



“He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”

*Revelation 20:25*

**Third Sunday in Advent**

*December 11, 2022*



Welcome to Church of Our Savior. We are a part of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese of the Anglican Church in North America. We proudly uphold the traditional faith and values of our Anglican heritage, while seeking new ways to reach people with the transformational love of Jesus Christ.

We believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior over heaven and earth and that He has called those who follow Him to be His witnesses in the world. Those who put their faith in Him have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a new life, a resurrection life. We believe that because Jesus rose from the dead all people can experience the promise of abundant life through a personal relationship with Him.

The great Christian thinker C.S. Lewis once described the transformational power of walking through life with Jesus when he wrote:

**“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”**

It is our hope and prayer that as you join us you will know for yourself the unconditional love and grace of Our Savior Jesus Christ, in your own life.

The Rev. David Ball

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Welcome

*-The Congregation is invited to stand*

## Opening Hymn

### *Savior Of The Nations Come*

Savior of the nations come  
Virgin's Son make here Thy home  
Marvel now both heaven and earth  
That the Lord chose such a birth

Not by human flesh and blood  
By the Spirit of our God  
Was the Word of God made flesh  
Mary's offspring pure and fresh

Thou the Father's only Son  
Hast o'er sin the victory won  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be  
When shall we its glories see

Brightly doth Thy manger shine  
Glorious is its light divine  
Let not sin o'ercloud this light  
Ever be our faith thus bright

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## The Acclamation

**Celebrant:** Surely the Lord is coming soon.  
**People:** *Amen. Come Lord Jesus!*

## The Collect for Purity

*-The Celebrant and the People pray together*

***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.***

## The Summary of the Law

*-The Celebrant continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

***People: Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

## Praise Song

### ***Only A Holy God***

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice

Only a Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
Come and worship the Holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

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The One and the Only  
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Come and worship the Holy God*

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

*Come and behold Him  
The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy  
Forever a Holy God  
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## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:*** ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*-The Celebrant prays the Collect of the Day*

*-The congregation may be seated*

***-9am Service: Children age 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to “Splash Kids”.***

## **The Lessons**

### ***A Reading from Acts 6:1-7***

Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup> But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup> And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and

Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

*-All stand*

### ***The Gradual***

#### ***O Come O Come Emmanuel***

O come O come great Lord of might  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the law  
In cloud and majesty and awe

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

#### ***Gospel Lesson from Mark 10:42-45***

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

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

<sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Reader:       The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People:*       *Praise to you Lord Christ.*

## **The Gradual, *continued***

O come O Branch of Jesse's stem  
Unto your own and rescue them  
From depths of hell your people save  
And give them victory o'er the grave

*Rejoice rejoice Emmanuel*  
*Shall come to thee O Israel*

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*-The Congregation may be seated*

## **The Sermon**

*-All stand*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*-Officiant and People together*

**We believe** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

**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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Congregation may remain standing or be seated.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

The Reader Prays:

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Alex, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. We especially pray for the next generation of Christ followers. We ask you almighty God to use us as your faithful witnesses, as we seek to use the gifts you have given us to share with them your great love and mercy. Prepare our hearts and minds to that we may be to all people the sweet aroma of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*-The Congregation is invited to offer up their own prayers and petitions*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:  
**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

*-The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*-All pray together*

***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.***

*-Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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 Comfortable Words

*-The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.  
*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.  
*1 John 2:1-2*

## **The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People:*** *And with your spirit.*

*-The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord*

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## **Offering**

### **Ways to give on Sunday morning**

- Online at [church-savior.org/give](http://church-savior.org/give)
- Text offering amt to (904) 606-1165 & follow prompts
- Place offering in the basket as it is passed

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

*- The offerings are collected and the holy table is prepared.*

## Offertory

### *Holy Is His Name*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord  
And my spirit exalts in God my Savior  
For He has looked with mercy on my lowliness  
And my name will be forever exalted  
For the mighty God has done great things for me  
And His mercy will reach from age to age

*And holy holy  
Holy is His name*

*And holy holy  
Holy is His name*

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*-All Stand*

## The Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below,  
praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.*

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## The Great Thanksgiving

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And also with you.*

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

*- The Celebrant continues.*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*-The Celebrant may pray the proper preface.*

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

**People:** *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b.1937)*

*- The people are invited to stand, kneel or be seated.*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

*-The Celebrant begins*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under

his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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, Jesus 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 forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*-Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 forever.

***Amen.***

## The Lord's Prayer

*-The Celebrant then says*

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

*-Officiant 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.***

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

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

## The Ministration of Communion

*-Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

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.

*-The Celebrant will receive the Lord's Supper on behalf of those who are unable to receive themselves at this time.*

*-The Lord's Supper will be distributed as congregants come forward by row, when released by the usher.*



*-All who have made the decision to put their faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to come and receive this Holy Communion.*

*-Gluten Free wafers are available. Please ask the Celebrant.*

## **Communion Hymn**

### ***Hymn Of The Saviour***

From the chaos of darkness  
Your word shaped the earth  
In your image a people made  
But we traded perfection the truth for a lie  
And your glory was veiled in shame  
But a promise made a blessing you gave  
To a people of your name  
For this broken world a Saviour foretold  
To bear all our grief and pain

When the heavenly Saviour descended his throne  
All my sin on his shoulders laid  
And to win our redemption he suffered and died  
For the sake of my guilt and shame  
Oh the price he paid in taking my place  
So that death was overcome  
When the King of love burst forth from the grave  
Proclaiming the vict'r'y won

At the end of the ages the world passed away  
I will gaze on my Saviour's face  
When my heart is perfected and free from my sin  
I will rest in your glorious grace  
For the song we raise the works of our hands  
Are in service of the King  
When a thousand tongues cry glory to God  
Forever his praise we'll sing

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## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*-After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*-Celebrant and People together say the following*

***Heavenly Father,  
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 forever. Amen.***

## **The Blessing**

*-The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen***

## Closing Hymn

### *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (Nettleton)*

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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## Dismissal

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

## Musical Postlude

# CHURCH *of Our* SAVIOR

## **Clergy**

The Rev. David Ball, Senior Pastor  
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The Rev. Canon James McCaslin, Assisting Priest  
The Rev. Bruce Ford, Assisting Priest

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