

The First Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer Rite II

Sunday, November 29, 2020



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Welcome & Announcements

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Sung by all

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!

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!

O come, Desire of nation
Bind in one the hearts of humankind
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,
And be thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Opening Sentence

Presider Watch, for you do not know 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.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

All **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,
while building walls between ourselves and others.
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,**

**while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.
We have tried to love our neighbors individually
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.
Forgive us, Holy God.
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,
united in our diversity,
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.
Amen**

Presider 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 Invitatory & Psalter

Presider Lord, open our lips.

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

All **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. Alleluia!**

Presider Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines Within Us

Sung by all

**Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.
Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.
Let my heart always welcome your love. (sung 3x)**

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18

Led by Erin McNaughton

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 neighbors, *
and our enemies 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 man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away 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.

All **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 Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Read by Pat Thebaud

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.
The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

I Want to be Ready

Sung by Taiwan Norris

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Read by Deacon John Musco

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.”

The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kimberlee Auletta

The Apostles Creed

Said in unison

**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 Offertory

We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:
<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

Doxology

Sung by all

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Prayers

Led by Missy Trull

Intercessor As we wait with pregnant expectation for the coming of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who sends his Son in the womb of Mary.

Pause for a moment of silence

Intercessor God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor Blessed are You who joins us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting Your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O compassionate One, hold us in Your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with Your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us Your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of Your unfailing promise.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse Your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Intercessor God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*** Please give silence after each person speaks before you add your petition. If you do not have a petition or if there is too much background noise in your home, please mute yourself. You can also write your prayer in the chat.*

Presider And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264

Sung by all

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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.*

Advent Prayer

From Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The Benediction

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn: This Little Light of Mine

Sung by all

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
All **Thanks be to God!**

Christmas Sing-a-long

Passing of the Peace

Time for Check-In

Parish Announcements

Advent

- This Advent and Christmas seasons will be unlike any others we have experienced. For the **four Sundays in Advent**, we will plan on Sunday morning Zoom services, and then, at 4:30pm, we will gather outside of the church, masked and socially distanced, for a 25-minute candlelight service of communion with music from a soloist. We will be sending emails weekly as RSVPs will be necessary due to COVID tracing. RSVP at info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com

- **Advent retreat:** we will lead a 4-week “retreat” during Advent that will meet weekly on Zoom. Please register by today! info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com The last day to register is TODAY!
- **Wreath Making.** We will be making wreaths Saturday, December 5th 12-2 (rain date Sun Dec 6th 12-2). Socially distanced, masked, outside! Join us for this fun advent activity. Cost is \$20/wreath. To reserve your spot, please pay for a wreath here and we will be in touch regarding a time slot: <https://onrealm.org/holypostles/give/craft>

PS 15 & Holy Apostles

Give a Family Christmas - Deadline to Sign up is TODAY!

This year we will be giving gifts to students at PS 15 and their family. We are grateful that Kallen Tsikalas has volunteered to organize this effort again. If you are interested in participating, the first step is to fill out this Google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc7kYQ8Mnby8XiYJ64PBXcYKgnrYsFN6lw16XfZGsB_0FXzQ/viewform

ADVENT OUTREACH - Continued Support for Students

As it looks like all students in NYC will be shifting to remote learning, the administration of PS 15 is worried that students will not have adequate food, money to pay cable bills (to get internet) as well as games. We are still collecting funds through our discretionary fund to help out. . You can donate here: www.holypostlesbrooklyn.com/belonging/giving

*If you have a prayer request or thanksgiving for our **Parish Prayer List** that you would like to include in our weekly email, please email it to info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com by **Friday at 5pm.***

A link to our 10am service is now included in our prayer list that goes out on Sunday evenings.