

The Holy Eucharist
for
The First Sunday
of Advent
29 November 2020



The Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

Opening Hymn *Rejoice! rejoice, believers*

The Hymnal 1982 #68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil;
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

All 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.

*All sing the
Trisagion*

The Hymnal 1982 #S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

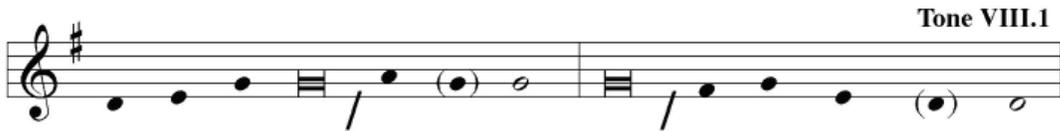
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

All sing the psalm



Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a flock;*

Shine forth, you that are enthroned up/on the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Ma/nasseh.*

stir up your strength and / come to help us.

Restore us, O / God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

O Lord / God of hosts,*

how long will you be angered despite the prayers / of your people?

You have fed them with the / bread of tears;*

you have given them / bowls of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our / neighbors,*

and our ene/mies laugh us to scorn.

Restore us, O / God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the one at your / right hand,*

the one you have made / so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn a/way from you;*

give us life, that we may call / upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord / God of hosts;*

show the light of your countenance, / and we shall be saved.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Lector A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *Jesus came, adored by angels*

The Hymnal 1982 #454

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
 2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
 3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
 4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
 bowed with care: Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
 sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
 pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
 to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
 lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
 let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
 al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
 al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
 al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **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.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Interim Rector

After a period of silence all say

The Nicene Creed

**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

Leader In this season of Advent, we join with Christians around the world in preparing for the coming of Christ. And so I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Martha, our Regional Canon; Nick, our Rector-elect, and his family; and all the people of Epiphany as we minister in Christ's name. Today we give special thanks for our Altar Guild.
Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this season of Advent, we wait for the coming of the One who is the Prince of Peace. And so I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the needs and concerns of our communities; and for the well-being of all people; that every child of God may live in safety, enjoy abundant life, and breathe the pure air of freedom.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this season of Advent, we watch for the coming of the One who is risen with healing in his wings. And so I ask your prayers for those who are ill, especially those with coronavirus; for all who are hungry or homeless; for refugees and immigrants; for prisoners; for frontline workers and first responders; for those who are unemployed or facing financial hardship; for all who suffer and all who mourn; that they may be protected, helped, healed, and restored to newness of life. We pray especially for Ben Lewis, Nancy Kraft, Tatiyana Proniyna, Catherine Chum, Anne Sydney Parrish, Vicki Yib, parishioners Kent Porter-Hamann, Peter Devlin, and for those we now name. (*Pray your own petitions.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this season of Advent, we watch for the coming of the One who is the light of the world. And so I ask your prayers for all who seek God, and for all who are burdened, isolated, anxious, or lonely; that we may see the light of Christ that shines always and will never be overcome. Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this season of Advent, we wait in hope for the coming of the One who is Resurrection and Life. And so I ask your prayers for all who have died, that they may go from strength to strength in God's perfect kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name.

(*Pray your own petitions.*)

Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We conclude with this prayer for our parish

All **Lord, in this time of transition, help us to be patient and open, having faith that you are guiding us into new life. Be with our entire congregation as we prepare for a new season of ministry. In every stage of our journey, may we rest in your abiding love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen**

The Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

Presider

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:

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 # S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Presider 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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider 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.

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 consecrated bread is broken.

The Fraction Anthem

The Hymnal 1982 #S165

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy

on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Anthem *In Night's Dim Shadows Lying*

arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

In night's dim shadows lying, our limbs fast locked in sleep,
To Thee with faithful sighing, our souls their vigil keep.
Desire of every nation, hear, Lord, our piteous cry,
Thou Word the world's salvation, uplift us where we lie.
Lord, be Thine Advent hastened lest sin Thy people mar,
The gates with Adam fastened the gates of heaven unbar.
Son, to Thine endless merit, Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.
With Sire and Holy Spirit be praises without end.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider 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 Presider says the

Blessing

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

People Amen.

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

People Amen.

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

People Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and
remain with you forever.

People Amen.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 crs; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*

Carl Adolf Lorenz (1837-1923)



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