



# **Church of the Advent**

Morning Prayer: Rite One  
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 7, 2020  
8:00am

**T**he Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

**D**earest beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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.**

*Officiant stands and says*

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

*Officiant*            O Lord, open thou our lips.

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

**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.**

*Officiant*            The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:

*People*             **O come, let us adore him.**

JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

**B**e 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.

*Officiant*        The Lord hath manifested forth his glory:  
*People*           **O come, let us adore him.**

PSALM 147:1-12, 21c

1 **H**allelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

21 Hallelujah!

**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.**

OLD TESTAMENT - Isaiah 40:21-31

**H**ave you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE      *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

**B**lessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; \*  
**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; \*  
**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; \*  
**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,  
and dwellest between the Cherubim; \*  
**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; \*  
**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; \*

**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \*

**praised and exalted above all for ever.**

**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.**

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

**I**f I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

THE SONG OF SIMEON *Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, \***  
**according to thy word;**

**For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, \***  
**which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**  
**To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, \***  
**and to be the glory of thy people Israel.**

**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.**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**A**fter Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

People                      The Gospel of the Lord  
                                 **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON by *The Rev. Jason Oden*

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant            Let us recite together the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant 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.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*The congregation is invited to stand*

*Officiant* **T**o whom will we compare you, O Holy One, the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain: Be near to us in our weakness and uphold us with your might, as we pray: Great is our God and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

*Intercessor* Holy and Eternal One, who never faints or grows weary: Heal and empower your Church, entrusted with a commission to bear the Good News to all the earth, that we may be all things to all people, serving as slaves to all for the sake of the gospel.

*People* Great is our God and mighty in power;  
**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

*Intercessor* Holy and Eternal One, who brings princes to naught and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing: Guide our nation and all who lead hold authority in the world, that they may be servants of healing and may cast out all forms of oppression throughout your creation.

*People* Great is our God and mighty in power;  
**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

*Intercessor* Holy and Eternal One, who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless: Reach out your hand and lift up all who suffer from illness or fear,

violence or threat, that those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and not faint.

Great is our God and mighty in power;

*People*

**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

*Intercessor*

Holy and Eternal One, who lifts up the lowly and makes grass to grow upon the mountains and green plants to serve humankind: Bless this community with compassion and grace, that we may serve one another with deference and respect.

Great is our God and mighty in power;

*People*

**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

Holy and Eternal One, whose understanding is unsearchable:

Touch with your healing compassion those for whom we pray, especially \_\_\_\_.

*(Congregation is welcome to add their own petitions.)*

Hear our gratefulness for all the blessings of our lives, especially for \_\_\_\_.

*(Congregation is welcome to add their own thanksgivings.)*

Enfold into your eternal love those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. *(Congregation is welcome to add those names to remember.)*

Great is our God and mighty in power;

*People*

**there is no limit to God's wisdom.**

*Officiant*

We look toward your eternal glory, O Holy and Eternal One, and we raise our voices to you in prayer: Enter our homes and towns, our solitudes and cities; cast out everything that oppresses and threatens your people, heal all who are weak, and bring peace in our time, that your whole creation may sing out in praise to proclaim your message of love and hope, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, live and love, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**S**et us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

**O** God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

**O** God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with



cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God." This prayer is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.*

## A PRAYER FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT AMONG THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Celebrant and people*

**God of all power and love,  
we give thanks for your unfailing presence  
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.  
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.  
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:  
a people who pray, worship, learn,  
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,  
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.  
Wherever and however we gather,  
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,  
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

**L**ift up your eyes on high and see the everlasting God, great in strength and mighty in power; who gives power to the faint and strength to the powerless.

Reach out to our Savior Jesus, for he will take you by the hand, heal you and lift you up, that you may be of service in his name.

Wait upon the Spirit to renew your strength, that you may mount up with wings like eagles, run and not be weary, walk and never faint.

And the blessing of our empowering God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and uplift you, now and always. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

