

ADVENT



SUNDAY WORSHIP BOOKLET

8 AM AND 10 AM



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

36 GOULD STREET, VERONA, NEW JERSEY

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WELCOME: A special greeting to all newcomers and visitors! If you would like, help us to know you better by filling out the **Welcome Card** found in your pew and placing it in the offering plate, and join us in worship with song and prayer.

OPEN: Please make yourself at home in God's house and participate in the service as you feel most comfortable. *The Hymnal 1982*, our major source of music, is the blue book (or light red book in the Chapel) located in front of the pew along with other hymnals that will be announced when used. Also in the rack is The Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), which is the smaller red book. It is a treasure chest of information, be sure to open it and take a look.

INCLUSIVE: All who **seek God** and are **drawn to Jesus Christ** are **welcome to receive the bread and wine and be in communion with God and each other.** You may stand or kneel at the altar rail during **Communion.** Please help the minister serve you from the chalice by gently guiding the cup to your lips with two fingers at its base, unless otherwise indicated, intinction is not being offered at this time. **Gluten-free wafers** (and sometimes **grape juice**) are available upon request. If you would rather not receive the Sacrament but would like a blessing, come to the altar rail during Communion and cross your arms on your chest.

ADVENT AT HOLY SPIRIT - *Seek the light of Jesus Christ as you prepare the way!*
Watch for Greening of the Church/Potluck & our Christmas Pageant dates.

Sunday Worship Services: 8 am & 10 am

Once a month we offer a Children's Interactive Eucharist at 10 am; see website for dates.

Please visit holyspiritverona.org for further information.

Hospitality

If you have any questions about where to find things, please ask one of the Ushers, who will be glad to help. **Restrooms** can be found by going through the Fellowship Hall and Church Office, or on the lower level.

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Prelude

Processional Hymn

hymnal and hymn number will be announced or see hymn board

Please stand as you are able.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

In prayerful silence.

Opening Acclamation

(Enriching Our Worship 1, p.50)

Celebrant

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them 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.**

Hymn of Praise: *The Gloria*

1982 Hymnal, S280

At the 8am Service, the following is recited:

(Book of Common Prayer, p.356)

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation

(Book of Common Prayer, p.357)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Scripture Insert

The Collect and Scripture readings for today can be found on the white insert.

The Ministry of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Lesson

Scripture Insert

Psalm

Scripture Insert

The lector will read the verses of the Psalm.

Please join in singing the refrain between verses, as indicated on the Scripture Insert.



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;



tru - ly my hope is in you.

The Second Lesson

Scripture Insert

Sequence Hymn

"Prepare Ye the Way of The Lord" from Godspell, by Stephen Schwartz

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Scripture Insert

Sermon

A period of silence will follow the sermon.

You Are God *Te Deum Laudamus*

(Book of Common Prayer, p.95)

Please stand as you are able.

All

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praises you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praises you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praises you.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Sundays and Seasons, p.31-32)

Leader

Walking in the light of the coming Savior, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who await God's justice.

Silence.

Like a potter working clay, shape and mold our church leaders into vessels fit to serve your people and the world according to your purpose. Hear us, O God.

People

Your mercy is great.

Leader Awaken us to the majesty and beauty of your creation -- sun, moon, stars, and all living things -- and teach us to be good stewards of these gifts. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Stir up your might and bring justice to all lands. Where there is war, bring peace; where there is ethnic strife, bring reconciliation; where there is hunger, provide food; and where there is oppression, bring freedom. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Give ear and hear the cries of all in need: those who mourn, those without hope, those who live in fear, those who are sick, and those who have died. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

Leader Guide us as a shepherd throughout this Advent season; turn us away from the temptation of consumerism and lead us to see and respond to the needs of those in our community. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

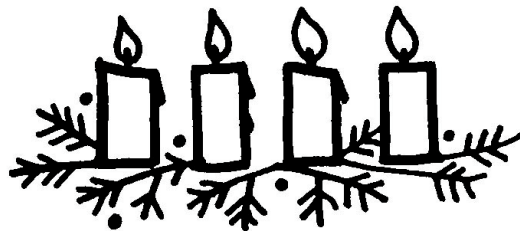
Leader Sustain us by your grace, just as you sustained the saints who called on your name and whose lives give witness to you. Hear us, O God.

People **Your mercy is great.**

The congregation will be invited to offer prayers of concern and/or thanksgiving, either aloud or silently.

Celebrant Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

People **Amen.**



Confession of Sin

(Book of Common Prayer, p.360)

Please kneel or remain standing.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements and Blessings

Offertory Hymn

hymnal and hymn number will be announced or see hymn board

The usher will bring the bread and wine forward, and the collection will then be taken.

We thank you for the support of our ministries. You may do so by:

- *placing your offering into the collection plate,*
- *donating online at holyspiritverona.org, select “electronic giving,”*
- *using the QR Code to the right, or*
- *via Venmo Holy Spirit Verona @Jerry-Racioppi-2 [6663] (make sure your payment setting is “private”).*



The Holy Communion

Doxology

(1982 Hymnal, #380, verse 3)

Please stand as you are able.

3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

(*Enriching Our Worship 1, Eucharistic Prayer 3*)

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

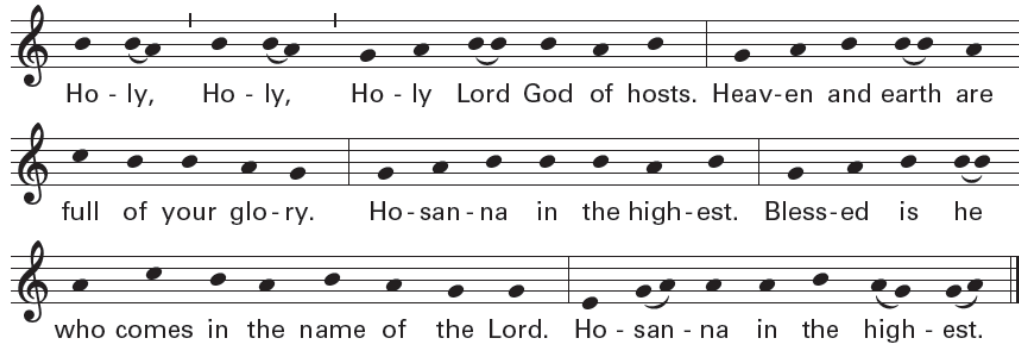
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy and sing/say:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en 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.

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At the 8am Service, the following is recited:

**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.**

Please kneel or remain standing.

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

All **“Take, eat: This is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Celebrant After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:

All **“Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”**

Celebrant And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine [and grape juice] that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

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

All **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

(Enriching Our Worship 1, p.69)

The bread is broken in silence.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Fraction Anthem

sung by all; recited at 8am

All **Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant 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.

All are invited to receive the Bread and Wine (in silver chalice) or to request a blessing. Gluten free wafers [and sometimes grape juice (in glass chalice)] are available upon request. You may drink from the chalice; unless otherwise indicated, intinction (dipping) is not being offered at this time.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion but are unable to come forward, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you at your seat.

Communion Hymn(s)

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hymnal and hymn number will be announced or see hymn

Please be seated. At the 8am Service, a period of silence will follow the distribution of Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

(Enriching Our Worship 1, p.69)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

(Enriching Our Worship 1, p.71)

Please stand as you are able.

(source: from Saint Clare)

Celebrant Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) be with you always.

All Amen.

Recessional Hymn

hymnal and hymn number will be announced or see hymn board

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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Our Mission: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit joyfully explores and shares our faith, serves others, and welcomes all.

Our Vision: Our vision is to be a vibrant congregation known for our commitment to supporting one another, deepening our faith, and doing God's work in the world.