

The First Sunday of Advent:

November 29, 2020

10:00 am



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Trinity Church, Swarthmore

WELCOME! *It is a joy to worship with you today. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join as fully as you are comfortable doing, knowing that God's Spirit connects us more powerfully than any virus or physical distancing can separate us. We encourage children to participate as they can.*

Our worship ([linked here](#)) follows Rite II of The Holy Eucharist. "BCP" refers to the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (1979). We will begin on p. 355. If using the online BCP ([here](#)) select "The Holy Eucharist," then "The Holy Eucharist: Rite II". The lessons are printed below or can be accessed ([here](#)).

Our preacher and presider this morning is The Rev. Dr. Edward "Ted" Thompson.

Organ Voluntary

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

J. S. Bach

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

An Advent Litany

("A Simple Advent Litany," Peter Hallock, *adapted*)

The People respond with the words in bold.

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

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.

Forgive us, O Lord.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Forgive us, O Lord.

We have squandered resources of your creation and been insensitive to the needs of generations yet to come.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us for having turned from you, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to prepare your way, opening our hearts to the transforming grace of your Word.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Lead us in the way of John the Baptist, that our hearts may be open to receive the gift of the One who is to come.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Let us hear again the message of Gabriel and ponder anew the miracle of life.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Like Mary, let us sing with joy as we give thanks for the coming of the Savior.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Fill us, O Lord, with the desire to observe this holy season, so that we might come to the birth of your Son in joy and expectation.

Prepare us, O Lord.

Cantor or Choir

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

All

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Cantor or Choir

Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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Cantor or Choir *All*

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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

All scriptural passages are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

- 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

1982 hymnal #596

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

 wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

The Proclamation of the Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

A deacon or priest announces the Gospel proclamation, saying:

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed is omitted today, as is occasionally permitted, in allowance of the opening litany.

Prayers of the People

(Form IV, BCP p. 388)

The Prayer Leader begins, the People responding with the words in bold.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...

And receive, we pray, our offering of thanks and praise for other blessings we name to you now, aloud or in the quiet of our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The priest offers a concluding Collect, then bids sharing a sign of peace.

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements may be offered after the sharing of peace.

Invitation to Communion

Presider The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

People **Jesus, we cannot gather in community round your altar as we desire.
Yet, you are with God; you are of God.
Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

The table is then prepared, and gifts offered, as we also prepare to give ourselves anew to God in Christ.

Offertory anthem "Komm, Jesu, komm zu deine Kirche" J.S. Bach
"Come, Jesus, come to your church, and grant a blessed new year.
Protect the glory of your name, uphold sound teaching, and bless both chancel and altar."

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

Central to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is the notion of sharing from bread and wine consecrated to God and blessed by the Holy Spirit in the communal, Eucharistic feast. But not all who desire can gather. We enter into the sacrament of Holy Communion, aware that we cannot all gather and with people participating from home as possible. In doing so, we take comfort in knowing that God, "by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus

(1982 hymnal S-131)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation

Agnus Dei

1982 Hymnal S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

During the Communion

“Keep your lamps trimmed and burning”

Andre Thomas

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 366

