

Sunday, November 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Advent I, Year B
Christ Church Cathedral
Nashville, Tennessee



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The procession from the side door to the sanctuary pausing to reverence the altar individually

AN ADVENT LITANY

The Reverend Carl G. Carlozzi

Litanist: The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

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.
Forgive us, O Lord.

We have not loved you with all our heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
Forgive us, O Lord.

We have squandered the resources of your creation and been insensitive to the needs of generations yet to come.
Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.
Forgive us, O Lord.

Help us to prepare your way, opening our hearts to the transforming grace of your Word.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Lead us in the way of John the Baptist, that our hearts may be open to receive the gift of the One who is to come.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Let us hear again the message of Gabriel and ponder anew the miracle of life.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Like Mary, let us sing with joy as we give thanks for the coming of the Savior.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Fill us, O Lord, with the desire to observe this holy season, so that we might come to the birth of your Son in joy and expectation.
Prepare us, O Lord.

Your will is justice and respect for the dignity of all people.
Remind us, O Lord.

Your will is empowering love, giving us courage to bear the burdens of life.
Remind us, O Lord.

Your will is peace, comfort to the troubled conscience and hope for new beginnings.
Remind us, O Lord.

In all our life, O Lord, enliven our hopes, inspire our dreams, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us expectant, O Lord, to see new possibilities for life and ministry through the eyes of your Son.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Empower us to reach out in love to the forsaken, the destitute and the oppressed.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for direction in our community of faith, for the ministry of laity and clergy, and all in authority in the nations of the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all humanity, for peace, for good-will among nations, and for your spirit of love in our hearts.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill and those in trouble and adversity.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died and all who are the vessels of God's grace in every generation.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – Isaiah 64:1-9

[Roger Moore]

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

[John Whitaker]

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – I Corinthians 1:3-9

[John Bridges]

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON –Mark 13:24-37

Gospeller. 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.”

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

SERMON – The Reverend Lissa Smith
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

THE 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 PEACE

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY



*Touch or scan the QR code above to leave your tithe and offering this morning.
You may also text "CCCNash" to 73256 to give using your mobile phone.*

SOLO AT THE OFFERTORY

Watchman, tell us of the night

Joseph Parry [2'15"]
(1841-1903)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere 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:

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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also † that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Then may be said

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. † Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Sacrament is distributed.

HYMN AT THE DISTRIBUTION

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us

Wachet auf [3’02”]

You are invited to sing along at home.

1 “Sleep - ers, wake!” A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: “A -
 heart with iov - ful hope is spring - ing. she

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!” Mid - night’s peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -

ken: rious: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
her star is risen, her light grows bright.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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.**

THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

Chorale prelude on "Sleepers, wake!" Johann Sebastian Bach [3'52"]
A voice astounds us BWV 645 (1685-1750)

2021 ANNUAL GIVING DRIVE

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

-John 1:5

We acknowledge with gratitude those who have recorded a pledge for the
2021 Annual General Fund Pledge Drive.

Pledgers for November 18-November 25, 2020

Mavis and George Allen
Katie Almasy
Varina and Jeffrey Buntin
Catherine and Shelton Clark
Lynn Grassmeyer
Betty Grimes
Debby and Bill Koch
Amy and Clay Lutz
Courtney and Carolyn Pearre
Martha and Art Stinson

CELEBRANT

The Reverend Matthew W. Lewis, *Associate for Evangelism and Christian Formation*

PREACHER

The Reverend Lissa Smith, *Associate for Pastoral Care and Cathedral Life*

LITANIST & DEACON

The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough, *Dean and Rector*

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Canon Dr. Michael Velting, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Matthew Youngblood, *Tenor*

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Roger Moore, John Whitaker, John Bridges

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