

# The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns. You are invited to participate however you wish.

## Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite One

### Prelude

Processional Hymn 73 (vs. 1&5)

*The King shall come when morning dawns*

1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.

5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
come quickly, King of kings.

### The Lighting of the Hope Candle

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 38

*Presider* † Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Holy God: *Trisagion*

BCP 324

*Here is sung or said*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Kyrie eleison.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*or*

**Christe eleison.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Kyrie eleison.**

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

*Presider* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Presider and People together*

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Presider* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 42

*Presider* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Presider 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.**

*Presider* Our King and Savior draweth nigh: O come, let us adore him.

## Jubilate Psalm 100

BCP 42

*Presider and People*

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness and come  
before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we  
ourselves; we are his people and the sheep  
of his pasture. O go your way into his

gates with thanksgiving and into his  
courts with praise; be thankful unto him  
and speak good of his Name. For the  
Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;  
and his truth endureth from generation to  
generation.

## The 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

## The Response

## *Qui regis Israel*

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

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.

## The 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn 640 (Vs. 1&3)

## *Watchman, tell us of the night*

1 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
promised day of Israel.

3 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,  
doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;  
hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
lo! the Son of God is come!

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

*Priest* † The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

## The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

## The Prayers

BCP 55

### Suffrage A

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

**R. Thy 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.**

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

### 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.*

### Collect for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

*People and Presider*

**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.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Communion is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

### The Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

Recessional Hymn 74 (v. 1,2&4)

*Blest be the King who is coming*

**1** Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened,  
no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor,  
in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest,  
such his humility!

**2** Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen  
his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty,  
who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise,  
who has atonement made.

**4** Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened  
the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble!  
And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it  
so he can make us free!

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; 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 Dismissal

BCP 60

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Romans 15:13*

## Postlude

### Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie & Bruce, , Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Lee & Wanda Farmer, Greg, Josalyn & the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family, and Gabriella; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, Daniel, and Sean; and for any unspoken prayers.

### Birthdays

Mary Bass	11/29	Rose Whittingham	11/29
Mary Miller	11/29	Lindsey Gross	11/30

## **Virtual Christmas Pageant: Participants Needed**

ECA will host a virtual Christmas Pageant this year; the trials of 2020 will not stop our tradition! We need names of the children, grandchildren, and friends who wish to participate. Parents will video record their children playing their part and then we will piece it together in a fun-filled, loving video to play on Christmas Eve. If interested, please email or call Sandi Harden at [sandi.harden@gmail.com](mailto:sandi.harden@gmail.com) by 11/29. We need the following information:

1. Full name of child
  2. Reading or non-reading
  3. Part preference (If no preference, we will assign).
- Once names are submitted, we will send you a script and guidelines for recording. We are excited to make Christmas 2020 a memorable celebration for our ECA church family.

## **NO Christian Formation Class Today**

Christian Formation is held Sundays at 9:40am. Contact Ron Allen at [ronallenga@yahoo.com](mailto:ronallenga@yahoo.com) or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

## **New Sunday Service Worship Opportunities, Drive thru Communion Offered.**

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship inside, providing opportunities for worship is still our top priority. We will be doing drive-thru communion during the 10:30AM service as weather permits. Please start arriving at the church at 11am and pull around to stop sign. We will line up cars and distribute the sacrament of communion. ***\*\*In the event of rain, we will still offer DRIVE-THRU communion starting at 10:30AM.*** All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must still go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

## **Fire Pit / Caroling Social Event (Safe & Physically Distanced) Saturday Dec. 12 at 4:30PM**

Here we come a'caroling. Mark your calendar and join us December 12 at 4:30 pm on the grounds for multiple fire pits, Christmas music (with Joe playing), caroling and smores. We'll supply the fixings for the smores. You bring a chair and your drink of choice. We also have it on good authority a jolly ole' man in a red suit from the North Pole will be joining us! Bring your children of all ages, grandchildren and friends for a fun evening. Please RSVP to the office as soon as possible. We want to make sure we have enough fire pits set up to keep everyone warm and physically distanced; and don't forget your Christmas sweaters!

## **Pavilion Update: We finally have our building permit, Construction to begin**

Construction is set to begin on the pavilion. If everything goes according to schedule, we should be complete soon after Thanksgiving. In order for work to progress, please refrain from stopping by until construction is complete.

### **It's Time for Pecans! ECW Selling Pecans Now**

Fresh Georgia Pecans available for purchase! You may contact Penny Capawana: [pcapawana@gmail.com](mailto:pcapawana@gmail.com) to order. One pound bags of shelled pecan halves from this year's crop cost \$10.00. Please make checks payable to ECA with 'Pecans' in the memo (mail to 1673 Jamerson Dr. Marietta, GA 30066). Pecans sales are to raise funds for ECW. Thank you for supporting this ministry! *Note: If you need help getting pecans due to COVID, contact Bliss Peterson at [blisspeterson@gmail.com](mailto:blisspeterson@gmail.com) or by phone 678-662-0508.*

### **Vestry Nominations Open for 2021, We are SEEKING those who feel Called to Serve.**

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA please contact Wanda Ziembinski, Chris Renaud or Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment and meets once a month with a retreat in January. Vestry members serve in a leadership role with a ministry within the parish. Vestry qualifications are: any confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish not less than 18yrs of age, a regular attendant of church services the preceding year before election, and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support throughout preceding year before election.

### **2021 Pledge Campaign “Faith filled Generosity” Numbers to Date**

During these unusual times, collecting our pledges has been a little more sporadic than what we are use to. We appreciate those who have been able to turn in their pledges this year. As of the printing of the bulletin we have 74 pledges to date at \$185,454 in commitments. We had 90 pledges last year, so we are almost there. We understand the difficult times we are in and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support ECA’s ministry moving forward for 2021. There are multiple ways to send in your pledge, you can mail the envelope we sent back to ECA, you can email us at [ecaparish@gmail.com](mailto:ecaparish@gmail.com) or Fr. Paul if you wish, you can leave in the secure mailbox down at the street, or leave with us when you attend a service at ECA. We are deeply grateful for all who continue to support ECA and our ministry and worship together and we hope to be back together soon.

### **Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!**

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at [pem09@bellsouth.net](mailto:pem09@bellsouth.net). There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. \*Volunteers needed to read the Sunday lessons.

**Stewardship Prayer: O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom**

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom; We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ECA Finances to Date**

<b><u>(YTD) Through OCT. 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>+/-</u></b>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$179,616	\$194,907	(\$15,291)
<u>Expenses</u>	\$176,966	\$193,044	\$16,048
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$2,620	\$1,863	\$757

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