

The Holy Eucharist

RITE II

The First Sunday in Advent

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude Prelude in F minor

Moritz Brosig (1815-1887)

Opening Hymn Signs of ending all around us

TON-Y-BOTEL

1 Signs of end - ings all a - round us: dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2 Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3 Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - e - rate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm, for - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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Music: *Ton-y-botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

Opening Salutation

Presider In the name of the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Grace, mercy, and peace from our loving God and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

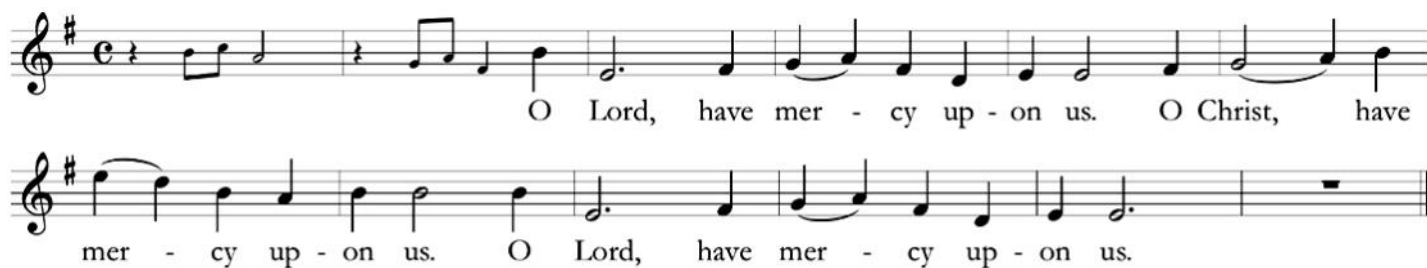
Presider Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to the Duwamish, a people still living, those who first occupied this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are thankful for the gifts of the First People of this land. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to repair the mistreatment of this land and make amends to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, in the name of Your Son the Peacemaker, and in the name of the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit.

Presider God most high, you call us to repent of our sins: soften our proud and stubborn hearts.

The Kyrie is sung three times, once after each petition:



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Presider Lord Jesus, you declared the forgiveness of God: teach us to forgive one another. (*Kyrie*)

Presider Holy Spirit, you search our hearts and show us the truth: direct us in your way of righteousness. (*Kyrie*)

Presider Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a realm that cannot be destroyed, forgive our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of God's heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surly 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."

People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.



- Cantor* 1. To you, O God, 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.
- People* 2. **Let none who look to you be put to | shame; ***
let the treacherous be disap | pointed in their schemes.
- Choir* 3. Show me your ways, | O God, *
and | teach me your paths.
- People* 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.
- Choir* 5. Remember, O God, your compassion and | love, *
for they are from | everlasting.
- People* 6. **Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans | gressions; ***
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your | goodness, O God.
- Choir* 7. Gracious and upright are | you; *
therefore you teach | sinners in your way.
- People* 8. **You guide the humble in doing | right ***
and teach your | way to the lowly.
- All* 9. **All your paths are love and | faithfulness ***
to those who keep your covenant | and your testimonies.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Reader A reading from the first letter to the Thessalonians.

How 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.

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


People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Proph-ets told us, "Pay at - ten - tion! God is work - ing in the land.
 2 Christ, you taught us: "Pay at - ten - tion! Na - ture's signs are sure and clear:
 3 As we wel - come your sal - va - tion, all a - round we see dis - tress;
 4 May we work for what you call for; may we la - bor for your reign.
 5 Christ, you taught us: "Pay at - ten - tion!" So we hum - bly serve and pray:



Lo, the days are sure - ly com - ing; seek the jus - tice God has planned!
 when the trees grow leaves and blos - som, sum - mer - time is al - most here."
 there is trou - ble in the na - tions! There is greed and wick - ed - ness;
 Fam - i - lies cry out at the bor - der; chil - dren suf - fer grief and pain.
 may we glad - ly live your king - dom in a world that's gone a - stray.



Seek the signs of your re - demp - tion; hear God's word and un - der - stand!"
 So it is in God's own king - dom; be a - lert; God's reign is near!
 as we trust in your re - demp - tion, may we live your right - eous - ness.
 May your church, com - mit - ted, prayer - ful, work for just - ice in your name.
 May the hope of our sal - va - tion guide the things we do and say.

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The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus 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 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 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 Gospel of our Savior.

People

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Chris McPeak

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
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

*Standing and kneeling are both appropriate postures during the Prayers of the People. Please stand or kneel as you are able.
In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People will have a time to offer up their own silent prayers.*

Presider Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, guide us in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds to the quiet of Advent; make us speak the truth, saying, open our hearts to you, O God:

Reader **Teach us and show us the way.**

Reader We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers, that humility and compassion inform all their works. Open our hearts to you, O God:

People **Teach us and show us the way.**

Reader We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life; the forests, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple; that we may be effective stewards of God's creation. Open our hearts to you, O God:

People **Teach us and show us the way.**

Reader We pray in thanksgiving for the hopes and joys that make space in our lives; in this season of Advent, we pray especially for patience to acknowledge these glimpses of God, especially those blessings we now name: [a few seconds]. Open our hearts to you, O God:

People **Teach us and show us the way.**

Reader We pray for those who suffer in body or in spirit: for the sick; for the systematically oppressed; for the lonely; especially Stennis, Schuyler, Susie, Joanne, Ray, Tally, Leah, Tuan, Rosemary and family, Laura and Chris, Gloria and Don, Ivy, Lily, Caroline, Pasha, Katie, Sue DeBoer and family, Brian, Grant, Christine, Karen, Jessie, Frank, Wes, Gene, and for those we now name: *[Pause]* that they may feel the immeasurable love of God in this season of stillness. Open our hearts to you, O God:

People **Teach us and show us the way.**

Reader We call upon all those who have lived on this earth but we see no longer, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, especially those we now name: *[Pause]*. Open our hearts to you, O God:

People **Teach us and show us the way.**

Presider Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen.**

*(Prayers of the People, The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon,
adapted for Advent use at Christ Episcopal Church, Seattle, WA)*

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Anyone joining us for worship at any time is invited to make an offering to help continue the vision and mission of this church and as a way to express gratitude for God's generosity. Your one time, weekly, or annual gift to Christ Church will support all of our street ministries, allow our staff to grow, and enrich our lives together and continue normal operations. Donate online at the Christ Church homepage, www.christchurchseattle.org, and click on the donate button. You can also mail your gift to Christ Church at 4548 Brooklyn Ave NE, Seattle, WA, 98105. Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Anthem Rejoice, O Jerusalem

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The night is far spent, the day is at hand.
Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,
And let us put on the armor of light.
Behold, the Lord shall come, and all his saints with him;
And in that day the light shall be great.
Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold, thy King cometh. Alleluia.

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, God of David, for your faithfulness is steadfast
and your mercy has been from of old.

You draw your people to you with your promise of salvation,
and every promise you make, in your goodness, you fulfill.

From the house of David you raised up your Messiah
to restore Judah and to herald that your deliverance was near.

In your Son's righteousness we find our life:
 for his righteousness was more than enough for your people
 who had waited so long for justice,
 Who had yearned so long for redemption,
 had trusted so long in your grace.
 Truly in his righteousness is fulfilled
 every hope of salvation in every generation.
 By his death we can stand justified before you;
 and through his resurrection we can share your holy life forever.
 And so with angels and archangels, we praise your name,
 joining the company of heaven in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the
 high - est. Bles-sed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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Presider

God of glory, for whose coming we wait,
 make this meal we share a sign that our redemption draws near.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon your church:
 strengthen our hearts in all holiness
 that we may be heralds of your kingdom.
 By your same Spirit, sanctify this bread and this cup, that they may be for us
 the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
 who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
 broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
*"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me."*
 After supper he took the cup.
 Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
*"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

All

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Presider God of power, you have promised to make your way to us:
 come quickly to those who wait for you.
 Raise up every head that is bent low in sin.
 Lift up every heart that is bowed down in shame.
 Uphold every soul that is made heavy by oppression.
 Inspire every weary throat to sing of the day
 when justice and mercy meet.
 Bring us through all that is passing away
 to the life that shall never pass away,
 when every eye shall be lifted up to gaze upon your Son
 in everlasting glory with all your saints,
 and when the redemption for which we have longed
 shall forever be ours, in the company of your Son
 and the power of your Spirit, O God, blessed Trinity.

People **Amen.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People **Our Father, in heaven,**
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God. Holy things for Holy People.

All are invited to come forward for Communion. Please file down the center aisle, leaving space for social distancing between families or individuals. The presider will place bread in your hand. Please take your bread and return to your pew before reverently consuming it.

Those who are worshipping with us from home are invited to pray:

Prayer at the Time of Communion

O Christ, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
 and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
 I pray you to come into my heart.
 I unite myself with you and embrace you
 with all my heart, my soul, and my mind.
 Let nothing separate me from you;
 let me serve you in this life
 until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom
 and unending peace. Amen.

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
 2. With prom-ised mer - cy will God still the cov - en - ant re - call,
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,
 and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
 the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
 to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.
 So have the pro - phets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
 that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
 Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease
 God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
 in hol - i - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
 to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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Music: *Kingsfold*, Traditional English melody

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God,**
 you have graciously accepted us
 as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

Please stand.

The Blessing

Presider Whenever we hear the words of the prophets, may we recognize God's truth.
 Whenever we hear the words of angels, may we recognize God's joy.
 Whenever we hear the words of promise, may we recognize God's love.
 And may the blessing of God, the Eternal Majesty, the Incarnate Word.
 And the Abiding Spirit be among you now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him,
 3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,
 once for our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 high on thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the
 saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine
 train: Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 own: Come, Lord Je - sus; come, Lord Je - sus;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing shall the tru Mes - si - ah see.
 come, Lord Je - sus. Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1708-1778)

Music: *Helmsley*, attr. Martin Madan (1726-1790)**The Dismissal***Presider* As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.****Postlude** Fanfare on *Helmsley*

Karl Osterland (b. 1956)

Once the Presider has said the dismissal you are welcome to sit in your pew and listen to the Postlude. Or, you are also welcome to leave the church via the side aisles. The Altar Party will be ready to greet you at the bottom of the stairs. Please do not congregate in the church and remember to socially distance while inside the building.

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