

# Morning Prayer

In-Person and Remote Worship

The First Sunday in Advent  
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## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVING WORSHIP

*to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission*

Thou shalt register thine attendance and check in with the ushers and greeters to enable contact tracing.

Thou shalt use only designated entrance and exit doors, and follow all directions of ushers and worship leaders to enter, exit, and receive communion.

Thou shalt maintain a distance of at least six feet from other worshippers.

Thou shalt wear thy mask at all times while in church buildings or outdoor worship space.

Thou shalt use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the church, and immediately before receiving communion.

Thou shalt refrain from physical contact with other worshippers.

Thou shalt depart immediately at the end of the service, and refrain from social gathering on church grounds.

Thou shalt stay in thine home, or depart immediately, if thou hast a fever or symptoms of illness.

Thou shalt notify the Rector or Parish Administrator immediately if thou dost fall ill or test positive for COVID-19 after attending worship.

Thou shalt be kind, considerate, and understanding for the Lord hath commanded us to love one another.



## Prelude

*Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 659; J. S. Bach*

*The prelude offers the opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

*Please help keep the church a quiet and worshipful space during the prelude.*

*The Officiant begins with one or more of sentences of Scripture.*

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

*Mark 13:35, 36*

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

*Isaiah 40:5*

## Confession of Sin

*Book of Common Prayer, page 79*

*The Deacon or Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All together:*

**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.**

*The Priest says*

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 INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Book of Common Prayer, page 80*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

## Invitatory Psalm

*Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)*

*Book of Common Prayer, p 82  
S39, Charles Villiers Stanford*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

*Book of Common Prayer, page 703*

- 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, \***  
**and 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.**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

64:1-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 18: A Song to the Lamb**

*Dignus es*

*Book of Common Prayer, page 93*

*Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
**and by your will they were created and have their being;**

**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**

**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

**A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

1:3-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Choir Canticle:** Jubilate Deo

*Psalm 100*

*Benjamin Britten*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,  
and into his courts with praise;  
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.  
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## **A reading from the Gospel according to Mark**

13:24-37

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Emily Mellott

## **The Apostles' Creed**

*Book of Common Prayer, page 96*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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**

### Suffrages A

*Book of Common Prayer, page 97*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**



## The Collects

*Book of Common Prayer, page 98-101*

### *The Collect of the Day*

*(BCP page 211)*

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.**

### *A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A Collect for Mission*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Exchange of Peace

*Then the Officiant says to the people:*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord, maintaining their physical distance.*

*Announcements may be made about matters of interest to the congregation.*

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*Morning Prayer is meant to offer all worshippers an opportunity for free-ranging prayer,  
inspired by – but not limited to – the formal prayers of the church.  
Please take a moment at this point in the service to offer prayer to God  
for the needs of the world and of your own life,  
and to give thanks for the blessings you have received.*

**Office Anthem (Coventry Choir)**

*Adam Lay Ybounden, Vernon Williams*

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond: Four thousand winter thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book. Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavenè queen. Blessed be the time that apple taken was. Therefore we moun singen: Deo gracias!

CONCLUDING PRAYERS AND SENDING FORTH

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Book of Common Prayer, page 101*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Benediction**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Romans 15:13*

**The Dismissal**

*The Deacon dismisses us to go forth into the world.*

*People*      **Thanks be to God. [Alleluia, alleluia!]**

**Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come, BWV 599; J. S. Bach

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Helen Anderson, Gayle Celantano, Judie Perinchief, *Altar Guild*  
Cathy Ruff, Eva Wolfe, *Flower Guild*  
Libby Curran (8:00), Lisa Yeh (9:15), Lorraine Ryan (10:30), *Lectors*  
Don Smith (8:00), Steve Yocum (10:30) *Usbers*  
Wes Blackburn, Bob Litsinger, Nancy Matthews, Jeff Wojcik, *Tech Guild*  
Vernon Williams, *Organist*  
The Rev. Leslie Mazzacano, *Deacon*  
The Rev. Emily Mellott, *Officiant and Preacher*