

First Sunday in Advent

29 November 2020 AD

THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Spiritual Communion

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn 58 “Lo! He Comes”

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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, deeply wailing, 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, with what rapture, 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! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: ***You come to your people and set them free.***

Celebrant says the Collect for Purity

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Hymn of Praise 56

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

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The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray. *Celebrant says the Collect for the Day*

Lesson

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah. [Isaiah 64:1-9] *The Word of the Lord.* [*People: Thanks be to God.*]



The Advent
of the Messiah

Gradual Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *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.

Epistle

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians. [1 Corinthians 1:3-9]
The Word of the Lord. [People: Thanks be to God.]

Sequence Hymn 61 “Sleepers Wake”

- 1 “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing,
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!

We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall. . . .

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. [People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.] [Mark 13:24-37] The Gospel of the Lord. [People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.]

The Sermon *silence follows the sermon*

The Nicene Creed

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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

Intercessor concludes each petition: Come, O Lord.

*And the People respond: **Restore and renew us.***

Confession and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

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

All: 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 Priest says

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 *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

Offertory Sentence

Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving [Eucharist Prayer B]

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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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant and People (spoken)

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Then the Celebrant continues the Preface:

. . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues the Great Thanksgiving, leading to:

. . . 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 the Prayer, leading to:

. . . Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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The Celebrant and People pray the Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

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Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Invitation

Officiant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the priest takes the Body and Blood of our Lord, a time of Spiritual Communion is offered. Please offer this Prayer during the devotional music.

In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to God, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul together, with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 68 “Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”

1 Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!

The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;

up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

2 See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;

look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.

The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;

Rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;

Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see

the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



We pray in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for The Lusitanian Church of Portugal and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for the supply clergy serving our churches.

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CHRISTMAS EVE

The Holy Eucharist in the Back Lot at 4:30.

This will be a full service broadcast to your car radio.

We will have a Brass Quartet to add joy to our hymns.