignity of our neighbors. Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: Restore the weak to strength, O Lord God of hosts. Come quickly with healing in your wings. This morning we pray for *Bishop Samy and Venerable Canon Donne; the peace of Jerusalem, for the victims of gun violence; the people served by Sunrise Assisted Living, PADS and the Community Meal program, for those in war-torn places, especially Gaza and Israel, for our Scouts and leaders, Sandi, Denise, Don and Melissa, Mary, AJ, Sue, Mark, Roni, Dan, Lindsey, Mike, Karen, Walter, Frank, Linda, Stacy, the Keller-Kett Family, Jerry; A.S.; Honorine, Fernandez, Laundrina, Vanessa, Bein, Ashley; Helene; John.*

Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: Restore our hope, O Lord God of hosts. Though we all fade like a leaf, still you are faithful. You have called your people into the fellowship of your Son forever. Show us the light of your countenance,

People: *And we shall be saved.*

Leader: O God, who calls us: Grant your Spirit to guide the Discernment Committee and their work. May they encounter the sense of call with wonder and grace. May they hear and

respond to your will. In this we pray for *Brother Dunstan, Linda, John, Charles, Deb, and Miriam*. Show us the light of your countenance,
People: And we shall be saved.

Leader: We celebrate with *Brian and Jane* Penticoff (12/1) for their anniversary. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. Show us the light of your countenance,
People: And we shall be saved.

Leader: O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants *Deb* Gallinger (12/06) and *Charlie* Robison (12/8) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in you all the days of their lives. Show us the light of your countenance,
People: And we shall be saved.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
People: Amen.

The Peace

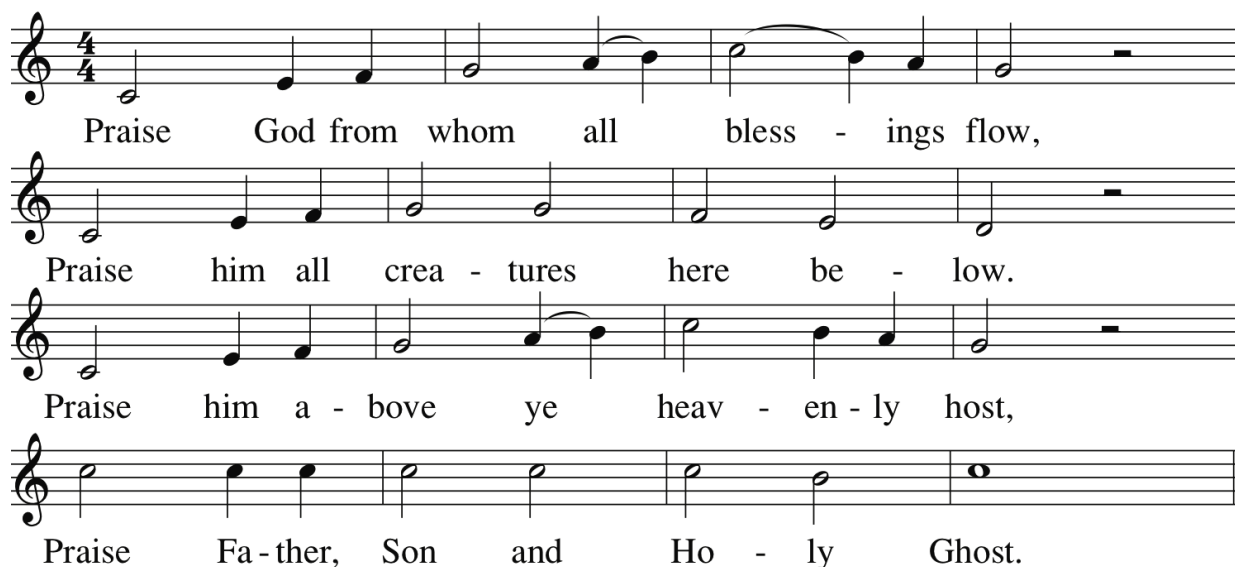
Celebrant: My dear friends in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

#327, *Gather Hymnal*
When the King shall come again

Presentation Hymn

Doxology, Duke St.



The Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 triumph 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-124, The Hymnal 1982

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

*Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
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 for ever.*

People: Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

*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

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

Receiving Communion

You're Invited: This is Jesus' table; he made no restrictions, and neither do we.

Host: Our communion is by bread or wafer. The priest or deacon will place the sacrament in your hand.

Wine: You are invited to receive the wine by the common cup, either by sipping (please guide the chalice with your hand) or by intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine). Additionally, if you would like to receive in the single-serving cups, a Eucharistic Minister will have a tray of cups by the right ambulatory.

Gluten: Gluten-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.

Communion Hymn

*#81, The Hymnal 1982
Lo, how a rose e're blooming*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People: God of abundance,
you have fed with with the bread of life
and the 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.*

Welcome & Announcements

Blessing

*Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.
May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

Offertory Hymn

#640, *The Hymnal 1982*
Watchmen, tell us of the night

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Worship Ministers

<i>Crucifer/Acolyte</i>	Walter Smith
<i>1st Reader & Psalm</i>	Miriam Berry
<i>2nd Reader</i>	Chris Schrantz
<i>Prayers</i>	Jennifer Edwards
<i>Euch. Minister</i>	Linda Lutter and Jane Penticoff
<i>Healing Minister</i>	Brother Dunstan Hodges, OLW

<i>Ushers</i>	Brian and Jane Penticoff
<i>Sunrise Minister</i>	Waynick, Sander, Eads, and Sluga
<i>Digital Verger</i>	Mike Robison
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<i>Musicians</i>	Elaine and Ron O'Neil

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Annunciation
of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope