

Christ Church Trumbull
The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021 ~ Year C

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Sentence

Officiant In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Invitatory (*All stand*)

Officiant 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) “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*”

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray together.

All **Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant and People:

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jubilate: Psalm 100 (*Said responsively by whole verse*)

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

All **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.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

All **For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon

Officiant Our King and Savior now draws near.

All **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 25:1-9 (*Said responsively by whole verse*)

Reader To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

All **Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Reader Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

All **Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Reader Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

All **So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;**

Officiant But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary (Said responsively by whole verse)*

Reader My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

All **From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

Reader He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

All **He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

Reader He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

All **He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

Reader He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

All **The promise he made to our fathers, *
 to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Reader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn 67, “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” (v. 1 & 2)

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

The Gospel Luke 21:25-36

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

‘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 does not 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.’

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

The Sermon..... Ginnie Glassman

Apostles' Creed (*All stand. Said in unison*)

**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 (*The people stand or kneel*)

Officiant The Lord be with you
All And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer (*Officiant and People*)

**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.**

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Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
All **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
All **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;
All **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;
All **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
All **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
All **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Build Your Kingdom Here” Rend Collective

Collection

Collect

Officiant 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.

Collect for the Renewal of Life

Reader O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Intercessional Prayer

Officiant 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.

All Amen.

Intercessory Prayers

Officiant As we pray together, are there any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing?

Reader We commend to your Goodness all those who are in any way afflicted or distressed in mind or body. Give them patience under the suffering and power of endurance. We pray especially this week for Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Sue, and Peter.

Reader We pray for all those who grieve the loss of a loved one.

Officiant 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.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

Pies for Sale! We are selling our delicious homemade pies – apple (double crust) and blueberry crumb! The price per pie (frozen) is \$15. Payment by cash or check (made out to Christ Church Trumbull). Payment due at pick up. To place your order and arrange pick up, email: info@christchurchtrumbull.org or call the parish office at (203) 268-5566.

**Meditation Group
1st & 3rd Mondays** Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Prayer Group
2nd, 4th & 5th
Mondays** Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Bible Study with
St. Timothy's** Join Rev. Kevin Olds for virtual Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:30. Contact the parish office for the zoom link.

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**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 ourselves 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.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Officiant concludes

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn 65 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, fore told in sacred story.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

He brings God’s rule, O Zion; he comes from heav’n above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, peace, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Saviour’s rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in ev’ry place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God’s most holy name.

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**