

Liturgy of the Word, Rite One
(A Service of Ante-Communion)



First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

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

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

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie for Advent

Steffey

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Prayer of the Day

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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.**

First Reading: 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, r 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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

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

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.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Sleepers Wake!

Hymn 61

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

Suzanne Hood, Seminarian

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.**

Prayers of the People

Reader 1: As we await the coming of Jesus, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation. (A brief silence)

Life-giving God, equip thy church to share the good news of thy Son our savior. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Lusitanian Church and its Bishop, The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the parishes of St. Bartholomew and St. John's in Richmond. We pray for our Bishops, clergy and people. Put your word within us that we might go forth to proclaim and live thy love in the world. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 2: Sustain thy creation, holy God. Give us wisdom and compassion to care for all that thou have created. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 3: Grow peace within us, abundant God. Raise up leaders in every community grounded in thy justice and mercy. We pray for Donald, our President and Ralph our Governor, and all in authority, that they may promote the dignity and well-being of all people. Grant them wisdom and compassion to serve as thou would have them serve. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 4: Comfort all who hurt, life-giving God. Fill the hungry with good things. Lift up the lowly. Accompany the refugee. Console the lonely and those who live with depression, grief or heartache this time of year. Be present with those stricken with COVID-19, their families and healthcare workers, and all who are afraid. Tend the caregivers and heal the sick, especially **Carol, Jeffery, John, Paula, Lisa, Chuck, Naomi, Billy, Connie, Cynthia, Jackson, Lonnie, Hilda, Stephan, Mark, Rob, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, and Bob**. Send us in haste to share thy love with them. Hear us, O God.

Thy mercy is great

Reader 5: Increase our joy, wondrous God. Open our hearts that we might make ready to receive thy gift of the Christ child coming among us. Hear us, O God

Thy mercy is great.

Reader 6: We thank thee, gracious God, for the blessings of this life We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially: **Doris Trussell, Stephanie Bianco, Robin Michals, Sarah Biggs, Chelsea Marcelin, Glenna Martins, Juliet Donovan** and those celebrating anniversaries; especially... **Roland and Victoria Fabia, Bob and Wildred Elcan** Are there others?
Hear us. O God

Thy mercy is great

Reader 7: In thanksgiving, we remember all who have died and now rest in thy glory, remembering especially: **Joe Fiedler**. Let us also pray for those who have given their lives in service to our country... We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known unto thou alone.

Eternal God, into thy hands we commend them.

Concluding Collect

Receive our prayers, faithful God, as we watch and wait for thy coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant & People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have

mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.***

Dismissal

Celebrant: Our worship has ended; our service to the world begins.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude



November 29, 2020 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour

Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

Advent Adult Forum Sunday at Noon - Exploring the Stories of Jesus' Conception and Birth -- Begins today Sunday Nov. 29th at Noon

Working remotely

As the impact of the coronavirus continues to increase; and in keeping with recommended best practices - the office will be working remotely for the near-term. The best way to contact us is through email at spwmain@gmail.com We will continue to monitor voicemail. Our [website](#) will have the most up to date information.

Angel Tree – Collection of gift cards for those in need this season. **Now thru December 11th** . See E-news or Sign up Genius email

Stewardship: Ingathering Sunday is December 13th! We'll bless and celebrate the gifts of our lives offered for God's work in the world. Please fill out and return your pledge card or pledge Online (stpetersinthewoods.org- Giving tab).

Thursday Morning Formation on December 3rd @ 8 AM

Our next Thursday @ 8 am series will begin with a discussion of Living Buddha, Living Christ, by *Thich Nhat Hanh*. We'll discuss the intro and first two chapters for December 3rd.

****Praying in Community by Phone**** Anchored in Christ through prayer, please join Rev. Guimond and Rev. Susan for a new, weekly teleconference to pray our weekly prayers of the people together every Tuesday Morning for 12 minutes of Prayer from 9:00 am to 9:12 am. Please dial this number: 971-224-6601 And the access code is: 662648

Blue Christmas Service - December 6th @ 7:30

Carols and Compline with the choir - December 17th

Lessons and Carols - December 20th @ 10 AM

Outdoor Christmas Eve Service - December 24th @ 4:30 PM

Christmas Day Online Prayer Service - December 25th @ 10 AM

Diocesan Wide Worship – Lessons and Carols – December 27th