

First Sunday of Advent    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
December 3, 2023    8:45am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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**Prelude**

*Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

Yiddish folk tune

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.  
He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

**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**

*Here I Am to Worship*

Tim Hughes / 2000 Thankyou Music

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes let me see, beauty that made this heart adore you.  
Hope of a life spent with you.

Chorus:

***So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely. Altogether worthy. Altogether wonderful to me.***

King of all days, oh so highly exalted. Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth, You created all for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross  
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria**

*Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

***Prepare ye the way of the Lord. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.***

**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.**

Why choose a stable to welcome a king? Why choose a bright star to shine down on Him? Is it too marvelous to understand it was part of a heavenly plan?

## 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.

## Sequence Hymn

*Emmanuel*

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, wonderful Counselor, Lord of life, Lord of all,  
He is the Prince of Peace, Mighty God, Holy One. Emmanuel. Emmanuel.***

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

[Jesus said,] <sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
<sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>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.

<sup>28</sup>“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. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

## **Gospel Response – Emmanuel**

### **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**

### **Offertory Music**

*This Little Light of Mine*  
St. Thomas Praise Band and Children’s Choir

### **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. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. 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

### *Go Light Your World*

Chris Rice

There is a candle in ev'ry soul, Some brightly burning some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire, Ignites a candle and makes His home

Chorus 1:

**So carry your candle run to the darkness Seek out the hopeless confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world**

Frustrated brother see how he's tried to, Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister she's been robbed and lied to, Still holds a candle without a flame (Chorus 1)

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing, So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus, Make us a beacon in darkest times

Chorus 2:

***So carry your candle run to the darkness, Seek out the helpless deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, Take your candle and go light your world  
Carry your candle run to the darkness, Seek out the hopeless confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it, Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world***

## 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

*Christ, Be Our Light*

Bernadette Farrell, 1993

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

***Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

## Dismissal

## Postlude

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