



Holy Eucharist Rite II
The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2020 · 8:00 am

Order of Service

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Our king and savior now draws near.
All **O come, let us adore him.**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you are the true light that lights every human soul as you come into the world: Bless, we pray, this wreath and its candles which we light in preparation for your coming; and so kindle our hearts with the fire of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness, and evermore stand firm and fast in our faith. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

The Lesson

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector A reading from the Book of 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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (*Said by all.*)

Psalm 25

1 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.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

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

4 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.

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

6 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.

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Lector A reading from First 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. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Luke 21: 25-36

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

All **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.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Greeting & Notices

NEWCOMERS:

If you are new to Christ Church Greenwich, welcome!
So that we can get to know you, please fill out one of the newcomer information cards,
found in the pews and on tables in the foyer and hallway.
Please give the card to an usher, and someone will be in touch with you soon!

The Great Thanksgiving-- Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. [*the Celebrant says the preface*].

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

Sanctus and Benedictus *[Sung by all]*

Hymnal S-129

Prayer of Consecration

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Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer *[Said by all]*

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei *[Sung by all]*

Hymnal S-163

*You are invited to come forward to receive the Bread.
Prior to receiving, please use the hand sanitizer provided and maintain a safe social
distance (6 ft) between yourself and others.*

*Before consuming the sacrament, please return to your seat using the side aisles.
You may consume the sacrament once you've returned to your seat.*

Post Communion Prayer *[Said by all]*

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessing

Dismissal

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

Serving Today

Celebrant

Preacher

Altar Guild & Usher

Lector

The Rev. Marek Zabriskie

The Rev. Dr. Cheryl McFadden

Rebecca Fretty

Rondi Olson