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Sunday, December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Worship at 10:00 am

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Whoever and wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, you are welcome here.

We invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments, which are God's gifts. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty nor earned. It is radical, transformative, and universal. As such, we seek to mirror God's healing love by making this a safe place for skeptics, seekers, those whom the church has wounded, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered away, new believers, and those who never left. As a diverse community, we have discovered a unity more significant than our differences in God. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine completeness of God. Engaging God is a lifelong process. Wherever you find yourself on your faith journey, God invites you to keep traveling. The Spirit of God drew you here in some subtle or profound way. Our hearts are open to God and to you.



Prelude

Deb Harstine

Welcome

Cindy Badwey

All stand as able

Advent Hymn

“Light One Candle”

Natalie Sleeth

**Light one candle for hope, One bright candle for hope
He brings hope to every heart. He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace
He brings peace to every heart. He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for joy, one bright candle for joy
Every nation will find salvation in Bethlehem Baby boy**

**Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love
He brings love to every heart. He comes! He comes!
He brings love to every heart. He comes! He comes!**

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. The church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world with wounded hearts. So, we light the first candle of hope and dare to express our longing for peace, healing, and the well-being of all creation.

(Lector lights the first blue candle.)

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

God’s mercy endures forever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 forever. *Amen*

The Lessons

All may be seated

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from 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.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 25:1-9

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.

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 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.

Epistles Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from Paul's First Letter 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. May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand as able

Seq.

“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

Pg. 600, vs. 1, 2 & 3

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Seq.

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

Pg. 600, vs. 4 & 5

All may be seated

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant & Congregation

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*

Prayers of the People

Kneeling or standing as able

As we begin this Advent Season and a new Church Year, give us the grace to make amendments to life and to discern the right pathways as we prepare for the coming of our Savior:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Grant us joy in friendship, family, and in our faith community that the Lord might make us increase and abound in love for one another and all:

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

Strengthen our hearts in holiness that we may be found blameless before you at the coming of Christ:

Lead me in your truth and teach me.

Fill our children with anticipation and godly wonder, and use our Advent preparations to deepen their faith:

You are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted.

Be with our sick, ministering to their anxieties and infirmities, praying especially for those for whom our prayers are now offered (*the people may offer their petitions*).

Bring healing, strength, and peace:

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love are everlasting.

We place our sure confidence in your righteous branch, the scourge of all injustice, the hope of the poor, the longing of Judah, and our journey's end:

Gracious and upright is the Lord.

For those seeking greater depth of life, and for all whom you are drawing to yourself, make this Advent a season in which wonder is stirred, and questions are answered:

The Lord guides the humble in doing right and teaches the lowly.

Be with our faith community this Advent Season, remembering our leadership and all the people of God.

Pray for St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Shawnee, The Reverend Jonathan Brice, and their lay leadership.

For the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, our Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe, our Bishop Cathleen Bascom, Father Les, Deacon Pastor Diane, all bishops and ministers, and all God's holy people.

For Heartland Minster and their Shepherd, The Reverend Richard Osborne, Interim at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Newton, Kansas.

We give thanks for the opportunity to gather as a community of skeptics, seekers, and believers and to support through outreach the Family Life Center Safehouse, RISE Meals for the Homeless, Priscilla's Pet Pantry, and all outreach ministries of Trinity.

The Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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*

The Absolution

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

May the Lord direct your ways and make you abound in love for one another and all, just as God's love abounds for you.

Instrumental

Deb Harstine

The Doxology

“Praise to God”

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Blessing Pledge Cards

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also, with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, O God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

For you have called the earth from the sun's rising to its setting. You have gathered your loyal followers and directed our way so that we might see you face to face.

You have called us into covenant with you and sealed it with a sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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

The people stand or kneel as able.

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. 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:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 forever. *AMEN* + + +

The Lord's Prayer

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, forever and ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the Feast. Alleluia.

The Invitation

This is the banquet of the Lamb. It is ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who have failed. Come because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

Hymn

“Once He Came in Blessing”

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Eternal God, Heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us out now into the world in peace, and grant us the strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Blessing

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love and the blessing of God Almighty, The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen*

Recessional

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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The Dismissal

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Deb Harstine

Ministers This Service

The Rev. Les Jackson

David Reynolds, *Acolyte*

Deb Harstine, *Organist*

David & Christie Reynolds, *Hospitality*

Carol Turner, Cindy Badwey, *Altar Guild*

Cindy Badwey, *Lector & Counter*

Tomí Jensen, *Usher*

Cherilyn Chiaro, *Flautist*

Micah Miller, *Videographer*