



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

Prelude

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER & OFFERING OF CONFESSION

P: Silently and gently
Falling and failing
Changing and resting
Seeking you, Lord...

We watch
We wait
We dream
we pray...

For the earth to renew
for our hearts to soften
for your grace to cover us

For your justice to pour out
For time and space to listen
For courage to act

On the edge of Advent,
We sit with you...
We pause...
We hurt...
We repent...
We rage...

When will it be?

C: Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

(Silence for Reflection)

C: Almighty God, we offer to you all that we have taken up this last year that has obscured our view of you, and all that we have carried that keeps us from seeing your love for others. Our sins, those we know and those we don't, things we have done or left undone, have brought harm to others and to ourselves. Though we do not deserve your grace, you give it. Through your entrance, our worth and the worth of all your creation marred by sin is renewed, for you come to us to enrich us in every way.

GIFT OF ABSOLUTION

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus was given to die for us and forgive us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Have hope in the faithfulness of His fellowship with you.

C: Amen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

P: We greet one another in the peace of the Lord.

You are welcome to greet each other as forgiven brothers and sisters in Jesus, in your homes and in our chat, or send a text to someone you know sharing the peace of Jesus is for them.

READINGS

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1–9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.

⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.

But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?

⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,

and like the wind our sins sweep us away.

⁷No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.

⁸Yet you, Lord, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Do not be angry beyond measure, Lord;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: The Holy Gospel according St. Mark, the 11TH Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

A: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Song: Even So Come

SERMON

P: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

PRAYERS

A: Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: In gracious hope, we pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Hymn: O Come To The Altar

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