



Lo! He comes with clouds descending



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The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Service

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Morning Prayer: Rite 2

WELCOME

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 75

Officiant Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. *Mark 13:35, 36*

HYMN 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

ADVENT WREATH-LIGHTING

Reader "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." *Isaiah 9:2, 6*

We remember the prophets of old, who demanded to be heard, who dared to speak of an unexpected liberator of the people, a vulnerable incarnation of God.

People **We give thanks for the prophets among us, who bring us surprising new visions of hope, who challenge us to think outside the box, who show us a future we never anticipated.**

Reader On this first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle in honor of those who renew our faith and remind us of what may be.

Please light the first candle on your Advent Wreath

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

BCP, pg. 80

All **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

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.

Officiant Our King and Savior now draws near:

All **Come let us adore him.**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
How long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
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.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

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
People

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Redeemer Choir

SECOND LESSON: Mark 13:24-37

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."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HOMILY

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THE CREED

Officiant Let us confess our faith.

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord is with you.
People **And also with you.**

BCP, pg. 97

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, pg. 97

Officiant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

SUFFRAGES

Leader O God of many names, lover of all peoples; we pray for peace in our hearts and in our homes, in our nations and in our world; the peace of your will, the peace of our need:

Leader For the hungry and the over-fed
People **May we have enough.**

Leader For the mourners and the mockers
People **May we laugh together.**

Leader For the victims and the oppressors
People **May we share power wisely.**

Leader For the peacemakers and the warmongers
People **May truth and love lead us to harmony.**

Leader For the silenced and the propagandists
People **May we speak our own words in truth.**

Leader For the unemployed and the overworked
People **May our impact on the earth be kindly and creative.**

Leader For the troubled and the sleek
People **May we live together as wounded healers.**

Leader For the homeless and the pampered
People **May our homes be simple, warm and welcoming.**

Leader For the vibrant and the dying
People **May we all die to live.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant 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.**

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP, pg. 98

Officiant O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR MISSION

BCP, pg. 100

Officiant O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Intercessions may be offered which conclude with this Prayer

Officiant Almighty God, who has promised to heed our prayers offered in your Son's Name: we ask you to mercifully hear us who have made our prayers to you, and grant those things which we have asked according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.

When earth drew on to darkest night,
you came, but not in splendour bright,
not as a king, but as the child
of Mary, Virgin mother mild.

At your great name, majestic now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
all things on earth with one accord
join those in heaven to call you Lord.

To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise, honour, might, and glory be
from age to age eternally. Amen.

- 1 Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory: claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

THE BENEDICAMUS

BCP, pg. 102

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRACE

BCP, pg. 102

Officiant Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
People **Amen.**

VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J. S. Bach

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Please pray for those who have died: Suzanne Riley Rambo Lawson, Mary Frances Wagley, Gus Robbins, Fraz Frazier

Ordinarily names remain on our prayer list for a month. If you would like someone's name to continue – please contact the office.