

Immanuel Anglican Church

The First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020



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This is the season of Advent. During these four weeks before Christmas we anticipate the birth of Jesus. It is a time of expectation, in which we learn to hope in God and his promised Messiah. As we look forward to Jesus' birth, we also remember that he promised to return. The purple throughout the sanctuary signifies that Jesus is the promised King, who began his rule in a manger in Bethlehem and will one day return to reign in glory.

GATHERING

Opening Worship Song

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Collect for Purity

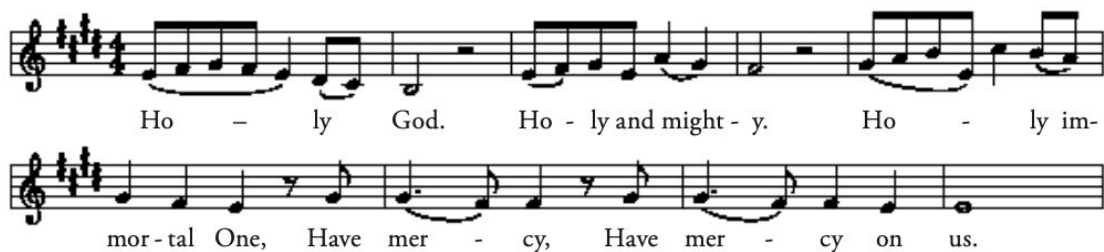
CELEBRANT: *Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray. 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.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Trisagion



Collect of the Day

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

CELEBRANT: *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.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

HEARING

The Lessons

READER: *A reading from the prophet Isaiah.*

Isaiah 64:1-9a

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

² as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³ When you did awesome things that we did not look for,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard

or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides you,

who acts for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,

those who remember you in your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;

in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon your name,

who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O Lord, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,

and remember not iniquity forever.

Behold, please look, we are all your people.

READER: *The Word of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le lu - ia.

READER: *The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.*

PEOPLE: **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And 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.

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

READER: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

PEOPLE: **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Alleluia



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The Sermon

The First Sunday in Advent:

"What We're All Waiting For" - Will Eastham

Prayers of the People

LEADER: . . . *Lord, in your mercy,*

PEOPLE: **Hear our prayer.**

CELEBRANT: *O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people: in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

The Peace

CELEBRANT: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

PEOPLE: **And also with you.**

FEASTING

Offertory

FEAR THOU NOT

DOXOLOGY

Communion Liturgy (B)

Great Thanksgiving

CELEBRANT: *The Lord be with you.*

PEOPLE: **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.**

CELEBRANT: *...therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:*

Sanctus



CELEBRANT: . . . *Therefore, according to his command, O Father:*

ALL: **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

CELEBRANT: . . . *By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours Almighty Father, now and for ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

CELEBRANT: *And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,*


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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

CELEBRANT: *Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

PEOPLE: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the world, ha-ve mer-cy on
us, ha-ve mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God you take a - way the sins of the
world, ha-ve mer-cy on us, ha-ve mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God you
take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us your peace, Grant us your peace.

CELEBRANT: *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.*

Communion Song:

THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

Partaking of the Elements

CELEBRANT: *The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.*

PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Closing Worship Song

KING OF HEAVEN

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

CELEBRANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: **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.**

The Advent Blessing

CELEBRANT: *Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.*

ALL: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.*

ALL: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.*

ALL: **Amen.**

CELEBRANT: *And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.*

ALL: **Amen.**

Dismissal

DEACON: *Go forth into the world in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.*

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Prayers for Spiritual Communion

OFFICIANT: *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

ALL: **Amen.**

OFFICIANT: *God is our refuge and strength.*

ALL: **A very present help in trouble.**

OFFICIANT: *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

ALL: **Who made heaven and earth.**

OFFICIANT: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."*

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.**

OFFICIANT: *Let us pray.*

ALL: **Heavenly Father, I now join my heart and mind
with all my brothers and sisters
in Holy Mother Church throughout the world
who gather at your holy table this day
to remember your death, and proclaim your resurrection.
Accept my soul and body as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to you,
through the merits of your dear Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Hasten the day when I may once more**

**draw near with them to receive
the most precious sacrament
of your body and blood. Amen.**

OFFICIANT: *Soul of Christ,*

ALL: **sanctify me.**

OFFICIANT: *Body of Christ,*

ALL: **save me.**

OFFICIANT: *Blood of Christ,*

ALL: **refresh me.**

OFFICIANT: *Water from the side of Christ,*

ALL: **wash me.**

OFFICIANT: *Passion of Christ,*

ALL: **strengthen me.**

OFFICIANT: *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!*

ALL: **Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him!**

OFFICIANT: *May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us into everlasting life,*

ALL: **Amen.**