



First Sunday of Advent
Service of the Word, Rite II, Year B
November 29, 2020

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!

Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

Everything you will need for this service is contained in this bulletin.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Watchman Tell Us”
(Aberystwyth)

Paul Lindsley Thomas

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant “The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light;
those who live in a land of deep shadows, on them a light has shined.”
(*Isaiah 9:2*)

Almighty God, grant that the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, may
so light our whole lives that we need never again walk in darkness.

People **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

TRISAGION

(Hurd)

Hymnal S-100

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

(Veni Emmanuel) cantor

St. Martin's Psalter

- 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..

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL FANFARE

“O Heiland, Reiss die Himmel auf”
organ

Helmut Walcha

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

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

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

STEWARDSHIP: 14 DAYS OF GRATITUDE

THE NICENE CREED

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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

As we await the coming of Christ, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying *Come, Lord Jesus*.

For all the peoples of the world; that they may know you as the God of peace, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For the Church, your household and family; remembering all the baptized who bear the name of Christ, that we may be firm in the confession of our hope, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For those who lead and serve your holy people, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Carlye, our Bishop, and Susan and Asa our priests, that their lives may proclaim your glory, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For all the nations of the world, for leaders and governments, remembering especially Donald, our president, Joseph, our president-elect, Philip, our governor, and Robert, our Mayor, our congress and our judges, that integrity may mark all their dealings, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For those who live without adequate food or shelter. For all who labor for righteousness; remembering especially those who defend the cause of the poor, that your presence and help would give them courage, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For those who labor without rest, and those who long for meaningful work. For the unemployed and the underemployed, that all your people would find fulfilment in their vocations, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus

For communities torn by dissension and strife; that your forgiveness may bring them healing, and for people in harm's way because of violence or natural disaster, that by your mighty power all would know safety, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For the anxious and the bereaved. For those who struggle with addiction, and those who find this time of year lonely or painful, that your consolation and peace would surround them, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For the sick and the suffering, and those who have asked for our prayers, remembering especially those we name silently our aloud, (pause) ... that they would know the healing and comfort you desire for all people, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus

For those who are separated from us by death, remembering especially those we name silently our aloud; and those whose absence weighs upon us especially in this season, that they might live forever in your kingdom which is unshakeable, we pray to you, O Lord.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holding fast to your steadfast presence, and trusting in your promises, we pray, with John the Baptist, who called your people to conversion, and the Blessed Virgin Mary, who boldly carried our Savior into the world, through Jesus Christ, who, with the Father and the Holy Sprit is glorified to the ages of ages. **AMEN.**

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Advent Message”

Martin How

cantor

Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 BLESSING

The Celebrant invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond Amen.

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Lo He Comes With Clouds Descending" Charles Callahan
(Helmsley)
cantor



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