

St. Paul's, Brunswick
Non-Traditional Eucharist
Sunday November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent

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We acknowledge that we stand on territory that was taken from the Abenaki people of the Wabanaki Confederacy, the people of the Dawnland. May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all companions in life. May we learn from our past sins and be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world. We ask for inspiration that we might be compelled to take action and support our native neighbors as they continue to seek their sovereignty here in Maine.



Opening Song: The Canticle of the Turning Song by Gary Daigle, Rory Cooney, and Theresa Donohoo Art: pixabay.com

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
 That the God of my heart is great
 And my spirit sings of the Wondrous things
 That you bring to the ones who wait
 You fixed your sight on your servant's plight
 And my weakness you did not spurn
 So from east to west shall my name be blest
 Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
 Let the fires of your justice burn
 Wipe away all tears for the dawn draws near
 And the world is about to turn!

Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 Work great things in me
 And your mercy will last from the Depths
 Of the past to the end of the age to be
 Your very name puts the proud to shame
 And to those who would for you yearn
 You will show your might



Put the strong to flight
For the world is about to turn

My heart shall sing of the day you bring
Let the fires of your justice burn
Wipe away all tears
For the dawn draws near
And the world is about to turn!

Celebrant: God is here!

Response: God is here!

Celebrant: Let us bless God!

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Celebrant: Glory to you, God, for ever!

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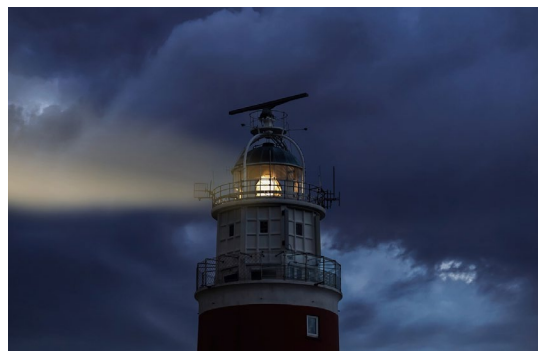
Celebrant: God be with you.

Response: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

Collect *assigned for the day* *Art:pixabay.com*

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.



First Reading, Isaiah 2:1-5 art: pixabay.com

Reader (*Lector*): A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

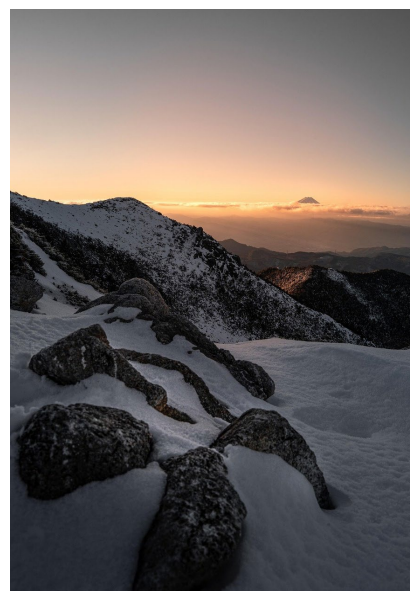
The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

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 (*Lector*): The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!



Song: O Come, O Come adapted

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 Thy people save and with us dwell
 Who watch in expectation here
 Until thy reign of love appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and
 with us dwell.



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.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to us and
 with us dwell.

Gospel Reading, Matthew 24:36-44 adapted from the NRSV Bible

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Celebrant: 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 Creator. 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.”



Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily / Sharing Time

Affirmation From Daily Prayers for All Seasons

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.



Prayers Let us pray for the life of the world...

For the things we are thankful for...

For our loved ones ...

For those who teach us...

For those who lead us...

For the sick and for those who do not have
enough...

For ourselves...



We gather our prayers and lift them up to God who knows and loves us.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Is there anything you did that you are sorry for? Silently think about it in your mind.

Celebrant: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have been unkind,
Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord God, we are sorry for the times we have forgotten you,
Christ have mercy.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord God, we ask you to forgive us, Lord have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Prayer For Forgiveness

Celebrant: Holy God, have mercy upon you, forgive you all your sins, and
bring you to eternal life.

ALL: Amen.

Special Blessings/ Prayers *(do you have a birthday/ anniversary/ something special you'd like us to pray for?)*

Watch over your children, God, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Bring them comfort when they are sad or sick, help them up if they fall, and bring your peace into their hearts. Amen.

Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you!

People: And also with you!

Announcements

Offertory Music *(the parade to bring up the elements while collection plate is passed)*

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God, in your goodness you are the Creator of all. You have brought into being the beauty of creation and our own humanity where we see your divine diversity and presence in every living thing. We give thanks for all of creation and know that you have always loved us and desired what is good for us. And so, you sent Jesus your Son to be one of us. He died to redeem us and all Creation. Jesus rose from the dead to give us new life and make the world new. That's why we shout out our praise! We shout with the throngs of angels, archangels and with all the heavenly host. We shout our praise together:

**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.**

We bring you bread and wine as our offering. Bless them with your Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus.

On the night of his last supper with his friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it apart, shared it with his friends, and said, "Take, eat. This bread is my Body which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they finished supper, he took the cup of wine. Jesus gave thanks to God and said to his friends, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood which is poured out for you. It is poured out for all to save you from your sins. Drink this to remember me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Gather us up by this bread and wine and make us the Body of Christ in faithful community. Make us new people in Christ's Spirit. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

The Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction (*break bread*)

Be known to us Jesus in the breaking of the bread. We are the communion of Christ's Body.

We share one bread together.

Invitation Holy Food for Holy People.

Administration of Sacrament The body of Christ, the Bread of Life!
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Communion Hymn: I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 1982, #490 v. 1,3 Art: pixabay.com

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.

God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In Him, there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.



Post Communion Prayer – Loving God, we are grateful for the love that we share in this community and in Your Holy Food. Send us into the world to listen to our neighbors with hearts of love, and to share the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

Blessing

May the blessing of God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit the Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. Amen!

Song: Arise, Shine from Music By Heart Art:
pexels.com

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
has dawned upon you.



Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the love and peace of Jesus to serve our neighbors!

People: Thanks be to God!