

Christ Church Trumbull
The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All **His mercy endures forever.**

Advent I Candle Lighting

Holy and Gracious God, as we light this candle, we pray that you would kindle the fire of Hope in our hearts. Help us to put our hope in you Lord God, as we are urged to stay awake and be ready for a most amazing event! As we prepare to receive the Christ Child, increase our Hope in Jesus who came to show us his presence, his power, his peace, and his abiding love. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria — Hymn No. 56 (verse 1-2) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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.

All **Amen.**

Readings from the Holy Scriptures *(Seated)*:

The First Lesson **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 for ever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 *(said responsively by half verse)*

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

you who lead Joseph like a flock!

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your might,

and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

O Lord God of hosts,

how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

You have fed them with the bread of tears,

and given them tears to drink in full measure.

You make us the scorn of our neighbours;

our enemies laugh among themselves.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;

may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,

the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from you;

give us life, and we will call on your name.

The Epistle **1 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

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

‘But 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.’

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon..... Paige Foreman

Nicene Creed

**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.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer Leader: As we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, for the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, for the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples.

Silence

Prayer Leader Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer Leader: For this community, that God would guide us with his truth, fill us with his love, and provide for us from his bounty.

For God's justice, peace, and freedom in our community and our world.

For the leaders of our nation and those who serve on the frontlines especially police officers, fire fighters, medical professionals, and social justice advocates.

For all those who have suffered under the weight of racism. For all those who have been infected with COVID 19. For all those who are hungry and alone this Advent.

For all those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, especially Rob, Doug, Grace, Anna, Evan, Debbie, Justin, Max, Mike, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Pat, Ray, Lucy, Chris, Ellie, Adela, Penny, Roger, Merna, Jill, Ruth, Michael, Quinn, Jamison, Rita, Jerry, and Trish.

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed especially Rebecca, Elizabeth, Eunice, Abel, Bev, Harold, William, Adele, John, Mary, Olive, Elijah, Elvira, David, Samuel, Porter, Nellie, and Carolyn.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

***All* To you, O Lord.**

I invite you to say in person or type in the chat any additional prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries.

Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.

Celebrant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

***All* Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Announcements

St. Nicholas Day On December 6th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa. We hope Santa will make an appearance on Zoom for our spiritual communion. Parents please watch out for more news about St. Nicholas Day.

Care Pod Community Outreach Look in your email for a message about joining your care pod. We'd love for our church families to be able to connect with each other by phone or with our church Zoom. We invite your pod to have at least one phone call

or Zoom to talk about how you can support each other. We hope that our care pods would now come together to find ways to support our community either by setting a goal for donating x number bags of food together or buy x number of gifts for the McGivney Center Christmas Store.

All Church Meeting **Sunday, January 10, 2021 - 10:30am - 11:30am.** We will gather for an all church meeting (please note the change in date and time) to discuss our **Mission, Vision, and Values** in light of all that has changed in our world, our community, and our church.

Zoom Holiday Party Stay tuned for more information on our Holiday Party on Zoom. Date/Time TBD.

Weekly eNews CCT sends a weekly eNews on Thursdays via email. This eNews contains information about worship services, parish news, events, the ECCT community, and more. If you are not receiving this eNews and would like to, please contact Maryanne in the parish office.

Meditation Group This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our group.

Weekly Prayer Call This group is led by Ginnie Glassman and Susan Vasone and meets every Wednesday at 12:30pm. It is a time to talk about what is on your mind, listen to others' concerns, pray for and encourage each other. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office for the Zoom link.

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Heaven's All Around” Live Church Worship

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

All **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 continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your

Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever.

All Amen.

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, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

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.

***All* Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in
this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this
bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray,
with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and
love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your
grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only
God, now and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine
upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

Closing Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**