

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2020—8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn



Reflections on today's readings:

Welcome to Christ Church. The season of Advent begins today. The name of the season means "coming," and it celebrates God's coming to us in the birth of Jesus and looks toward Christ's return at the end of history as Savior and Judge.

In the Epistle reading we hear Paul's greeting in his first letter to Corinth. Recognizing the many spiritual gifts of the Corinthian church (a source of their strength, but also a source of the controversy which caused him to write) he says that those spiritual gifts are given to prepare us to greet the return of Christ.

Jesus' message to his followers is an assurance that he will return and that our lives should be lived in preparation for that return. This theme of watching for his return is always central on the first Sunday of Advent. Today's reading from Mark is the parable of the door-keeper. It reminds us that we are always to be on the watch for Jesus' return.

The liturgy is the way the Church lives in the time between Jesus' first coming and his second coming. In word and sacrament he comes to us again and again, veiled, but present to eyes of faith. In the Eucharist and in ministry to others we are continually being prepared to greet him when he comes again in glory.

God's People Gather

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—First Sunday of Advent

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

A single candle is lit.

Scripture: Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

Celebrant: Together, let us pray.

All: 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.

Celebrant + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

Celebrant and People

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

Trisagion (*Said three times*)

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.*

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Together, 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.

The people sit.

The Word of God

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the church in Corinth. (*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God 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.***

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

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *

shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *

stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The people stand as they are able.

The Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (13:24-37)

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

[Jesus said,] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸“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. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It 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. ³⁵Therefore, 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, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

+ *May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.*

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

Let us be alert and keep awake for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, as we offer our prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us, saying: ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

Leader

For the Church: especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our bishops, and for Chris our Priest. We pray that in this time of waiting we may discover God's touch and God's love in all whom we serve. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for our Diocesan Latino Ministry, Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, and for those who are being ordained at the Diocesan Ordination Service on December 5th. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For this parish family, that as we are enriched by God's gifts, so may we wait upon God and be attentive to the opportunities of each day. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For peace and justice in all places of violence, neglect, famine, persecution, and indifference. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For all who have wandered from their relationship with God, that the memories and hopes of this season will open the doorway to God who loves them. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For all those in any anguish of body, mind, and spirit, remembering especially those our Prayer List. *(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)* May they see the light of God's countenance, and be saved. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For all the departed. *(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)* May we rejoice in the knowledge that they have been called into fellowship with Christ, by the God who is faithful. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

For all the blessings we have received. *(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)* We give thanks this week for David Simmons, Tammy Oliver, Ethan Frawley, Tad Burch, Donna McCarthy, and Michelle Eaton who are celebrating their birthdays. ***Restore us, O God of hosts.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

All: Creator God, tear open the heavens and come down! Hear our prayers and keep us faithful, alert to your presence, and blameless in our witness until the dawning of the day of our Savior Jesus Christ. Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

**Most merciful God, 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.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

Prayer Over the Commitment Cards for 2020

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you.
Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer B from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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.**

The people remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion (At 10:00 a.m. only)

***My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

The Blessing for the Advent Season (Church of England)

May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God Almighty:

+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***





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11:00 a.m.—Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom Conference)

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12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer (Zoom Conference)

Thursdays

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) streamed live

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