

Christ Church Trumbull

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Feast of St. Nicholas

December 6, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All His mercy endures forever.

Advent II Candle Lighting

Holy and Gracious God, as we light this candle, we pray that you would kindle the fire of faith in our hearts. Restore and encourage our faith in you and build in us faith for your amazing work. As we prepare to receive the Christ Child, increase our faith for Jesus's mighty work of restoration, healing, and renewal. 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.

Grant, Almighty God, that your church may be so inspired by the example of your servant Nicholas of Myra, that it may never cease to work for the welfare of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Epistle **1 John 4:7-14**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:8-13 *(said responsively by half verse)*

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

The Gospel Mark 10:13-16

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

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

The Sermon.....Pastor Jane Jeuland

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, Merna, Jill, Ruth, Michael, Quinn, Jamison, Rita, Jerry, Trish, Roger, Cristian, and Andy, and Andrew.

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed especially Abijah, Louisa, Angie, Ann, Elisha, Aimee, Eva, Mary, Dorothy, Christine, Philip, Albert, Janette, Dora, Ronald, and Ann.

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

Prayer List Traditionally, we start the parish Prayer List anew with each Advent season. This year, we will start a new list beginning next Sunday, December 13th. Please let Maryanne in the parish office know by **Tuesday, December 8th** if the person that you currently have on the prayer list needs to remain. If healing has taken place, we'd love to offer prayers of thanksgiving.

Care Pod Community Outreach Look in your email for a message about joining your care pod. 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 "Follow the Light" Worship Together

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 St. Nicholas, and 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 "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while unending ages run.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

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