

*A Service of Morning Prayer*

*January 16, 2022*

THE EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH OF THE ADVENT  
MEDFIELD, MA



# SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

January 16, 2022  
9.30am

Prelude *"Deep River"* — arr. Smith

Opening Hymn No. No. 7 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

## Opening Sentence

**Officiant:** From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

## Confession

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**Officiant:** Lord, open our lips.

**People:** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
ever. Amen.**

**All:** **Alleluia.**

### *The Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Psalm 36:5-10**

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, \*  
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like the great deep; \*  
you save both man and beast, O LORD.

7 How priceless is your love, O God! \*  
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; \*  
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

9 For with you is the well of life, \*  
and in your light we see light.

10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, \*  
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The First Reading**

**Isaiah 62:1-5**

**Lector:** A reading from the book of Isaiah.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the LORD delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 11 The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare*

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

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to you light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

*Continued..*

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### **The Second Reading**

**John 2:1-11**

**Officiant:** A reading from the Gospel of John.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**Officiant:** The Word of the Lord

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

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray

**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.

**Officiant:** Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**People:** And grant us your salvation.

**Officiant:** Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**People:** **Let your people sing with joy.**

**Officiant:** Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**People:** **For only in you can we live in safety.**

**Officiant:** Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**People:** **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

**Officiant:** Let your way be known upon earth;

**People:** **Your saving health among all nations.**

**Officiant:** Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**People:** **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

**Officiant:** Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**People:** **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**Officiant:** Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Sanctify, O Author of all healing, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing and to the prevention of disease and suffering. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified. We pray especially for those who have asked for our prayers: Bishop Alan, Donna Andrews, Karen Amour, Stan Baker, Linda Carlough, James D'Amato, Ellie Leis, Nancy Mailing, Lisa Medla, Eva Melzar, Mary Melzar, Gerylyn Melzar, Alex Simpson, Mary Ann Simpson, Chris Tahan, Scott Thayer, Leslie Vickers, and Allan Warren.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name

**People:** Amen.

The Office Hymn 135 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

The Homily

Jill Moon

### **The Offertory**

**Officiant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory Anthem

*"Musette"*

— Delalande/Wolff

Doxology Hymn No. 380 v.3

The Prayer of St. Chrysostom  
(*in unison*)

**Officiant:** Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

**People:** Amen.

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Officiant:** May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Recessional Hymn No. 423 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

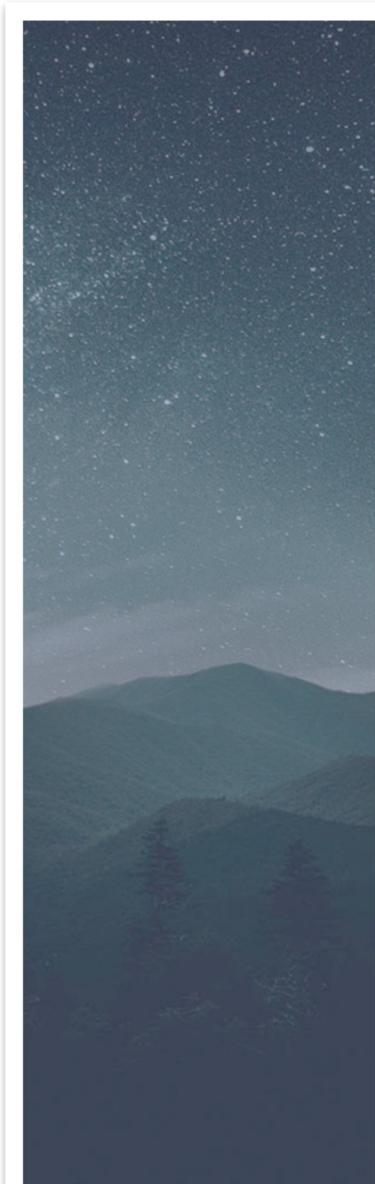
Postlude "Trumpet Tune" — Mouret/Wolff

*Officiant:*  
*Minister of Music:*  
*Lector:*  
*Altar Guild:*

Jill Moon  
Eric Bouwman-Wozencraft  
Theresa Melzar  
Donna Baker

PEACE   


## A Poem for Epiphany



*O God,  
who am I now?*

*Once, I was secure*

*in familiar territory  
in my sense of belonging*

*unquestioning of*

*the norms of my culture  
the assumptions built into my language  
the values shared by my society.*

*But now you have called me out and away from home  
and I do not know where you are leading.  
I am empty, unsure, uncomfortable.  
I have only a beckoning star to follow.*

*Journeying God,  
pitch your tent with mine  
so that I may not become deterred  
by hardship, strangeness, doubt.  
Show me the movement I must make*

*toward a wealth not dependent on possessions  
toward a wisdom not based on books  
toward a strength not bolstered by might  
toward a God not confined to heaven*

*but scandalously earthed, poor, unrecognized...*

*Help me find myself  
as I walk in others' shoes.*

Kate Compston, England, 1990  
From *Bread of Tomorrow: Prayers for the Church Year*



## The Power and Joy of Flowers

You may have noticed in the Sunday bulletin that the altar flowers are often given in honor of someone. Have you wondered how you too can donate flowers during the year – *not just at Christmas or Easter?*

The altar flowers can be given as a memorial to a loved one, in thanksgiving, or in celebration of a special event in your life.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to the right of the kitchen window listing every Sunday throughout the year. Simply print your name and the name of the person(s) being remembered (or the occasion), on the date you wish to have the flowers dedicated.

A suggested contribution of \$40 is requested the week prior to the date selected to cover the cost of the flowers. (The Flower Guild budget is very limited; this is a wonderful way to give thanks and to beautify the church to the glory of God.)

You may also request particular colors or flowers which have special significance and the Flower Guild will do its best to accommodate your wish.

The altar flowers are arranged on Saturday mornings in preparation of the Sunday display. The only time when no flowers are used is during Lent, although if you have an occasion of special significance you wish to honor with flowers, an arrangement can be made for the Narthex. On Monday mornings the altar flowers are re-arranged into smaller individual vases and delivered to shut-ins or others in the parish family as an expression of thanks, to welcome a new family or the newly baptized.



### Tabernacle Light

The tabernacle light, presence light, or sanctuary lamp, holds a candle and is attached to the wall or ceiling near the place where sacrament is reserved. Our tabernacle light was a gift to the parish by Ellen Cole in honor of her late husband David. It was memorialized in a special Eucharist in 2014.

The candle that it holds is kept continually burning anytime sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle as a sign of Christ's presence. A single candle burns all week long and is replaced every Sunday morning. It is a long tradition of the church to have such candles burn as a memorial for a loved one similar to the way that flowers are offered. We have a suggested donation of \$20 dollars.



### How to signup for the Tabernacle light during virtual worship:

If you desire to dedicate the light to a loved one or in thanksgiving for a special occasion, please do the following:

**Email:** millydowning@gmail.com *and include the requested date and name of the person.*

You are encouraged to reserve a date(s) in 2022 as early as possible. Thank you.

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The Church of the Advent is part of the Neponset River Deanery of the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. Christen Mills, Epiphany Church in Walpole is the Dean of our section of the diocese.

**We Welcome Visitors and Newcomers**

If you are interested in finding out more about The Church of the Advent or added to the mailing list, please fill out the *Welcome Card* located in the pews and drop it in the collection plate, give it to an usher, or you may call the church office at 508.359.6303. Thank you.

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