

First Sunday of Advent, Year C
28 November 2021

10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Hymns

615

601

56 (*stanzas 1-3*)



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WORSHIP SERVICE GUIDELINES

For your safety and the safety of others:

- **A mask OR 6' social distance is required indoors at all times.**
- **Masks MUST be worn when in the Narthex or in proximity to children.**
- Please provide your own mask; temporary masks will be available if necessary.
- Masks do not need to be worn outdoors.
- **Please stay home if you are not feeling well.**
- **Use the provided hand sanitizer when entering and exiting.**
- **Children must remain with their families in pews/seats and when entering and exiting.**

Nursery care is available for the 10:30 am service (infants through Pre-K). Sunday School for K through 5th grades will meet in Ascension Chapel and must wear masks. **Parents, please sign your child/ren in and out each week.**

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First Sunday of Advent, Year C, Rite II

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10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Please stand.

Hymn **O come, O come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1-3)** **Hymnal 56**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. - *Mark 12:29-31*

The Confession

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

Silence

All **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.

Celebrant 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.**

Trisagion (sung at the 10:30 am service) **Hymnal S100**

All **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. (x3)**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi* (chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am service, read responsively at 6 pm)

Reader

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *

All

**let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
**for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
**remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader

A reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

All

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Hymn

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Hymnal 615

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

All

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

Please stand.

All

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

**The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children 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 Prayers of the People

Celebrant At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God,
saying: Lord, have mercy.

Reader That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive
to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's
touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of
self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and
make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's
agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer
that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and
pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be
always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us
pray to the Lord.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader That those who are suffering, especially Sherry K., Dave P., Bishop
Reddall, Brian R., Tom T., Lyndsay W., and the Byers Donovan family
may know your healing and comforting touch, let us pray to the Lord.

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please kneel or stand.

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant

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.**

Celebrant

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please kneel or 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 Blessing *Please stand.*

Hymn O day of God, draw nigh

Hymnal 601

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

10:30 am

Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Perry M. Pauley
Preacher	The Very Rev. Daniel P. Richards
Deacon	The Rev. Erin Cox Oney
Verger	John Walters
Acolytes	Connor Woodward, Weston Woodward
Scripture Reader	Ed Dietrich
Prayers of the People	Ann Dietrich
Ushers	Carolyn Hartman, John Travis
Altar Guild	Melissa Bull
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6:00 pm

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