

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020, AT 10:00 AM
THE HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE 2

AT THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

AN ADVENT PRELUDE

Charles Callaban

HYMN 56

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Veni, veni Emmanuel

ACCLAMATION

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

READING

Today we light the Candle of Hope as we wait and watch and hope for the signs of Christ coming into the world.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to be the Light of the World. Help us remember we are your Children of Light and that you travel with us as we begin this and every journey. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE LIGHT ONE CANDLE TO WATCH FOR MESSIAH

Wayne Wold

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.

From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Psalm Antiphon: Lord, make us turn to you and let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the
cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Psalm Antiphon: Lord, make us turn to you and let us see your face and we shall be saved.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for
in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ

has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE *Stand*

Verse: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

GOSPEL *Stand*

Mark 13:24-37

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with
great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels,
and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of
the earth to the ends of heaven.

things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the
angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware,
keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home
and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore,
keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the
house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at
cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when
he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Meg Ingalls

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Form VI*

The Leader bids the prayers of the congregation for the world, the mission of the church, and for those individuals who have asked for or need our prayers.

The Leader and People pray responsively

Priest: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Priest: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Priest: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Priest: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Priest: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Priest: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Priest: For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;

People: **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Priest: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Priest: Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Priest: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

Priest: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Priest: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Priest: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Priest: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the absolution:

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Priest: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Please greet each other with an eye smile, a nod, or a Namaste (palms together). Please DO NOT shake hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN 454

JESUS CAME, ADORED BY ANGELS

Lowry

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 124

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD

David Hurd

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer C, in the midst of which the congregation responds as follows:

...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.

The Celebrant continues, concluding the Eucharistic Prayer with:

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

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI S 161

LAMB OF GOD

David Hurd

Priest: 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

August Maekelberghe

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Stand as you are able*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously
accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior
Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the
Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us
strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness
and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN 57

LO! HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

Helmsley

DISMISSAL

People respond **Thanks be to God.**

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