



Sunday, November 29, 2020  
The Third Sunday of Advent

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Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2019

Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave  
The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Week of 1 Advent

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. (Matthew 24:42-44) 1

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (First Sunday Advent) BCP 73

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*

The Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Officiant: 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

Officiant:  
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

Officiant: 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.

Antiphon (in Advent) BCP 80  
Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.  
*People: Come let us adore him.*

Jubilate BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon BCP 80  
Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.  
*People: Come let us adore him.*

Psalm 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 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.

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord  
Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the  
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for  
in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech  
and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of  
Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you  
are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the  
revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen  
you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were  
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah BCP 92  
Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and 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 Mark 13:24-27  
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.”

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96  
*Officiant and People together*

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 be with you.  
*All: And also with you.*  
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97  
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 A BCP 97  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect of the Day (First Sunday of Advent) BCP 211  
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.*

A Collect for Sundays BCP 98

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. *Amen.*

Prayer for the First Sunday in Advent during Covid-19

Officiant: This has been a year to lament— Grief and loss, crisis when social structures have failed the common good  
Complicity when age-old prejudices found new and cruel expression:

*People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

Officiant: This has been a year to wake up—  
To read the “signs of the times”  
To wake up to painful truths, and give them voice  
To ponder the changes needed for a just world for all:

*People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

This has been a year to call God into our sorry midst—  
Show us your face!  
Encourage us in the face of brutal realities,  
Empower us to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you

On the way in which you make all things new.

*People: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

A Collect for Mission BCP 101  
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101  
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

#### Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102  
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST with everything it takes to provide community worship on Sunday mornings!

#### UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/6 Holy Eucharist, Fr Dan Buchin officiating  
12/13 Holy Eucharist, Fr Dan Buchin officiating  
12/20 Holy Eucharist, Fr Dan Buchin officiating

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday  
12/20 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy  
12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary  
12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

#### SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

11/30 St Thomas the Apostle

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed &

Audrey Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Bob Bird; Donna Tomecek-Schiller; Jamie & Marvin; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Kristin & Matthew; Carol & Patrick Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Jim Barancin; 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; Bud Leafdale; Jessica's aunt; John Martin; Margaret Grose; our community; job recovery; Darrien Baker; Baby D; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Matthews' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda Hesselink; Terry Johnson; Carrie Cook; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al Ellerholz; Vicki Hesse; Beth Rowley; Eric Travis; Kim Pratt; the family of Catherine Pelham; Andy  
PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised  
IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; 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 of the Redeemer, Southfield; St Paul's, Romeo; St Joseph's, Boca Chica, DR

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for fellowship when the pandemic crisis is over!

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