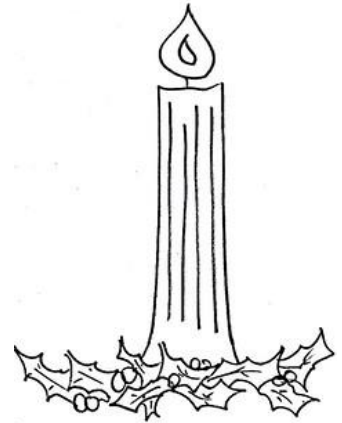


The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sleepers, Wake!

J.S. Bach
Isabelle Schueler, cello

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

THE LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

[Please stand when the chimes sound, and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]

Symbols in the Bulletin P Priest, D Deacon, C Congregation, L Leader, A Everyone.

Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H 56, v. 1,

A *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

The Prayer for the First Candle of Advent: Hope

P We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope. *[One blue candle is lit.]*

L Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C Our God, we come to you today filled with hope. We ask your blessing upon us and our mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A *O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

A 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.

***Come, thou long expected Jesus born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.***

***By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.***

***Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P 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.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 64:1–9 • Psalm 80:1-7,16-18 • 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 • Mark 13:24-37
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 64...*

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.

L The Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 80

[Tune: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night]

***O Shepherd, like a flock you lead Your people Israel; hear our prayer;
Enthroned upon the cherubim In glory, shine on our despair.***

***How long will you be angered, Lord, Although we kneel before your feet?
You give us bowls of tears to drink, Provide us bread of tears to eat.***

***Our enemies laugh us to scorn, Our neighbors witness our disgrace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts, Show us the glory of your face.***

***Let your almighty hand defend The people you have called your own;
The nation you have made so strong That they might honor you alone.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1....*

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.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

[Please stand.]

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

The Gospel

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

☩ **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.”

Ⓓ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☩ **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 OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

D Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

L Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given to the glory of God by Maureen Belote, in honor of all loving mothers, especially my own, Dorothy Miller, who I miss every day, and for the birthdays this coming week of Troy Abell, Patrick Brinsko, Robin Megel, and for those blessings we now name, aloud or in our hearts *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially *[read names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[Leave time...]*. Bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *[read names from notebook...]*. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in hope.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

☩ Amen.

℣ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☩ Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

[Please stand or kneel.]

℣ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *[Silence is kept.]*
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.

℣ 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 GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

OFFERTORY

[Please be seated.]

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

J.P. Rameau
Julian Guini, soloist

THE PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- Ⓓ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God*

***Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

- Ⓐ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And also with you.**
- Ⓐ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them to the Lord.**
- Ⓐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Ⓒ **It is right to give him 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

Emmanuel

All

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.

Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.

Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P 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."

P 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:


C 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.

P 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.

All



A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All **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

P The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

C **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

COMMUNION CHANT

WAIT FOR THE LORD

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

A



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

C Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by focusing our lives on the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

C Amen.

***Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.***

***He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE*Allegro*

G. F. Handel

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Miriam Benitez-Nixon & Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Ushers	Alan Mackay & Marc Jacobson
Building & Grounds	David Thornton