

**December 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**10:30 AM**



***Mission:** A caring presence in the heart of the Aspen Hill Community*

***Stewardship theme:** All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. – 1 Chronicles 29:14*

**St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church  
Wheaton Parish**

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*Music Minister: Egerton M. Peters-John*

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*Welcome, everyone, to St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church. Today First Sunday of Advent. We are so glad you have chosen to join us here online and in person as we worship the Lord together. Please join us in worship by following the liturgy in the bulletin.*

The Word of God

**Entrance Rite**

**PRELUDE:** Pastoral Symphony

G.F. Handle

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** H-57, Lo! He comes with Clouds Descending

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)**

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

**December 1. Advent week 1** – Hope: Prophecy Candle (blue) *SMM Women Fellowship will light the candle and offer a prayer*

**Prayer for Lighting the First Candle - Hope:** “Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ’s coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

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.*

**SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 356):** S-96 (*Schubert/Proulx*)

*The following is sung, all standing*

*Lord, have mercy*

*Christ, have mercy*

*Lord, have mercy*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.*

## **Children's Prayer Time and Recession**

### **The Lessons**

#### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

#### **PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9**

*Read Responsively by half verse*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*

**let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

**and teach me your paths.**

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

**for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*

**for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN: L -189 Great is Thy Faithfulness**                      William M. Runyan

*Sing the first two stanzas and refrain*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36**

*Priest*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as

they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Priest            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sing the last stanza and refrain*

**THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)    The Reverend Carolyne Adhola**

**THE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from 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.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III (BCP p. 387)**

*All may remain standing, sit or kneel as they are able*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, [elders & pastors], and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence.*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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 (BCP p. 360)**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcoming Guests and Announcements

The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** H-248, To the name of our salvation    Oriel

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 368)**

*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 him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 370)**

*(People respond with the words in bold)*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

***By your will they were created and have their being.***

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS: S-130 *sung by all*** (Schubert/Proulx)

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 372)**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father 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 forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**FRACTION ANTHEM: S-164 Jesus, Lamb of God have mercy upon us (sung by all) Schubert/Proulx**

**INVITATION (BCP p. 364)**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)**

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

**COMMUNION HYMN:** L-106, Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus            William J.  
Kirkpatrick

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,**

**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**

**BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep your heart and mind 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 upon you and  
remain with you for ever.

People:    *Amen.*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** L-14 Soon and Very Soon

Andrae Crouch

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

Celebrant        Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE:** Wake, Wake for Night is Flying

J S. Bach

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### **Upcoming Events**

1. Stewardship Testimonies Continue
2. December 1. Advent week 1 – Hope: Prophecy Candle (blue) *SMM Women Fellowship*
3. December 8. Advent week 2 – Peace: Bethlehem Candle (blue) *SMM Men Fellowship*
4. December 15. Advent week 3 – Joy: Shepherd's Candle (pink) *SMM Children Ministry*
5. December 22. Advent week 4 – Love: Angel's Candle (blue) *SMM Young Adults*
6. December 22, Song Presentation by the Children
7. December 24. Christmas Eve, All Are Welcome at 5pm In-person and Online
8. December 25. Christmas Day, All Are Welcome at 10am, In-Person ONLY
9. December 31. Watch Night Service, All Are Welcome at 11pm, In-person and Online

### **St. Mary Magdalene Vestry Leadership 2024-2026**

- Nora Wellington – Senior Warden
- Marion Marshall – Junior Warden
- Johanne Saintime – Secretary
- Michele Glidden – Treasurer
- Dawn Bowen – Buildings

- Bruce Rudd – Christian Formation/Education
- Pearl Peters – Fellowship
- Bertha Bright-Mark – Grounds and Maintenance
- Peaches Andrews – Stewardship
- Eugenia Palmer – Outreach
- James Modrick – IT and Communication

*The Fellowship Team would like to welcome **EVERYONE** for coffee hour after the service in the undercroft. **Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!***

