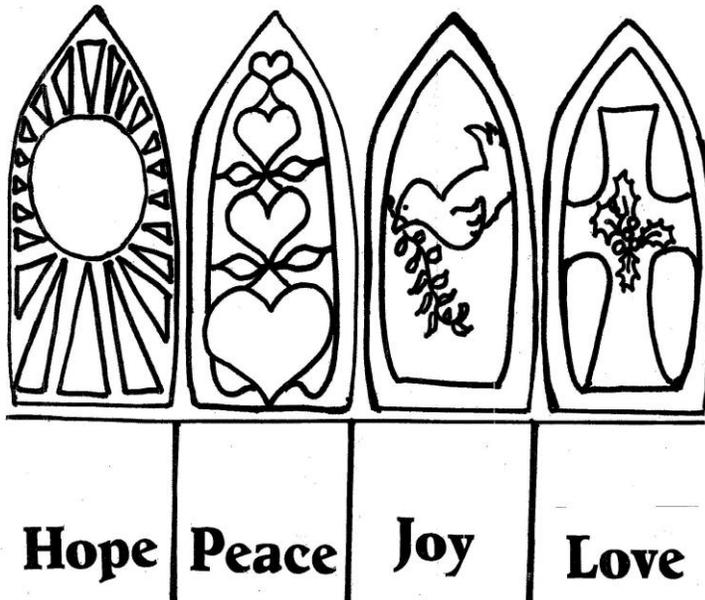


Advent



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

Opening Hymn Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

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- 1 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending,
 once for our salvation slain;
 thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:
 Alleluia!
 Christ the Lord returns to reign.

- 2 Every eye shall now behold him,
 robed in dreadful majesty;
 those who set at nought and sold him,
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
 deeply wailing,
 shall the true Messiah see.

- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
 still his dazzling body bears,
 cause of endless exultation
 to his ransomed worshipers;
 with what rapture
 gaze we on those glorious scars!

- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
 high on thine eternal throne;
 Savior, take the power and glory;
 claim the kingdom for thine own:
 Alleluia!
 Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen**

Celebrant May God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**^[1]_[SEP]
Celebrant Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace that we may castaway the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80

- 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 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 Lesson 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.

At the conclusion of the reading:

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these 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.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel:

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Beth Sherman

The Nicene Creed

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

Reader: Let us be filled with the Holy Spirit and pray for the common good of the whole human family. *In the pause after each bidding, add your own prayers either silently or aloud.*

O come, Emmanuel, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit as we pray for the good of the creation and the whole human family. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Lusitanian Church. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the people of the diocese.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, guide people of faith to proclaim by word and deed the presence of your love.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, thou Lord of light, who has shown us that through love you choose the way of apparent weakness to draw humankind to your way, guide us in the paths of justice and peace.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree. Bless all whose lives are closely linked to ours, that we may be images of your love to one another.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, thou Key of David, inspire us to minister in our communities, as we are gifted and able to bring comfort and assistance to reveal the power of your compassion and mercy.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, to heal, guide, and comfort all who suffer from illness or, distress remembering today_____

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

O come, Emmanuel, in whose embrace we commend those who have gone ahead of us to rest in your love, remembering _____

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

Reader: We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays : Rachel Prince Messier, Tony Viano, Amanda Moss, Lucia Jacobson, Gwen Audette, Jack Brown and Joel Brown.

Silence

Reader: For this we pray.

People: **Holy Spirit, guide our prayer.**

Together:

Lord make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Additional Collects

The Vicar

Celebrant **Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Creator of the stars of night

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- 1 Creator of the stars of night,
 your people's everlasting light,
 O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
 we pray you hear us when we call.

- 2 In sorrow that the ancient curse
 should doom to death a universe,
 you came, O Savior, to set free
 your own in glorious liberty.

- 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
you came; but not in splendor bright,
not as a monarch, but the child
of Mary, blameless mother mild.
- 4 At your great Name, O Jesus, now
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord,
like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

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