



# **Church of the Advent**

Morning Prayer: Rite One  
Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2020  
8:00am

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

*Isaiah 60:3*

## CONFESSON OF SIN

*The Officiant says to the people*

**D**early 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 139:1-5, 12-17

1 **L**ORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book; \*  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
    how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
    to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

**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 - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**N**ow the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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 6:12-20

**"A**ll things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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: John 1:43-51

*People*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**J**esus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets

wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*      **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* Gracious and loving God, you see into the deepest needs of our hearts and invite us to follow you and to listen to your voice: Receive our prayers as we call upon you in your Temple: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

*Intercessor* Holy One, you have called us your children and given us the Holy Spirit: Grant that you Church may share with our friends the Good News of Jesus of Nazareth and invite them to "come and see" so that others may share our fellowship in his Name.

We call upon you in your Temple:

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

*Intercessor* Eternal One, you search our hearts and know us: Lay your hand upon our nation and upon all in authority throughout the world, that they may be instruments of your compassion and peace, and that we may be known as a people in whom there is no deceit.

We call upon you in your Temple:

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

*Intercessor* Wonderful Creator, you have woven our bodies in the depths of the earth: Look upon the needs of a suffering world and bless all humanity, that your healthful Spirit and presence may do marvelous works for the relief of the world.

We call upon you in your Temple:

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

*Intercessor* Loving One, you visit us in friendship and invite us to be generous and hospitable neighbors to all among whom we live: Fill us with your grace, that we may be a community of kindness and compassion.

We call upon you in your Temple:

**Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

*Intercessor* Good and Holy God, you fashion our lives day by day in your Spirit. Increase in us your vision that we may see great things for our community.

Hear our prayers for those for whom we intercede, especially \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add their own petitions.*)

We thank you for your gifts of freedom and blessing, and especially for \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add their own thanksgivings.*)

By your power you raise our bodies into union with you, remember those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_. (*Congregation is welcome to add those names to remember.*)

May all people see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

We call upon you in your Temple:

**People** **Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.**

*Officiant* You have freed us from all domination and made us one body in your Spirit, O God: Give us childlike faith to listen to what you are speaking and to follow you in faith, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**A**lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

**Y**ou are marvelously made, known and loved by God your Creator. Be alert, so that whenever God calls, you will answer faithfully, "Here I am!"

Joyfully follow Christ and be a person in whom there is no deceit; invite others to come and see, so everyone may share in this beautiful journey toward wholeness.

Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; live boldly in goodness and glorify God in your body.

And the blessing of our intimate God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be within you and among us, now and for ever. **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*



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