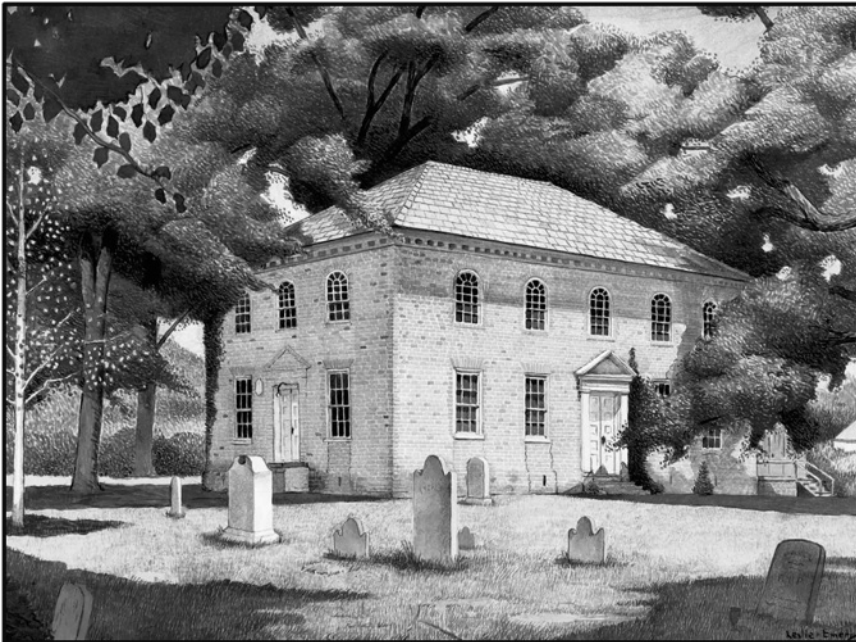


THE FALLS CHURCH

an Episcopal congregation

*A welcoming community called to be an enduring
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



The First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022

Prelude

Prelude on "Picardy"

Leo Sowerby
(1895-1968)

The lighting of the first advent candle.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

Opening Acclamation

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

Celebrant

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.**

Kyrie S-95

Lord, have mercy upon us

Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system, set in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a B-flat. It contains three measures of music. The first measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The second measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The third measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes. The second staff also begins with a treble clef and a B-flat. It contains three measures of music. The first measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The second measure is marked 'Cantor or Choir' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The third measure is marked 'All' and contains a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note Bb4. The lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

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 First Lesson (*seated*)

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 “May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good.”

The Second Lesson (*11:15 only, seated*)

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Children are invited to follow the Crucifer into Nicolson Hall for Children’s Chapel.

Sequence Hymn 54

Savior of the nations, come

*Nun komm,
 der Heiden Heiland*

The Gospel (*all standing*)

Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Matthew Dumont-Machowski

*A period of silence follows the homily.
Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

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

(BCP, p. 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the The Anglican Church in Japan;
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray Susan, our bishop, and Mark, our bishop-elect, and all bishops, priests,
and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe, our president, Glenn, our governor and David, our mayor; and
for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Praying especially for Art and Lia, have compassion on those who suffer from any
grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering Elizabeth, and Daniel, Raymond, Kelly, Ashley, and Derick, victims
of the terrorist attack at Club Q in Colorado Springs, and the victims of the mass
shooting in Chesapeake; give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

(BCP, p. 360)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The people stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

“Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing” Johann Sebastian Bach
Veronica Kannan, violin (1685-1750)

During the offertory you are invited to make a gift to God’s mission at The Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.



Give Now Online

You may "Give Now" electronically in one of three ways (1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/form/give/now or (3) Texting TFCE to 73256 to give by text message.

Presentation Hymn 56 v2

O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*
*O come thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.*

Sursum Corda S-120

Lift up your hearts

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem S-161

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations (at 9:00 a.m.) or to the communion rail (at 11:15 a.m.) where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.

Hymn 617

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

Song 1

Hymn 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy

Postcommunion Prayer

(*EOW*, p.70)

The congregation stands.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Dismissal

(*BCP*, p. 366)

Gospeler

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Herr Christ, der einge Gottes-Sohn” Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 601 (1685-1750)

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Celebrant
The Rector

Preacher
The Rev'd Matthew Dumont-Machowski

Organist
Sonya Subbayya Sutton

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The Parish Prayer List
Immediate Needs
Art, Lia, the city and queer community of Colorado Springs
and the city of Chesapeake

For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit
Long Term Prayers
Howard, Joanna, Jonathan, Mark, Michael, Michele, Robert, Tom

Family and Friends
Anne, Chris, Cindy, Grace, Heather, Jason,
Judy, Kendall, Michael, Paul, Rob, Tyler

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For the Repose of the Soul of
Elizabeth Marshall Keys



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