



**The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
10:45 am**

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Wreath lit by Chris and Brian Davis

Leader We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

People **As we light the first candle of this wreath, arouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels.**

Leader Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy.

People **Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Song

Advent

Michael S. Larkin

As we light the first candle on this advent wreath,
prepare our hearts to be ready. Arouse us from sleep.
In place of suffering, give us grace and joy here
For the day of your coming is sure to be near.

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Opening Songs

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart
Joy of every heart

Born thy people to deliver

Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now thy gracious kingdom bring
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne

You draw the hearts of shepherds
You draw the hearts of kings
Even as a baby, You were changing everything
You called me to Your Kingdom

Before Your lips could speak
And even as a baby,
You were reaching out for me

And now we are awaiting
The day of Your return
When every eye will see You
As heaven comes to earth
Until the sky is opened
Until the trumpet sounds

The bride is getting ready
The church is singing out

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
Come, thou long expected King!

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
I am, by Your hand alone
And I hope, by Your good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the Father's plan
He, to rescue me from danger
Came to Earth and was made man

Come Thou long-awaited Savior
Come O lord, Messiah, he
Who born to Mary in a manger
Will soon set His people free

He shall be called Wonderful Counselor
Prince of Peace, our newborn King
Come Thou long-awaited Savior
Hark, the herald angels sing!

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy 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.**

Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- ² Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- ³ Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- ⁸ He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- ⁹ All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Gospel Song

The Word

For the Word of God lives here
Deep in our hearts
And is sharper than the blade of any sword
Grasses fade, flowers fall
But God's love endures
Please guide us
O Lord to Your will
This is God's Word.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[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 does not 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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader

For the church everywhere: In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of St. Ann's Episcopal Church in Afton and their priest, the Rev. Dave Hanselman. We also pray for the people of Ss. Peter & John Episcopal Church in Auburn and their priest, the Rev. John Rohde. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of San Andrés Apóstol in Amatepec, Soyapango and their priest, the Rev. Alfredo López. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Episcopal Dioceses of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and their primate, the Most. Rev. Naudal Alves Gomes. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for countries recovering from famine or storms, and for those where human rights have been violated. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislators, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for women preparing to give birth, for adoptive and foster families, for children with special needs, and for children who are orphaned and waiting for families. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those without homes or jobs, those in treatment for cancer or other illnesses, those who long for forgiveness, those who find the holidays difficult, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those who have died and for the friends and family who grieve their loss, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. Be their comfort and guide through these days of grief and healing. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Clergy

You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.**

Absolution

Clergy

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 Peace

Clergy

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offertory

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all
He is Lord Lord of all
Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne!

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God 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.

A Proper Preface is said here.

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 (*sing*)

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion.
They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection.*

Music at Communion

Lead Me to the Cross

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom
Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now You're risen
Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross!

The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

Blessing

Clergy May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. And May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Song

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

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Dismissal

Clergy Go in the peace of Christ. Serve those living in poverty.
Proclaim the Good News Alleluia! Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia.**

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