

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2020 11 a.m.

PRELUDE *Saviour of the Nations, Come* Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN 66 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People **Christ have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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 FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 64:1-9*

Reader A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Antiphon

Restore us, O God of hosts; *

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

Cantor

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us. *Antiphon*

O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Reader A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 640 *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 13:24-37*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Reverend Dr. Allen F. Robinson

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: "Restore us and save us."

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that in this time of waiting we may discover God's touch and God's love in all whom we serve; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For this parish family: that, as we are enriched by God's gifts, so may we wait upon God and be attentive to the opportunities of each day; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For this Advent season: that, as we look forward to the hope of Jesus's birth, we may also remember and give thanks for the hope of the resurrection; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For this nation: that God will shine the light of his countenance upon us and heal us; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For peace and justice in all places of violence, neglect, famine, persecution, and indifference; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For all who are working together to contain the COVID19 pandemic: that God will fortify their bodies and spirits, and strengthen their hope, so that they can continue to

heal the many who are suffering, and protect the vulnerable; Lord God of Hosts,
Restore us and save us.

For all who have wandered from their relationship with God: that the memories and hopes of this season will open the doorway to God who loves them;
Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For all who suffer from COVID 19, and for those for whom prayers have been requested, especially Beth; Bill; John; Richard B.; Jane; Richard & Linda F.; Rosemarie; Andrew; Katie Lynn; Noreen; Stephen; Florence; Julian; and all who care for sick or aging loved ones: that God will grant them strength and hope; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

At this time, you may offer to God any other petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ...; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For all who have died, especially Blanca Marcillo Esmerelda: that they may rest in God's loving arms. We also pray God's consolation for those who mourn; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

In thanksgiving for the birth of Grace Victoria Mary Bowen-Vollmer, daughter to Mary Bowen and Val Vollmer, and sister to Lillie Bowen-Vollmer; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For those who are awaiting the birth or adoption of a child, especially Courtenay, and Jim & Molly: that God may watch over them and bless these new lives; Lord God of Hosts, ***Restore us and save us.***

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today: that, even in times of deepest darkness and loss, we will have no fear, but will awaken to God's power and glory, and know that He is very near; Lord God of Hosts,
Restore us and save us.

CONFESSION 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, A SOLO

Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing (Aria from Cantata 140)

J.S. Bach

Paul Batsel, soloist

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THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 380, verse 3)

**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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God 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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your

Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

AT THE COMMUNION, HYMN 54 *Saviour of the Nations, Come*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 68 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Saviour of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Willard (Bill) Wheeler, father of Kate Rock.



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