

First Sunday of Advent

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #61 v.1

Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us | *Wachet auf*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 OLD TESTAMENT | JEREMIAH 33:14-16

*T*he days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

THE RESPONSE | PSALM 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

*T*o you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE EPISTLE | 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

*H*ow 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.

GRADUAL HYMN #640 v.1

Watchman, tell us of the night

| *Aberystwyth*

THE GOSPEL | LUKE 21:25-36

*J*esus 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Dear People of God, Advent is a season of waiting and expectancy, of light, of promise, of love and hope. In our darkest time of the year, seasonally, and in the most painful part of the year for some of us, let us join our hearts and prayers together, holding tightly to each other, to our faith, and to our God as we pray.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The world waits, dear God, for your mercy and love to make sense of our messes and chaos. Help us to wait together, believing in the power of love, awaiting the fulfillment of your word and promise, sitting in solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who struggle and cling to faith. Help us to hear your voice of love and reassurance as we wait. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Church waits for your guidance. Be with those who minister to the people of God. Help each of us to take the church into the world as a vehicle for your love and healing. Be with all of us in the church who would bring the light of Christ's light to every corner of darkness. Be with your church. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for a special measure of wisdom and discernment for the leaders of our nation, our states, our municipalities. May they learn to wait and listen before they act, may they act in love and strength. Be with them as they lead with dignity and integrity. Dear God, we wait for your wisdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your children wait—those who are ill, who are homeless, who are hopeless, those who are addicted, who are angry, who are lost in despair. Your children who know you, who want to know you, who do not know you yet—

we wait for your presence in our lives. We pray for patience to wait and wisdom to know you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those near and dear to us who stand in need of your healing. For families and friends, for those on the outside, looking in and for those on the inside looking out, for all who wait for an answer. I invite your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. For those in our hearts, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray, dear Lord, for those who have died. May they enjoy all the benefits of your Presence, your Love. We live with the expectancy of the resurrection and joy in life after death. As we pray for those we miss in our lives, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Deacon Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY | **Signs of ending all around us** | *Ton-y-Botel*

RECESSIONAL HYMN | WONDER, LOVE & PRAISE #721
Lo! he comes, with clouds descending | *Helmsley*

POSTLUDE

Parish Events | See our newsletter, Tune-Up, for details

Online				In Person			
Nov. 28	10:30	Sunday School	Zoom	Nov. 27	17:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
	10:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	YouTube	Nov. 28	8:00	Eucharist, Rt. I	Sanctuary
Nov. 30	19:00	Bible Study	Zoom		9:15	Bible Study	Yellow Rm.
Dec. 1	19:00	Episcopal 101	YouTube		10:30	Eucharist, Rt. II	Sanctuary
Dec. 3	8:30	Silent Prayer	Zoom		15:00	Ed. for Ministry	Yurt
				Dec. 1	13:00	HSK Packing	Yurt
					19:00	Episcopal 101	Yellow Rm.
				Dec. 3	9:30	Tai Chi	Parish Hall