

THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 1, 2019



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

*To all who are spiritually weary and desire rest,
To all who are mourning and long for comfort,
To all who struggle and desire victory;
To all who sin and need a Savior,
To all who are strangers and want a home;
To all who are hungry and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come,
This church opens her doors
And offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

WELCOME

THE PROCESSIONAL

THE ACCLAMATION

Surely the Lord is coming soon.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Please kneel or be seated

THE DECALOGUE

God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God.
You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Honor your father and your mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
You shall not murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.
You shall not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**THE DECALOGUE
(cont'd.)**

You shall not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

You shall not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.

**THE CONFESSION AND
ABSOLUTION**

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God, first in silence and then aloud together.

Silence

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, 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.**

Please stand.

**THE COMFORTABLE
WORDS**

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

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**LESSONS FOR THE
CHILDREN**

**THE COLLECT FOR
CHILDREN**

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Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children. Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children 3-11 may attend Children's Chapel downstairs and return at the Peace.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

God brings us good news through the public reading of his Holy Word and its further exposition in biblical preaching. As a people defined by God's Word, we respond in corporate prayer, confession of faith, and a demonstration of our reconciliation with one another in passing the peace of Christ.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.** 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 forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

After the lesson is read:

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

THE PSALM

After the psalm is read:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

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THE GOSPEL LESSON

Before the lesson is read:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. .

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

After the lesson is read:

The Gospel of the Lord!

Praise to you, Lord Christ!

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

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-begotten 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 PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE OFFERTORY

Before the offering:

Ascribe unto the LORD the honor due his unto his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. *Ephesians 5:2*

Online giving is available at: www.egive-USA.com Search for "Church Of The Resurrection".

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

THE PRAYER OF
HUMBLE ACCESS
(cont'd)

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

THE SANCTUS

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.

THE PRAYER OF
CONSECRATION

THE PROCLAMATION
OF FAITH

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

THE FRACTION

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

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; **grant us your peace.**

THE MINISTRY OF
COMMUNION

THE POST
COMMUNION PRAYER

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 for ever. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

God blesses his people and sends them out into all the world on a mission, to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and to serve as ambassadors of his kingdom.

THE BLESSING

From the Anglican Church of Kenya

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ!**

All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

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.**

THE RECESSIONAL

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!