



# **Church of the Advent**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Proper 27A

November 8, 2020

PRELUDE - *by Bradford Dale*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**A**lmighty 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.**

## GLORIA

*Celebrant and people*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT

**O** God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Amos 5:18-24

**T**hus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;  
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord

*People* **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 70

1 **B**e pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

THE EPISTLE – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**W**e do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died

and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

MUSIC

O Perfect Love

ADVENT CHOIR

*O perfect love, all human thought transcending,  
lowly we kneel in prayer before thy throne,  
that theirs may be the love which knows no ending,  
whom thou for evermore dost join in one.*

*O perfect life, be thou their full assurance  
of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
of patient hope, and quiet brave endurance,  
with childlike trust that fears nor pain nor death.*

*Grant them the joy which brightens earthly sorrow,  
grant them the peace which calms all earthly strife;  
and to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
that dawns upon eternal love and life..*

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**J**esus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON - *The Rev. Jason Oden*

## 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.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

*The congregation is invited to stand*

*Officiant* Gracious and Holy One, you have made us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Enliven us to be alert and responsive to your awakening word, that we may participate in your work of healing and reconciliation, as we pray: Awaken us, O God, that we may always be alert for your coming among us.

*Intercessor* Arouse your church with such mindfulness and hope, O Holy One, that we will be ready and prepared to welcome you as you visit us with your call of healing and reconciliation, peace and justice.

Awaken us, O God,  
**that we may always be alert for your coming among us.**

*Intercessor* Visit our leaders and all who have authority in the nations and the world, that they may put their trust in you and not forget your deeds, but keep your commandments.

Awaken us, O God,  
**that we may always be alert for your coming among us.**

*Intercessor* Come to the aid of your children throughout the world to bring out all who live in the house of oppression; protect them along their way and bring them into safe communities of peace and prosperity.

Awaken us, O God,  
**that we may always be alert for your coming among us.**

*Intercessor* Let your love be manifest in this community to fill us with hope and sustain us in constant wisdom, so that when Christ comes again with power and great glory, we all may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

Awaken us, O God,  
**that we may always be alert for your coming among us.**

*Intercessor* We put our trust in you; hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially for \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add their own petitions.*)

Hear our prayers of thanksgiving and praise, especially for \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add their own thanksgivings.*)

We do not grieve as others do who have no hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again. May God bring to Jesus all who have died, where they will be with the Lord forever. We remember especially \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add the names of those to remember.*)

Awaken us, O God,  
**that we may always be alert for your coming among us.**

*Officiant* Let your church offer to you our sincere worship and prayer, O God, that we may be wise and responsible stewards of your earth and inheritors of the glorious kingdom you have promised through Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit we worship, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

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.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

**A**lmighty 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

The peace of the Lord be with you always  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace*

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*– Birthdays and Anniversaries of Weddings and Unions*

#### MUSIC

#### Sun of My Soul

#### ADVENT CHOIR

*Sun of my soul, my Savior dear,  
It is not night if You are near:  
O may no earth-born cloud arise  
To hide You from Your servant's eyes.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*People* The Lord be with you.  
**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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Proper Preface*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to

your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

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*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and people*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## COMMUNION

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.**

*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

Encourage one another to be wise, alert and prepared daily for the coming of God into our lives.

Welcome with joy your invitation to the wedding banquet of Christ our bridegroom, for Jesus has died and is risen.

Be awake for the Spirit's call, that you may respond willingly whenever the door of possibility opens for you.

And the blessing of our surprising God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and enliven you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE – *by Bradford Dale*



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