

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Hymns

57
613
542
68

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 LESSONS

The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

A Reading from the Book of 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 anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122



- 1 *I was glad when the / **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 Je/**rusalem**: *
“May they pros/per who **love** you.
- 7 Peace be with/**in** your walls *
and quietness with/in your **towers**.
- 8 For my brethren and com/**panions**’ 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: Romans 13:11-14

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 23:33-43

All stand, as they are able.

The ✠ Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

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.”

The Gospel of our Savior.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TODAY'S MUSIC

Opening Hymn No. 57	<i>Helmsley</i>
Gospel Hymn No. 613	<i>St. Cecelia</i>
Anthem: <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Ian Higginson
Offertory Hymn No. 542	<i>St. Joan</i>
Motet: <i>Ave Verum Corpus</i>	Stephanie Martin
Closing Hymn No. 68	<i>Llangloffan</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More Than Enough is the theme of our Annual Giving Campaign. Please prayerfully consider how you may support the ministry of St. Thomas through your gifts of works, wisdom and wealth. Additional pledge packets are available in the parish office. Pledge cards will be dedicated at the altar on today. **Our Pledge goal for 2023 is \$210,000 and \$198, 445.61 is currently pledged.**

Reminders TODAY:

- St. Mary's Cookie Sale following service in the parish hall.
- Children and Youth Evening Worship with Holy Eucharist 5 p.m.

Reminders THIS WEEK:

- Friday: Feast of St. Andrew (tr.) Eucharist 12 noon

Next Sunday we will celebrate December birthdays and anniversaries.

December Sundays:

December 11: After our 10a.m. Eucharist, which is Fr. Brian's 14th anniversary with us, we will celebrate him and the ministry he has helped us achieve with a catered luncheon.

December 18:

- **The Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.:** Bishop Singh will be here to preside.

- **Lessons & Carols:**, afterwards, we will host a celebration where community members will be invited to say their good-byes to Fr. Brian at a catered early evening open house.

December 25, Christmas Day: Fr. Brian will celebrate his last Holy Eucharist with us.

Large print copies of the recent RenewalWorks presentation are available in the parish office.

Saturday Breakfast Program St. Thomas volunteers are needed for our week to serve on Saturday, December 10. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the parish office.

The **Audio-Visual Tech Team** welcomes new team members! Come be part of this fun, behind-the-scenes ministry to help get St. Thomas's message out to the world. Training is provided! Please contact Alexis Stark with question stark.alexis@gmail.com

If you have a supply of communion cups gathering dust at home, please return them to the church.

Next Sunday's Lessons: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

For a listing of the coming week's activities see the yellow sheet in the hallway or check out our website at: www.StThomasBC.org

SERVING THIS WEEK:

10:00 a.m.

Presider:	The Rev. Brian Coleman
Deacon:	The Rev. Trish Harris
Sub-Deacon:	Hans Prechtel
Lector:	Barb Hibiske
Intercessor:	Mark & Sharon Engle
Crucifer:	Jodi Nickerson
Chalice:	Kyle Lendel & Kathy Dingwall
Altar Chapter:	Noreen Sidnam & Heather Wiley
Ushers:	Judy Gray, Lori Kiess & Tom Kiess
Greeter:	Monica Gray
A/V Tech:	Laurel Stravers
Vestry Liaison:	Barb Hibiske

5:00 p.m.

Officiant:	The Rev. Brian Coleman
Lector:	Elizabeth Neumeyer