



November 28th, 2021 • Online
The First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN (10:30 ONLY)

❖ *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* Hymnal 66

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE (sung at 10:30 only)

❖ *Trisagion*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #102 The Holy Eucharist, Holy God: *Trisagion*

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

FIRST READING JEREMIAH 33:14-16

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. 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. 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."

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

1 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.

2 **Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.

4 **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.**

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 **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.**

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 **He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

SECOND READING

THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

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

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. 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. 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.

MUSIC AT THE GOSPEL (sung at 10:30 only)

❖ *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

Hymnal 56 v1

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom

Captive Israel . that mourns in lonely exile

Here until the Son of God appear

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:25-36

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

❖ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

❖ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dcn. Jim Atkins

NICENE CREED *Please Stand*

❖ 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. 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, 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon: We live in a time of distress among nations, faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world: Hear the prayers of your people as we stand up and raise our heads because our redemption is drawing near. Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Litanist: To you, O Gracious One, we lift up our souls: Restore whatever is lacking in our faith, that your Church may increase and abound in love for one another and for all, alert at all times to see the Son of Man coming with power and great glory.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Cast away the works of darkness among the leaders of the world and cover them with the armor of light: Come quickly and let your righteous Branch spring up to execute justice and righteousness in all the earth, so that the treacherous may be disappointed in their schemes, and every person may live in safety.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Night and day the suffering people of the earth pray most earnestly: Though the powers of the heavens may be shaken, let none who look to you be put to shame; fulfill the promise you have made on behalf of everyone who suffers throughout the world.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Show us your ways, O God, and teach us your paths in this community: Remember not the sins of our youth and our transgressions, but do remember us according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, that we may guide the humble in doing right and teach your ways to the lowly.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Hear our prayers for those for whom we offer our intercessions, especially ____.

We thank you for your grace and presence at work among us, and especially for ____.

Come in your glory, O Christ, and take to yourself those who have died, that they may rise to the life immortal, especially ____.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

Celebrant: Holy and Eternal One, as we see the foreboding signs in our times, may we know that your reign is near: Guard our hearts so they may not be weighed down with the worries of this life, but strengthened in holiness, that we may be blameless before our God at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints, in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Deacon: Let us confess to God our sins against our neighbor.

Presider and People:

**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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

❖ **O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journey of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WELCOME VISITORS

We are honored by your presence. Please fill out the "Welcome, Guests!" card, and place it in the offering plate where you signed in. Following the service, please join us on the front lawn for conversation and fellowship. We look forward to getting to know you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION**OFFERTORY SENTENCE****OFFERTORY**

Zion hears the watchmen singing

Johann Gottfried Walther

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing;
she wakes, she rises from her gloom,
for her Lord comes down all-glorious,
the strong in grace, in truth victorious;
her Star is risen, her Light is come!
Ah, come, thou blessed One,
God's own beloved Son!

Alleluia! We follow 'til the halls we see
Where thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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 God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say/sing (10:30) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord (Sanctus) St. James Advent Service
arr. Richard Shephard

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r of po-wer and might.
Hea-ven and Earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in - the high - est.
Blessed is the one, the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

...All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

❖ **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 FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

❖ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

COMMUNION

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request

COMMUNION MUSIC

Once he came in a blessing

Hymnal 53

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand* BCP 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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God strengthen your hearts and raise your heads in the midst of distress and confusion to free you from all worry and alert you to God's coming.

May Christ make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, that you may be blameless at the coming of Jesus.

May your hearts rest in the Holy Spirit's compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

And the blessing of our wonderful God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *(10:30 only) Please stand*

❖ *Lo! He come, with clouds descending*

Hymnal 57

THE DISMISSAL

❖ Let us go forth to bless and serve God's world. Alleluia. Alleluia.

❖ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Helmsely

Kyle Osborne

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1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
 2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
 3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
 4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.

came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
 from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us;
 but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;

bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
 not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
 he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
 let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

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