

# Morning Prayer Rite II November 29th 2020

## First Sunday of Advent

*Officiant*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his 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 be in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

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.

*Officiant*

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 Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant*                    Lord, open our lips.  
*People*                         And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

### **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

*Officiant and People*

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

### **The Psalm Appointed**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

*Officiant and People*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

- 4 O Lord God of hosts, \*  
 how long will you be angered  
 despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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 Lessons

### **A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9**

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.

*Answer*            The word of the Lord.  
                           Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 14 A Song of Penitence**    *Kyrie Pantokrator* *Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

*Officiant and People*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
 God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
 and of all their righteous offspring:  
 You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
 with all their vast array.  
 All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
 they tremble because of your power.  
 But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
 it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
 O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
 long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
 You hold back your hand; \*  
 you do not punish as we deserve.  
 In your great goodness, Lord,  
 you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
 that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
 And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
 and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
 I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
 and I know my wickedness only too well.  
 Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
 Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.



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."

*Answer*                    The Word of the Lord.  
                                     Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

### The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
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 also with you.

*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.

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.

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation.

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*Officiant*

*The Collect of the Day*

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*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for our Stewardship Campaign*

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for all that you have given us: the beauty of creation, salvation in your Son, fellowship in your Church. In your Love we are bound one to another, and in your Peace brought closer together. We offer to you in grateful giving all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our mind. To you we give all honor, glory and praise eternal and lifegiving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. *Amen*

*Prayers, and thanksgivings may now be offered.*

*Officiant*

O God, in our global distress we pray earnestly to you.

God our Sanctuary,  
gather us when separated into your presence.

God our Physician,  
heal those who have contracted the virus.

God our Comforter,  
embrace all who mourn the dead.

God our Homeland,  
mother all who are quarantined.

God our Friend,  
accompany all who are alone or afraid.

God our Guardian,  
protect physicians and nurses.

God our Hope,  
assist researchers searching for a vaccine.

God our Mighty Fortress,  
preserve our societies from devastation.

God our Governor,  
guide the leaders of nations toward wise policies.

God of Everlasting Arms,  
in you we live and move and have our being.

God our Creator,  
make once again a world of sabbath rest.

God our Savior,  
redeem the suffering world by your cross.

God our Light,  
shine your radiant peace into our darkness.

O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve us. Amen.

*The General Thanksgiving**Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely  
 more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from  
 generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus  
 for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*