

CHURCH OF
OUR SAVIOUR

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO
DECEMBER 3, 2023 | 10:00 AM



THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP) AND ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW)

At 9:55, the gathering Tower Bell rings.

Prelude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The final Tower Bell rings. All stand, as they are able.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning.
This first candle is HOPE."

The candle is lit.

Leader We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Celebrant Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. **Amen.**

Processional Hymn

Hymn 56 – O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni emmanuel

During the Processional Hymn, we invite all children ages 4 years through 5th grade to follow the cross and process out of the historic sanctuary and into Grace Chapel to have their own worship experience.

While everyone ages 4 years through 5th grade is invited, they certainly are not expected or required to go to Children's Church. We hope to give you a variety of ways to worship and encourage you to engage in a way that feels life giving for you and your family.

Officiant Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may spring up, and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also. *Isaiah 45:8*

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

All stand as they are able.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Invitatory: Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP, p. 82

All remain standing and read the Venite in unison.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

All are seated for the Psalm.

The Psalm *Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 Qui regis Israel*

Read in unison.

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.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

All are seated for the anthem.

Anthem

Say to them that are of a fearful heart

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Say to them that are of a fearful heart:
Be strong, fear not. Behold your God will come and save you.

THE LESSONS

The 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,

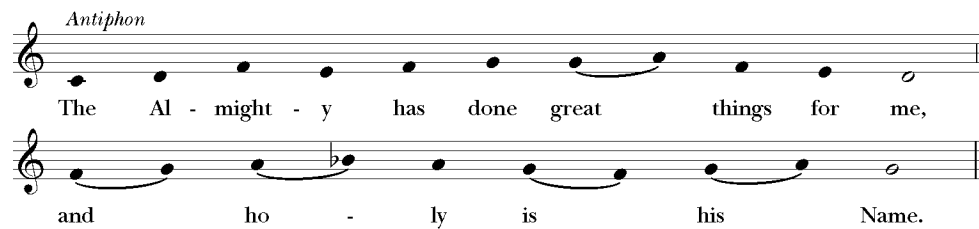
take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Here ends the Lesson.

All stand as they are able to sing the Canticle.

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Hymn S-242)

Antiphon



The Al - might - y has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name.

1. My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices
in God my Sav - ior; for he has looked with favor on his
low - ly ser - vant. 2. From this day all generations will
call me bless - ed: the Almighty has done great things for me,
and ho - ly is his Name. 3. He has mercy on those who fear him
in every gen - er - a - tion. 4. He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their con - ceit. 5. He has cast down
the might - y from their thrones, and has lifted up the low - ly.
6. He has filled the hun - gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a - way
emp - ty. 7. He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

for he has remembered his promise of mer - cy, 8. The promise he
made to our fa - thers, to Abraham and his children for ev - er. [Ant.]
(Gloria Patri may be omitted)
9. Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
10. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

All are seated for the second reading.

The 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.

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Silence is kept.

Canticle P: A Song of the Spirit

Revelation 22:12-17

All stand as they are able and read the Canticle in unison.

**"Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord,
"and bringing my reward with me, *
to give to everyone according to their deeds.
"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, *
the beginning and the end."
Blessed are those who do God's commandments,
that they may have the right to the tree of life, *
and may enter the city through the gates.
"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to you, *
with this testimony for all the churches.
"I am the root and the offspring of David, *
I am the bright morning star."
"Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride; ***

"Come!" let each hearer reply!
Come forward, you who are thirsty, *
let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hymn

Hymn 62 – Sleepers wake, a voice astounds us

Wachet auf

All are seated for the third reading.

The Lesson from 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."

Reader Here ends the lesson.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1:68-79

All stand as they are able and read the Canticle in unison.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeff D.S. Thornberg, *Rector*

Silence is kept for reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

The Officiant and People stand as they are able and say the Apostles' Creed in unison.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Then follows Suffrages A.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

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.**

The Officiant may add more Collects or prayers.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord
The Lord, Almighty God
Who was, and is, and is to come
Sing Holy, Holy Lord

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below
For Christ is coming, is coming soon
For Christ is coming soon

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
And night shall be no more
They need no light nor lamp nor sun
For Christ will be their All!

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 380 – Praise God, from whom all blessings flow (vs. 3)

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creature here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.

The General Thanksgiving

The Officiant and People remain standing and say the General Thanksgiving in unison.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant and People

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Officiant standing alone then says the concluding verse.

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 57 – Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Helmsley

After the Recessional Hymn, you are welcome to leave quietly.

Please join Coffee Hour in Telleen Courtyard (exit through the nave and across the patio to Cleaver Hall).

If you would like to remain in your seat to listen to the Postlude, please do.

Postlude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)



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