



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2020

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M.

Gathering Music (*The gathering music at 9:30 a.m. will be sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen.*)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Song of Praise (*9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen*)

The Collect of the Day

The Lessons

A reading from Isaiah (64:1–9)

Commentary:

The purpose of Isaiah's sweeping prophecy is to display God's glory and holiness through His judgment of sin and His deliverance and blessing of a righteous remnant. In this passage Isaiah prayed to God, asking Him to have pity on Israel. At the Exodus, God had done unexpected, awesome things and Isaiah hoped that instead of remaining quiet, the Lord would act again in some profound way. Israel had sinned so much and for so long Isaiah wondered if there was still any hope for the nation, especially since none of the Israelites felt concerned enough about their sinful condition to seek the Lord. However, Isaiah did appeal to God for help, asking Him to look on Israel with mercy simply because Israel was the nation God had formed and chosen for Himself.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1–7, 16–18 (9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen) chant: John Sullivan

ANTIPHON: *Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

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.

ANTIPHON

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.

ANTIPHON

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.

ANTIPHON

A reading from 1 Corinthians (1:3–9)

Commentary:

Corinth was strategically located in the ancient world and its location brought commerce and all that goes with it, including wealth, a steady stream of travelers and merchants, and vice. Corinth as a city was ignorant of the true God, entirely self-governing as a Roman colony, and self-centered in her world. Paul had planted a church in Corinth and he subsequently wrote 1 Corinthians to address areas of concern within the Corinthian church. As was customary for Paul, he began his letter with thanksgiving to God for what the Corinthian Christians were doing well. Paul praised the Corinthians for their gifts, if not their behavior. He reminded them that one day they would stand without guilt before the Lord, not on their own merits, but because God is faithful and His keeping power is forever. Paul says that everything God has done and will do for the Corinthians is done in 'Jesus Christ our Lord'.

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..

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24–37)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

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

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Officiant and People

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 Peace

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo: *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus *(Celebrant and People)*

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

The Celebrant says in the midst of the prayer

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Communion of the People.

Communion Music *(9:30 a.m. only. Sung by the soloist; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Post-Communion Prayer *(Celebrant and People)*

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

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The Reverend Pierce Klemmt

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