

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
Luke 21.28



Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the amour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on 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, on God, now and forever. **Amen**

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Celebrant: Welcome, we gather this day on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Nation.

All: *May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the God, Father+, Son, and Holy Spirit, whose forgiveness is sure, and whose steadfast love endures forever. **Amen**

Together let us honestly and humbly confess that we have not lived as God desires.

Loving and forgiving God,

We confess that we are held captive by sin. In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray. We have not welcomed the stranger; we have not loved our neighbour; we have not been Christ to one another.

Restore us, O God. Wake us up and turn us from our sin. Renew us each day in the light of Christ. Amen

People of God, hear this glad news: by God's endless grace your sins are forgiven and you are free –

Free from all that holds you back and free to live in the peaceable realm of God. May you be strengthened in God's love, +comforted by Christ's peace, and accompanied with the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Advent Candlelighting Litany: Hope

Advent means “coming.” It is a time of longing, watching, and praying for God's healing, transformative presence to be ever more vibrantly present in the world. In this sense, Advent is a season in which we focus on that key phrase in the Lord's Prayer, “thy kingdom come.” As Christians, the good news we strive to live by and declare is that love is stronger than hate, peace more enduring than war, hope more powerful than despair – and the light of God's love will

extinguish forever the shadows of shame cast by violence, suffering, sorrow, and contempt.

Reader One: When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many people in this city and around the world will go to bed hungry tonight...

Reader Two: When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer, everyone saying, "Buy, buy, buy!" - and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

Reader One: In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Reader Two: In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (*Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.*)

Reader One: Let the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming on earth as it already is in heaven. Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

Hymn: 89 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Dick Hunter (*printed*)
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Thanks be to God

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;* **shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,* **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 neighbours,* **and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts;* **show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.**

And so will we never turn away from you;* **give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Restore us, O God hosts;* **and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Dick Hunter *(printed)*
*Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God***

Holy Gospel – Mark 13:24-37

The Lord Be with you. **And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Hymn: 98 Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes

Prayers of Intercessions and Thanksgivings: Dick Hunter

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Peace: The peace of the Lord always with you

And also with you

Hymn 110 “*Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us*”

Prayer over the Gifts:

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your presence of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer 4:

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be, the vast expanse of interstellar space, the galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and the fragile earth our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed them with memory, reason, and skill, you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, “Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.”

Glory to you, for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We, who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon the offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth, and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race and nation, may share in the banquet you have promised,

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

Lord's Prayer:

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us we bold to say.

**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
The power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread:

God of promise you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lord.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Administration of Holy Communion:

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please note: bread only will be distributed for communion)

*****Today we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. It will seem quite different, but all measures are put in place to reduce the risk of contracting any virus.**

We will begin with one side, and one row of people will come forward at a time. These people will return to their seats before the next group comes forward.

For individuals, we will follow the process contained in our Diocesan Pandemic Plan. The process is as follows:

- *Sanitize your hands before receiving the bread*
- *Receive the bread*
- *Remove your mask and consume the bread*
- *Replace your mask*
- *Sanitize hands again*
- *Return to your seat*

*Until further notice, receiving in both kinds is permitted only by the presider. ****

Hymn 57 “Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist”

Hymn 114 “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

The Church Goes Into the World

Prayer after Communion:

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Glory to God, whose power working in us, and do infinitely more than can ask or imagine.

Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus

For ever and ever. Amen

Blessing

Announcements

Hymn: 109 “When the King Shall Come Again”

Go in peace. Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Please Remember in Prayer

THE CHURCH Members of Emmanuel's Prayer Group

DIOCESE OF OTTAWA for Anglican Social Services Centre 454, (one of our Diocesan Community Ministries), and for their Acting Executive Director Rachel Robinson. In our Companion Diocese, the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, we pray for the Virgin Mary Episcopal Church, Irbid, Jordan.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) the Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

OUR PARISH FAMILY Wesley & Carol Hann, Bruce & Carrol Haywood, Harold Higginson

LOCAL CHURCHES Grace St. Andrew's Church

THE WORLD For the peace of Jerusalem, for peace & justice in Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Syria, Egypt, Ukraine. For those suffering from deadly diseases and all medical workers.

CANADA For our Queen, for Canada, our Prime Minister and Parliament; our Province, its Premier and Legislature; for our Armed Forces and their families.

ARNPRIOR AND AREA For our local communities, their leaders, and councils.

THOSE IN NEED The sick: David, Heather, John, Jim, Glen, Mary, Bob, Betty, Louise, Chris, Lauren, Margaret, Rob, Janet, Doreen, Audrey, Katharine, Roland, Alana, Susan, Bonnie, Yvette, Donna, Ryan, Doug, Neill, William, Judy, Bev, Lawrence, Dorothy, Margaret, Joyce, Andrew, Reid, Edna. **If there are any names to be added to or removed from this list, please contact the Church Office or use the form provided.** *Note: In order to respect privacy, ensure that you have received permission from the person(s) named.*

THE DEPARTED That they may dwell with all the Saints in the light and peace of our Risen Lord. Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, **and let light perpetual shine upon them.** *Please remember them in silence. If you wish to add a name for the leaflet, contact the Parish Office*

Welcome back! Today we celebrate Eucharist while worshipping together in person, with several precautions, for the health and safety of everyone.

Our online recorded worship has been suspended temporarily. However, we hope to bring you a mid-week service using the same order of service from the Sunday worship. We will inform you when we are up and running again. In the meantime, we have provided copies of the bulletin and announcements in the box outside the office door. Feel free to come and pick up your copy any day.

Many of us are concerned about the economy. Unfortunately, the economy affects the most vulnerable people. Help is needed at Neighbourlink Fountain, the Food Bank, and Seniors at Home. These organizations support those in deepest need. If you can donate time or funds, it will help others.

PREAUTHORIZED REMITTANCE (PAR) is available for your church offerings. Please contact Envelope Secretary, Paula Wheeler 613-623-2554.

Calling all Carollers! We are working to bring together a group of carollers to sing for a recording, and for one or two evenings. If you love to sing carols at Christmas now is your chance. Speak to the Wardens, Diane Bresson and Geoff Barnes, or to Rev. Cathy, or you may wish to call and leave a message at the office.

"Memorial donations for Christmas --call Helen Hall 623-5406"--decorations this year will be less than other years, but still festive!

Seniors at Home has reached out to ACTS because a number of seniors are losing the shopping program they've been dependent on for quite some time. No Frills will no longer accept call-in orders as they are transitioning to online shopping. Beginning in the New Year, seniors will need to place their orders online using www.pcexpress.ca/ which allows you to shop online and select a pick up time that's convenient for you.

No Frills staff will do the shopping, volunteers will order, pick up and drop off the groceries to their assigned senior(s). Can you step into the gap? To sign up or for more information, please contact:

- Guy Robitaille (RiverStone) - 613-296-2815 or grobittail57@gmail.com
- Kimberly O'Brien (Gateway) – 613-656-8588 or kimberly@gatewaychurch.ca

There will be no coffee hour during our Amber and Yellow stages of worship.
Again we hope to share in fellowship again as soon as it is safer to do so.

Do you miss our Coffee Hour? How about joining a Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom? If you are interested, please speak to Rev. Cathy call, or email the church office.

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

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READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² ^[a] 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! ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ^[b] ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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^[c] us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Isaiah 64:1-9

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

Response: ***Thanks be to God***

A Reading from the First Letter Paul to the Corinthians

³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. ⁹For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

1 Corinthians 3:3-9

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Response: ***Thanks be to God***