

The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen**

**The Advent Bidding** The Book of Occasional Services

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**O Come O Come Emmanuel**

**verses 1 & 2**

The Lord be with you **and also with you**

**The Collect**

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.*

**Old Testament**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

## The Psalm

### Psalm 122

#### *Laetatus sum*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## The Epistle

### Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## The Gospel

### Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and

drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

### **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**

Let us be attentive to the call of Jesus our Lord to be awake and to prepare his coming in the Church and the world of today and let us say with hope: **R/ Lord of hope, hear our prayer.**

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work and let us say Lord of all life, hear our prayer

-For the Church, especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Lawrence, Geralyn, Daniel, and William our Bishops, all the people and parishes of the Diocese of Long Island, and for Charles our Priest.

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for St. Paul's, Roosevelt, and Trinity, Roslyn. We pray that the Christian community may have the firm, indestructible hope that we can build a better world if Christ is alive among us today, let us pray:

**R/ Lord of hope, hear our prayer.**

– For all Christian Churches, that they may respond to God's expectations and proclaim in words and deeds the Lord's message of love and service, let us pray:

**R/ Lord of hope, hear our prayer.**

– For the world in which we live, that all may work together to put an end to war and hatred, oppression and injustice and to seek peace, freedom and justice, let us pray:

**R/ Lord of hope hear our prayer.**

– For the poor and the suffering, that through us Christ may come to them to visit and uplift the sick, to help the hungry earn their food in dignity, to liberate those unjustly deprived of their freedom, and to bring the good news to those rejected, let us pray:

**R/ Lord of hope, hear our prayer.**

– For all of us here, that we may not be self-satisfied but keep seeking Christ and his light by renewing ourselves and living for those around us, let us pray:

**R/ Lord of hope, hear our prayer.**

God our Father,  
we know today how to pierce mountains  
and level hills to build highways,  
but we have lost the way  
to each other's heart and to you.  
Let your Son come among us  
to make us inventive and daring enough  
to build roads of justice and love  
that make us encounter one another  
and you, our living God.  
We ask you this in the name of him whom we expect  
and who is waiting for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness , and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

*Silence is kept.*

**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.**

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.**

**Hymn during the preparation of the Gifts  
The Doxology**

**Eucharistic Prayer II for Advent (of the Scottish Episcopal Church)**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for from your deepest mercy comes our hope of salvation. And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing, and in confidence may stand before him.

**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.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Father.  
In Jesus you showed us yourself.  
Our hope is built on him,  
the first, the last, the living one.  
Obedient, even to accepting death,  
He opened the gate of glory  
and calls us now to share the life of heaven.  
Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come,  
at supper with his disciples  
he took bread and offered you thanks.  
He broke the bread,  
and gave it to them, saying:  
"Take, eat.  
This is my Body: it is broken for you."  
After supper, he took the cup,  
he offered you thanks,  
and gave it to them saying:  
"Drink this, all of you.  
This is my Blood of the new covenant;  
it is poured out for you, and for all,  
that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
We now obey your Son's command.

**We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts  
with them ourselves,  
a single, holy, living sacrifice.  
Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and this wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.  
Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body  
to live and work to your praise and glory;  
may we grow together in unity and love  
until at last, in your new creation,  
we enter into our heritage  
in the company of the Virgin Mary,  
the apostles, and prophets,  
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages,  
world without end.

**Amen.**

**All: Our Father...**

*Priest: O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.***

**O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.****

**O Lamb of God, who takes the sins of the world, **grant us your peace****

**Gifts of God.....**

### **Communion Meditation**

**Prayer after Communion (From the Book of Common Worship, CofE)**

**Father in heaven,**  
**who sent your Son to redeem the world**  
**and will send him again to be our judge:**  
**give us grace so to imitate him**  
**in the humility and purity of his first coming**  
**that, when he comes again,**  
**we may be ready to greet him**  
**with joyful love and firm faith;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Blessing From the Book of Occasional Services of the Episcopal Church**

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.  
rewarded with unending life

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Hymnal 1982 - #56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

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### Closing Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 - #7 Christ, whose glory fills the skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!



Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.



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Go in peace and live in the joy of knowing that the Lord is near.. **R/ Thanks be to God**