



## The First Sunday of Advent Saturday, November 27, 2021

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Hymn "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending" (vs. 1,2,4)

Hymnal 58

**Celebrant:** Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

**People:** His mercy endures for ever.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**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.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope.

Our hope is in God, and in his Son, Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people. We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world.

Light the first candle.

#### Let us pray:

*O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us – we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you - both now - and forever more. Amen.*

### Hymn of Praise

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;  
he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

He from the house of David a child of grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,  
The dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never cease.

#### THE COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

**Celebrant and People:** 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

##### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Reader:** The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

##### Psalm 25:1-9

**Reader:** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*

**People:** let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Reader:** Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*

**People:** let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

**Reader:** Show me your ways, O LORD, \*

**People:** and teach me your paths.

**Reader:** Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

**People:** for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

**Reader:** Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*

**People:** for they are from everlasting.

**Reader:** Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*

**People:** remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

**Reader:** Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*

**People:** therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**Reader:** He guides the humble in doing right \*

**People:** and teaches his way to the lowly.

**Reader:** All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*

**People:** to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**Reader:** How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Hymn “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”**

**Hymnal 66**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

### Luke 21:25-36

**Narrator:** Jesus began to teach them saying:

**Jesus #1:** "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

**Narrator:** Then Jesus told them a parable:

**Jesus #2:** "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

**Narrator:** Jesus continued to teach them by saying,

**Jesus #3:** "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**THE NICENE CREED**

**Celebrant and People:** 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****Prayers of the People, Form IV**

**Reader:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*(Silence)*

**Reader:** Lord, in your mercy

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others with a moment of silence.

**(Moment of Silence)**

### **Reading of Names**

#### **Prayer for Church of Our Redeemer**

**Celebrant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone – a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **CONFESSON OF SIN**

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Celebrant 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.*

**Celebrant:** 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**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

### **Announcements**

**At the Presentation “Doxology” (vs. 3)**

**Hymnal 380**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer B

**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:** 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

#### The Sanctus

Hymnal S-129

**Celebrant:** 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;

**Celebrant:** 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.*

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

**Celebrant and People:** 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**

**Celebrant:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast.

**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.

**Post Communion Prayer**

**Celebrant and People:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

**Closing Hymn** “The King shall come when morning dawns”

Hymnal 73

**THE DISMISSAL**

**Celebrant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redeemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redeemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Rev. Larry Packard by email [l.packard@verizon.net](mailto:l.packard@verizon.net) or phone (703) 425-8315.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

All Those Afflicted by the Virus and  
Those Who Care for Them  
Tisha Austin  
Patrick Farragher  
Althea Prins  
Fred & John Warren  
Stella Waltemeire  
The Hollinger Family  
Bob Stewart

TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
Candi & Taylor  
Gwenivere Black  
Evan Hansen  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

Serving Our Country  
Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospital and Emergency Room Workers

### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*