



November 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word for the

First Sunday of Advent

An Advent of Hope

Welcome to Christ Church!

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We invite and encourage your full participation in our worship this morning. This service bulletin is the only document you'll need to participate in this morning's liturgy.

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Loving God and neighbor, as Jesus teaches

Welcome and Announcements

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Organ Prelude

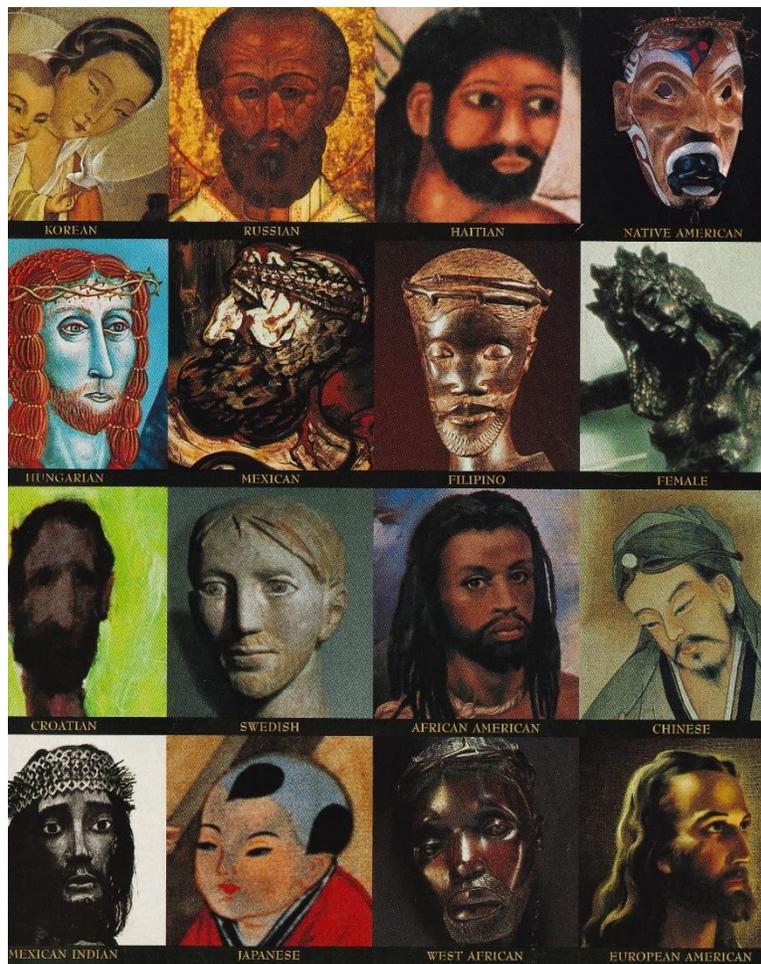
Meditation on "Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Dennis Bédard (b. 1950)

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Introit (sung by all) – O Antiphon: *O Sapientia*

O come, thou WISDOM from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*



1 Judge e - ter - nal, throned in splen - dor, Lord of lords and
 2 Still the wea - ry folk are pin - ing for the hour that
 3 Crown, O God, thine own en - deav - or; cleave our dark - ness

King of kings, with thy liv - ing fire of judg - ment
 brings re - lease, and the ci - ty's crowd - ed clang - or
 with thy sword; feed all those who do not know thee

purge this land of bit - ter things; sol - ace all its
 cries a - loud for sin to cease; and the home - steads
 with the rich - ness of thy word; cleanse the bo - dy

wide do - min - ion with the heal - ing of thy wings.
 and the wood - lands plead in si - lence for their peace.
 of this na - tion through the glo - ry of the Lord.

Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: *Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens*, melody from *Neu-ermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the One, Holy, and Living God.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon on us

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrasing slurs and a repeat sign.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is kept.

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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Eternal God, your Word of wisdom goes forth and does not return empty: Grant us such knowledge and love of you that we may perceive your presence in all creation and every creature; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Lector Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor— lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1-7

Psalter for the Christian People, p. 104

The psalm is read responsively, breaking at the asterisk ().*

Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestors have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works God has done.

God set up decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *

commanding them to teach it to their children;

That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *

that they in their turn might tell it to their children.

So that they might put their trust in God, *

and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Lector We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

At the conclusion of the reading:

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

People Thanks be to God.





1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and
2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its van-guard
4 At his feet the six-winged ser-aph; cher-u-bim with
trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing earth-ly -
earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu-man
on the way, as the Light of Light de-
sleep-less eye veil their fac-es to the
mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his hand
ves-ture, in the Bo-dy and the Blood
scend-eth from the realms of end-less day,
Pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry,
Christ our God to earth de-scend-eth,
he will give to all the faith-ful
that the powers of hell may va-nish
"Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!"
our full hom-age to de-mand.
his own self for heaven-ly food.
as the dark-ness clears a-way.
Al-le-lu-ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885) Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

The Gospel

Matthew 25.1-13

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came,

and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

At the conclusion of the reading:

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

A moment of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Rev. Nicholas Morris-Kliment

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as comfortable, and able.

All

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.

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel or sit, as able and comfortable.

Intercessor As we prepare to meet the Lord Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who comes as the rising sun into the darkness of our lives.

Intercessor For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For Alan and Gayle our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all the people who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the church throughout the world and faithful in every place, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For travelers, for the sick and suffering, for the hungry and depressed, and for those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, O Lord and save us.

Intercessor Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us commit ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People To you, O Lord, we pray.

Celebrant O Wisdom, breath from the mouth of God most high, who reigns from one end of the earth to the other and governs all creation with strong and tender care, come and teach us the way of freedom. Glory to you forever and ever. Amen.

Source: *Intercession: A Theological and Practical Guide*, Ormonde Plater, p. 115

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All

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.

Offertory Sentence

Officiant O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

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Offertory Anthem

Come, Jesus, holy Son of God

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come. Holy Son of God, Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal. Thy truth unseal, Thy love reveal. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee. Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God, come. Holy Son of God, Come in Thy might, Send forth Thy light. Come in thy might, Come send forth Thy light. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee. Come, Jesus, O holy Son of God. For Thee we long. Hear Thou our prayer, O hear Thou our prayer. To Thee be glory now and evermore. Lord, hear Thou in mercy our prayer to Thee.

A General Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, p. 836

All Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Hymn 436

Lift up your head, ye mighty gates

Tune: *Truro*

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 *4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
 Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Concluding Blessing

Officiant May Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty—Christ, Creator, and Spirit—rest up you now and always. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Hymn Prelude on “Veni Emmanuel”

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Prayers of the People

This week in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church in the Province of the West Indies and The Most Revd Howard Gregory - Primate and Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Amy, Dean of our Cathedral; Carol, our Regional Canon; and Nick, our priest. Also, our companion parish at St. Luc's, Lazil, Haiti and our siblings at the MANNA Community in Boston.

This week in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray the parishes of the Taunton River Deanery: All Saints' Church, Attleboro; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; and Commission on Ministry.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of:
Russell Britt and Arthur Wyer from Janet Haines
Greg Gatto from Claudia and Rich Gatto
Frank E. Lingard from Rebecca and Duff Lingard
Angus and Eugene Van Ausdol Swift
Kenneth Morrison and Henry Lysaght from Fran Morrison

In the Needham Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Temple Aliyah.

Your prayers are requested for Jennifer P., Linda B. Kara J., Sarah, Michael, Gail, Thomas, Linda, and Betsey. And prayer for all serving our country - especially, remembering Emmy, Jack, Sean, Ian, Colin, Tim and Andrew.

We are refreshing the prayer list for Advent. Please [email us](#) with your prayers.

Thank you to those who assisted in the service today!

Pamela Goody, Director of Music
Charles Raines, Associate Director of Music and Organist
Christ Church Quartet: Lisa Correnti, Lea Peterson, Grant Furgiuele, and Mark Anderson
Phil Trussell, Lector

And others to be named on air!

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