

**First Sunday of Advent    Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**December 2, 2023    5:30 pm**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**Prelude**

**Candlelighting (Lucernaria)**

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:  
**R. O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

Hymnal #66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,  
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**Trisagion – repeated three times**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

**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.**

## The Lessons

### **The First Reading:** *Isaiah 64:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—<sup>2</sup>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! <sup>3</sup>When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

### **The Psalm:** *Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18*

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

<sup>2</sup>*In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.*

<sup>3</sup>*Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

<sup>4</sup>*O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?*

<sup>5</sup>*You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.*

<sup>6</sup>*You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.*

<sup>7</sup>*Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

<sup>16</sup>*Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.*

<sup>17</sup>*And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.*

<sup>18</sup>*Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

### **The Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **The Gospel:** *Mark 13:24-37*

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."

## The Sermon

### Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

### Prayers of the People

*Deacon or other leader:* In waiting on your return, we lift our prayers saying, **Hear our Prayer. . .**

### Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in BCP

### The Peace

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## HOLY COMMUNION

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### Offertory Music

#### *Creator of the Stars of Night*

Hymnal #60

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in splendor bright,  
not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

### Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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.***

*Celebrant*    It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus**

*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.***

*Celebrant*    We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

***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**

### **Fraction Anthem**

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People*      ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Celebrant*    The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Communion Music**

#### *I Come with Joy to Meet the Lord*

Hymnal #304

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.  
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Come with us, O blessed Jesus, with us evermore to be;  
and though leaving now thine altar, let us nevermore leave thee.  
Be thou one with us for ever, in our life thy love divine  
our own flesh and blood has taken, and to us thou givest thine.

Come with us, O mighty Savior, God from God, and Light from Light;  
thou art God, thy glory veiling, so that we may bear the sight.  
Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as through our prayer;  
grant us light to see and know thee, in thy people everywhere.

Come with us, O King of glory, by angelic voices praised;  
in our hearts as in thy heaven, be enraptured anthems raised.  
Let the mighty chorus ever sing its glad exultant songs;  
let its hymn be heard for ever—peace for which creation longs.

John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1861-1945) and Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

### Postcommunion Prayer

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.**

### Blessing

### Closing Hymn

### *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Hymnal #59

'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.

Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt

### Dismissal

### Postlude

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