

The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024 | 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.

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).*
- *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-free wafers are available. Ask the priest for one when you come up.*
- *Healing Prayer: If you would like someone to pray for you for healing of mind, body, or spirit, you're invited to go to the side chapel at any time during 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

We record and broadcast our services via Zoom. You can find the link to the Zoom on our electronic Parish News.

Additionally, if you are not comfortable or do not consent to your image being shown on our broadcast, we encourage you to be aware of the camera and ask you to consider taking a seat behind the camera on the left side of the Nave.

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 Altar Candle is given in thanksgiving for the anniversary of Brian and Jane Penticoff.

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

#74, *The Hymnal 1982*
Blessed be the King whose coming

Opening Acclamation

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

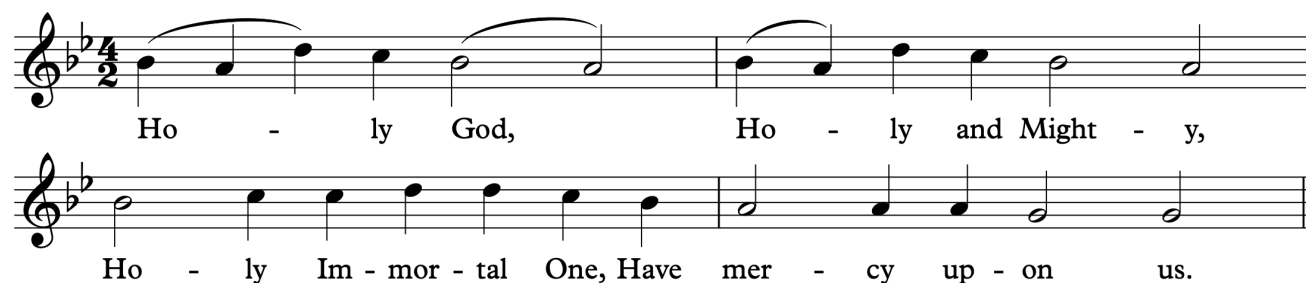
Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise

S-102, *The Hymnal 1982*

Sing 3 times:



The Collect of the Day

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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.*

The Psalm

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

Psalms 25:1-9

- 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.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

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.*

Sequence Hymn

#56, v. 1 & 2, *The Hymnal 1982*
O Come, o come Emmanuel

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: 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.

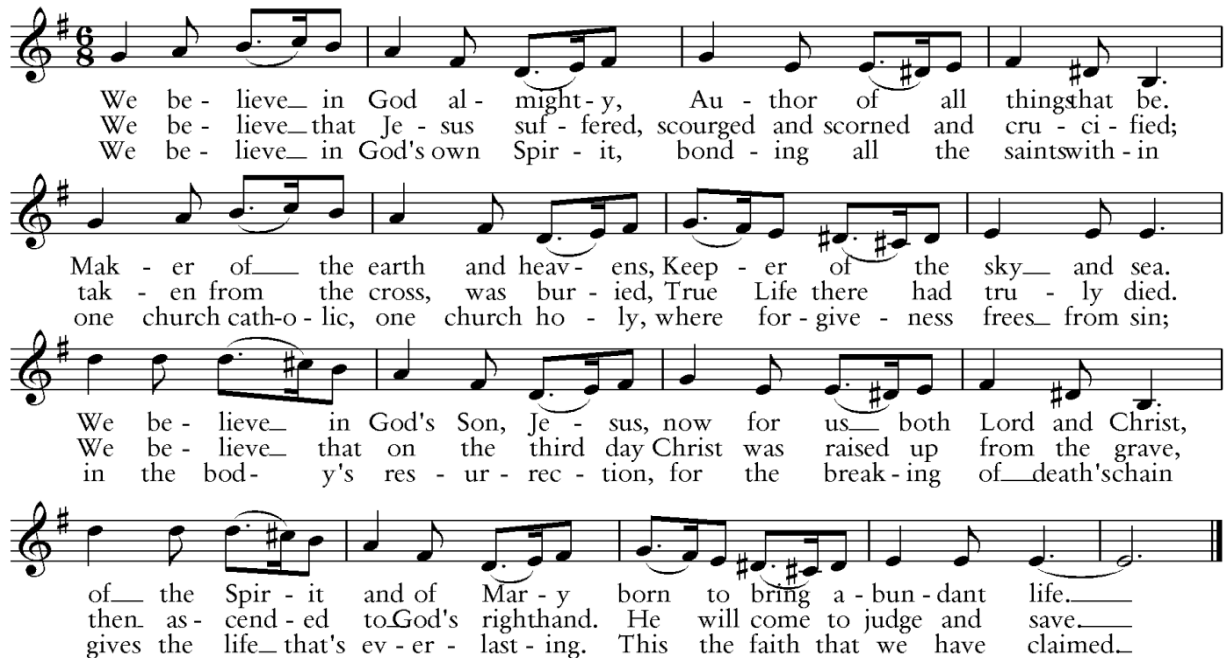
"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the

strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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 right hand. 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: As the church worldwide celebrates the beginning of its New Year, let us turn our minds and hearts to the larger community of which we are a part, saying: *Hear our prayer, O Lord: Grant us mercy.*

Leader: For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition: May your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, our defenses, and our fears. Quicken us to our true nature as your children that we may love one another. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: Grant us mercy.

Leader: For all the churches of the world, Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant, and Pentecostal: May we grow together in our understanding of mission, that we may be strengthened in unity and united in acts of service. Call us to the one discipleship with its many gifts. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: Grant us mercy.

Leader: For all Christian communities, young and growing in Africa, aging and changing in North America: Renew our vision and experience of Christian community as ever birthing, ever transforming, ever young and open to risk, ever old and full of wisdom. This morning we pray for Fort Dauphin in the Diocese of Toliara, the Diocese of Renk, the Diocese of Southeastern Mexico, and the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

Leader: For those who live in fear and confusion: Whether they be stateless people in refugee camps, or settled people hidden behind high fences, give to the vulnerable strength, and to the secure vulnerability, that our human compassion for one another may end injustice and give our societies a human face. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

Leader: For this community, especially for those who suffer most, for the emotionally and physically ill, for the dying, for those who grieve: May we, out of our own suffering, give comfort and support. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

Leader: For the larger community around us, especially for the new born children, the homeless, and the imprisoned: May we create a world where shelter, food and medical care are available for all and where the law protects people for a better chance and better choices. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

Leader: 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 Congo, Sudan, Haiti, Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, for our Scouts and leaders, Karen, Jon, Barb, Judy, Benji, Edward, Nirmala, Jaxson, Greg, Isabell, Debbie, Mark, Jill, Rebecca, Gavin, Dylan, Karen, John, Matt, Dan, Walter, Frank, Linda, Stacy, Jerry; A.S., Honorine, Fernandez, Laundrina, Vanessa, Bein.***

Leader: We celebrate with ***Brian and Jane*** Penticoff (12/1) on 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. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

Leader: O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servant ***Deb*** Gallinger (12/6) as she begins another year. Grant that she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen her trust in you all the days of her life. Hear our prayer, O Lord:

People: ***Grant us mercy.***

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

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

Presentation Hymn

Tune: Morning Song
Text: Adam Tice



When stars fall down from shat-tered skies as night e-clips-es day and
moun-tains quake, a proph-et cries, "Keep watch! Pre-pare the way!"

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP, Prayer B

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."

People: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
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: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: ***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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.

Communion Hymn

#496, *The Hymnal* 1982
How bright appears the Morning Star

Postcommunion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship 1

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: ***Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. 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.**

Closing Hymn

#72, *The Hymnal 1982*
Hark the glad sound, the Savior comes

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Worship Ministers

Crucifer/Acolyte
1st Reader &
Psalm
2nd Reader
Prayers
Euch. Minister

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Bob Coates
Brother Dunstan, OLW
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Berry

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Sunrise Minister
Altar Guild
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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annunciation is a place...

To be included

To be honest

To be challenged

To be empowered

To find hope