

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

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First Sunday of Advent



**Restore us, O God
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.**

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those
inside and outside the church.

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Isaiah 9:2, 6*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence

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 of Praise *O Come O Come, Emmanuel* verses 1 & 2

Hymnal #56

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

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 Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons*

A reading the book of 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus. That is, you were made rich through him in everything: in all your communication and every kind of knowledge, in the same way that the testimony about Christ was confirmed with you. The result is that you aren't missing any spiritual gift while you wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also confirm your

testimony about Christ until the end so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and you were called by him to partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 80. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 703. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 80:7, 16-18

Restore us, O God of hosts;

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

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

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

And so will we never turn away from you;

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

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, “In those days, after the suffering of that time, the sun will become dark, and the moon won’t give its light. The stars will fall from the sky, and the planets and other heavenly bodies will be shaken. Then they will see the Human One coming in the clouds with great power and splendor. Then he will send the angels and gather together his chosen people from the four corners of the earth, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

“Learn this parable from the fig tree. After its branch becomes tender and it sprouts new leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you know that he’s near, at the door. I assure you that this generation won’t pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will certainly not pass away.

“But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the angels in heaven and not the Son. Only the Father knows. Watch out! Stay alert! You don’t know when the time is coming. It is as if someone took a trip, left the household behind, and put the servants in charge, giving each one a job to do, and told the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert! You don’t know when the head of the household will come, whether in the evening or at midnight, or when the rooster crows in the early morning or at daybreak. Don’t let him show up when you weren’t expecting and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: Stay alert!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

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. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Please be seated*

As we await the coming of Christ, let us open our hearts in prayer for those in need in our families, our church, our country and world.

Restore us, O God show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Anoint your Church with your Holy Spirit. Make it radiant with holiness, lovely with compassion, and bright with faithfulness. Fill it with hope as it awaits the coming of your Son in power and great glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself. Anoint this congregation with your Holy Spirit. Make us generous in sharing the grace given to us in Christ. Through us, lift the heads and hearts of our neighbors and those in need. Grant that, with us, they eagerly await the day of Jesus' return as victorious Lord of all.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore us, O God show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. Give wisdom and prudence to those who lead the nations, and to our local and state leaders. Make them good stewards of the authority granted them. Bless our nation with peace, prosperity, and justice. Teach us all to care for one another until your son comes as our great Lord of might.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

So that we will not turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name. Give courage, honor, and strength to those who serve and protect our country both here and abroad. Grant healing to those who have been wounded; patience and hope to their loved ones; and a swift, safe homecoming to them all.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Send your angels and gather together your people from the four corners of the earth. Sending healing and restoration to those who are in need, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Nikolai, and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Ginny, Alex, Colleen and Jack. Visit and comfort all who are

under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Disperse the clouds of gloom and grief that overshadow us. Lead us to our heavenly home, opened to us by the Key of David, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Reflection

Dale Hooey

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

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

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

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Let us pray,

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that through thy grace, the words which we have heard this day may be grafted inwardly in our hearts and bring forth in us the fruit of good living, and the gifts of your Kingdom, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #73 *The King Shall Come*

1982 Hymnal

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

Not, as of old, a little child, to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.

The King shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

And let the endless bliss begin, by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong, and truth shall be extolled.

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

Announcements

Children First Children First, a longtime recipient of ECW fundraising and Outreach grants could use our help this year. For Christmas every child receives a book and pajamas. This may be their only gift this year as many parents have lost their jobs and may not be called back. Please bring your unwrapped gift of pajamas and /or book appropriate for children infant to 5 years to the Christmas bin located in the narthex **by December 7**.

We will see that it is delivered.

You can find these items on Amazon or stores that offer at home delivery. Please shop safely. Look for additional hours when the church will be open for reflection and prayer so you can safely bring in your items.

Questions? Call or email Gail Clay, Elaine Smith or Alison Jones

Flowers and Music for Christmas

There are 4 easy ways to contribute to the upcoming holiday season decorations and music:

1. For on-line giving chose the Christmas Donation button on the All Angels website
- 2 Send a check to the office made out to All Angels; with Christmas in the Memo Line
3. Put your check in offering plate with the above designations
4. Or, stop by or call the office, 941-383-8181, with donation information.

If you would like to designate as Memorial or Thanksgiving of name, please enclose that information for the bulletin.

Centering Prayer Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

Artist of the Month - The artist for November is Linda Loen. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. All checks should be written to "All Angels by the Sea."

Discussion Group, the article for discussion with the Men's and Women's group is available on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

Tidings If you are not receiving our electronic newsletter, Tidings, or if you have changed your email address, please email marialove@allangelslbk.org to be added.

Video The service today will be recorded and made available on YouTube and on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Reflection

A Breath of Advent Air

Don't look now but Advent is here. The season that is most commonly known for Advent calendars, it is the time of year where we await and anticipate the arrival of Jesus. It is a many-sided season because it ends with Christmas which, on one side, means that we were waiting and preparing for the yearly celebration of Jesus' birth. Another side is that we are waiting for the return of Christ and that no one knows the day or the hour of when he returns; even if our calendar shows his birth is on December 25th. A third-side is that Advent can be treated like a mini-Lent. In many churches, purple is the color for Advent which is also the color of Lent. Some religious traditions have Advent participants give up things; just like in Lent. The fourth side of Advent is that it is a perpetual season. We are always waiting for the return of Christ. We wait during Christmas, during the Easter season, and during the dog-days of summer, we are waiting and expecting Jesus to return. Regardless of the many ways to look at Advent, by the time Christmas finally arrives, I often feel winded.

If you are wondering what the real meaning of Advent is, I'd have to say it is up to you to determine that. If you'd like to treat it like a Lenten season, feel free. If your tradition is to light a candle, one for each week, that's great. If you breathe a sigh of relief on Christmas morning, that's fine too. However it is that you decide to treat Advent, it is up to you. Nevertheless, we should be aware that Jesus is scheduled to return someday, maybe soon.

Advent comes with a warning – at least one from me to you. Prepare for the Gospel lessons in Advent to be on the harsher, judgmental side of God. Don't blame me for this, we are following along with the Revised Common Lectionary, Episcopal Edition. This Sunday, we are hearing that the return of Christ will start with the sun darkened and the stars falling from the sky. Advent II and III is about John the Baptizer who wore camel's hair and ate locusts – which are symbols of God's judgement. Advent IV is about Mary, thankfully. Often I will hear this after a service in Advent, "Well, those reading don't sound very Christmassy." I suppose the point is they are not supposed to.

For me, Advent is about preparing for Christmas, for birthdays during December, for one of the biggest seasons of the Church, for end-of-the-year reports, for holiday parties, and, somewhere along in my list, for Jesus. This year, like the other years, I'd like to move Jesus up on my list. Maybe because we're not going to, or hosting, any parties, I have a little more room this year; or maybe it is because 2020 is calling us all into a deeper relationship with God and in participating with our spiritual life. My weekly Advent practice this year will be to read a portion of Joan Chittister's book, *The Breath of the Soul, Reflections on Prayer*. I'll put each reading up on-line so that you can read with me. Regardless of how you see this multi-sided season of Advent, I invite you to take some time to reflect on prayer and how it lets the soul breathe.

- Fr. Dave