

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist Rite I  
December 22, 2019  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen."

The Passing of the Peace BCP 360

Sentence of Scripture (Advent) BCP 37

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Confession of Sin BCP 41

Celebrant:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All:

Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,

we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant and People

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!

Antiphon (In Advent...) BCP 43

Our King and Savior draweth nigh: *O come, let us  
adore him.*

Venite BCP 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

Antiphon (In Advent...)  
Our King and Savior draweth nigh: *O come, let us  
adore him.* BCP 43

Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis, Israel* BCP 702

- 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  
save
- 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 First Lesson Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of  
the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.  
But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the  
test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too  
little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?  
Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young  
woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him  
Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows  
how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the  
child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the  
land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

*Please respond after each lesson with "Thanks be to God"*  
The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* BCP 85  
I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my refuge; \*  
the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \*  
the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \*  
Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been  
drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; \*  
they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness,  
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \*  
the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to  
your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \*  
on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \*  
for ever and for ever.  
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.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel

concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Song of Zechariah

BCP 50

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord  
to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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.

A reading from Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"  
which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Sermon Janice Buchin, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles Creed BCP 53

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

The Prayers  
Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
All: And with thy spirit.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 54

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.

Suffrage B

BCP 55

V. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;  
R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.  
V. Day by day we magnify thee;  
R. And we worship thy name for ever, world without end.  
V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;  
R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;  
R. As our trust is in thee.  
V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;  
R. Let me never be confounded.

Collect of the Day (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent)

BCP 160

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation,  
that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a  
mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of  
the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this  
day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days  
to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

BCP 56

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the  
night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning:  
Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep  
thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that,

having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we  
may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

BCP 56

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in  
knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service  
is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all  
assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy  
defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through  
the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace

BCP 56

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:  
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that  
this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of  
danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may  
do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Victims of Addiction

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look  
with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their  
health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your  
unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them;  
strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those  
who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering  
love. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission

BCP 58

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the  
earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those

who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered at this time, either silently or spoken*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St Chrysostom BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and

hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

Announcements

Dismissal BCP 59-60

THOSE ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lector: Joyce Holden

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/24 Christmas Eve Service, Hymn Sing, 7 PM

12/29 Morning Prayer Rite II, Joyce Holden officiating

1/5 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating

1/12 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today, Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy & Fellowship

Today, Rich & Carol Newell's anniversary

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

12/31 New Year's Eve Taize service, Dominican Chapel, Siena Heights

1/2/20 Julie Blanton's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

12/26 St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

12/27 St John, Apostle & Evangelist

12/28 The Holy Innocents

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK  
FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Matthew Linden; Bob Bird; Jamie & Marvin; Ridge; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Carol Rodriguez; Kristin & Matthew; Kathy Hunter; Carol Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Juan Perez; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Dan Buchin; Jim Barancin, suffering from prostate cancer; Antony Scioly; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker; Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY: our service men & women, especially those suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wendell Gibbs, our Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop-Elect; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; Church at Crossroads, Detroit: Christ the King, Puerto Plata, DR

PRAYERS FOR: refugees from all countries, especially the children

TIME TO STOCK THE PANTRY! Donations distributed to local charities...

PLEASE JOIN US on Christmas Eve as we sing Christmas Carols and worship together! Be sure to pick up a candle on the way in, and join in the center aisle of the Sanctuary for our final carol of the evening, sung a cappella. We look forward to celebrating with you!

We welcome you to Christ Church and invite you to join us for refreshments in the parish hall immediately following the service.

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