

ADVENT-SUNDAY

¶ Announcements and introduction.

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

O THAT thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence —as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil — to make thy name known to thine adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains quaked at thy presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides thee, who works for those who wait for him.

Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways. Behold, thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one that calls upon thy name, that bestirs himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities.

Yet, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou art our potter; we are all the work of thy hand. Be not exceedingly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity for ever. Behold, consider, we are all thy people.

Is 64.1-9

¶ The president offers the Lord's Prayer, and continues

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid : Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

LO! he comes with clouds
descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending,
Swell the triumph of his train:

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God appears on earth to reign.**

**Now redemption, long expected,
See in solemn pomp appear;
All his saints, by man rejected,
Now shall meet him in the air:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
See the day of God appear!**

WE have but a short time to live. We have our fill of sorrow. We blossom like a flower and wither away. We slip away like a shadow and do not stay.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

In the midst of life we are in death, where can we turn for help? To thee alone, O God, who for our sins art justly displeased.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts: shut not thy merciful ears to our prayer and deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, both in life and when we come to die, let us never fall from thee.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY GOD our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANSWER thine own bride and Spirit,
Hasten, Lord, the general doom!
The new Heav'n and earth to inherit,
Take thy pining exiles home:
All creation, all creation, all creation,
Travails! groans! and bids thee, Come!

Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
Claim the kingdom for thine own;
O come quickly! O come quickly! O
come quickly!
Everlasting God, come down!

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Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant Elizabeth, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from S.Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I ALWAYS thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you

eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

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The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Hear the gospel ☩ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS said, But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: so ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Mk. 13. 24-37

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

DO you believe and trust in God the Father who made all things, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

THIS is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

¶ **The Sermon follows.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church, militant here in earth.

¶ **Intercessions.**

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

GRANT this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. **Amen.**

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith to all that truly turn to him.

"Come unto me all that travail, and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you." "So God loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Lift up your hearts :

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God:

It is meet and right so to do.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord;

THROUGH whom we are redeemed from sin and delivered from death that we might be partakers of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph we may with joy behold his appearing and in confidence stand before him as our Judge.

THEREFORE with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying,

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:
heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

¶ **A minister prays as follows on behalf of all.**

WE do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his Blood: that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body; and our souls washed through his most precious Blood; and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

ALL glory be to thee, almighty God our Heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption: who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; and did institute and in his holy gospel command us to continue a perpetual memory of that his precious death until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that, by the power of thy Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed **✠** Body and Blood;

WHO in the same night that he was betrayed took Bread; and when he had given thanks he brake it, and gave it to his disciples saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the new Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

¶ **Silence is kept.**

As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say,

OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. **Amen.**

Thy kingdom come. **Amen.**

Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

For thou only art God.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us. **Amen.**

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

FOR thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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O LORD and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants, having in remembrance the precious death and passion of thy dear Son, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ and through faith in his Blood, we and all thy whole church may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this holy Communion, may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly ✠ benediction. And although we be unworthy through our manifold sins to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences : through Jesus Christ our Lord,

BY whom and with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

GLORY to God whose power working in us can do far more than we can ask or think.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, now and for ever.

THE blessing ✠ of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

LIFT up your heads, ye mighty gates;
Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Saviour of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart;
Make it a temple, set apart
From earthly use for heaven's employ,
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, with us abide;
Our hearts to thee we open wide;
Let us thine inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in us reveal. Amen.

Puer nobis nascitur

Brothers and sisters, our solemnity is ended.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

