

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



AT-HOME GUIDE FOR FAMILIES

November 29, 2020

A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Before the service, decorate the home with greenery and flowers. Set up a small table with a piece of purple fabric on it. If you have candles and a Bible, place these on the table. An Advent wreath is also appropriate for the season.

OPENING ANTHEM

Begin with an opening hymn. We recommend "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus."

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's Strength and Consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Chorus

Oh Lord Jesus Come to Us
Oh Lord Jesus, Fill Us Up
Oh Lord Jesus Bring Your Love
Oh Lord Jesus Come to Us, Come to Us

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing, the Officiant says

People Surely the Lord is coming soon.
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

THE COLLECT FOR PREPARATION

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People pray together

Guide and direct us, O Lord, always and everywhere with your holy light, that we may discern with clear vision your presence among us, and partake with worthy intention of your spiritual presence and communion. Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

Presider God spoke these words and said: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider Honor your father and your mother.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not murder.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not commit adultery.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not steal.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Presider You shall not covet.

People **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we beseech you.**

THE TRISAGION

The presider and people prayer together

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The person appointed says the following

All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

The people kneel as able. Silence.

The presider and people pray together

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:**

**We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.**

**We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear.**

Have mercy upon us,

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**

forgive us all that is past;

**and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in
newness of life,**

to the honor and glory of your Name;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The presider stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, † have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Officiant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Officiant 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 People sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1–9

- 1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 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!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 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.
5 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.
6 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.
7 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.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 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.

People

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80

Sing Psalm 80 together as a family. We recommend the version below by the Sons of Korah.

Hear us, oh Shepherd of Israel
You Who lead Joseph like a flock
You sit and throne between the cherubim
Shine forth before us
Awaken Your might, come and save us

Restore us, oh Lord God Almighty
And make Your face shine upon us
That we may be saved

Oh, Lord God, how long will Your anger
Smolder against all our prayers
You have fed them bread of tears
They drank bowls of tears
For You made us a scorn to our neighbors

Restore us, oh Lord God Almighty
And make Your face shine upon us
That we may be saved

Your vine is cut down and burned with fire
At Your rebuke, Lord, we die
Let Your hand rest on the man at Your right hand
The son of man who You raised up

Restore us, oh Lord God Almighty
And make Your face shine upon us
Restore us, oh Lord God Almighty
And make Your face shine upon us
That we may be saved

That we may be saved

THE SECOND LESSON

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

A Reading from Mark 13:24-37

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

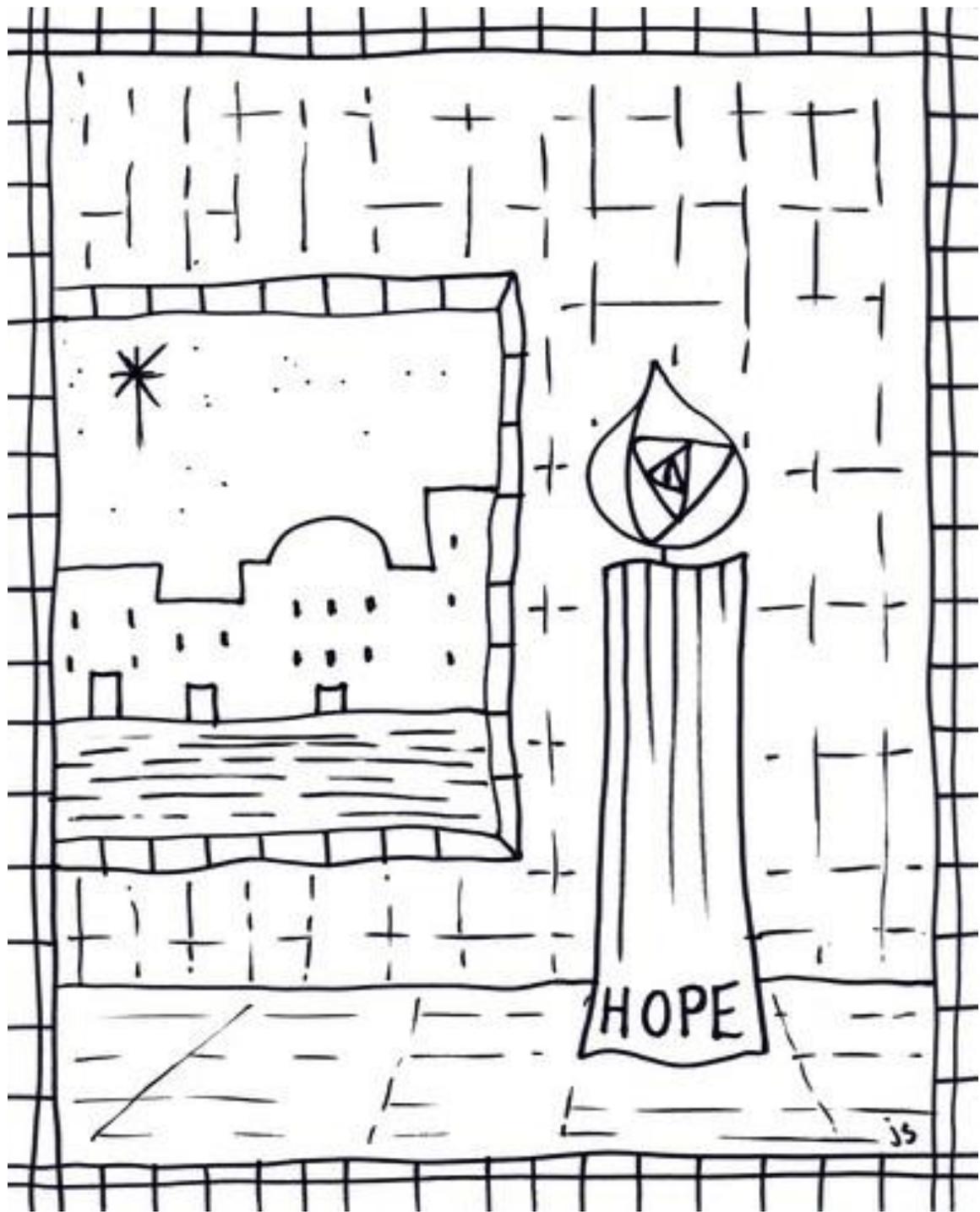
The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The People sit.

THE HOMILY

Take a moment to talk with your family about the Gospel Lesson. You may also access Fr. Brian's sermon online.



HYMN

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” *Getty, Getty, Papa
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**What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to him belong.
Who holds our days within his hand?
What comes, apart from his command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.**

Chorus

***O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.***

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is his grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer’s blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ?**

Chorus

**Unto the grave, what shall we sing?
“Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore.**

Chorus

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

**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 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 OF THE PEOPLE

The Officiant invites the People to offer intercessions and laments.

Please remember in your prayers:

- **Clergy** — Foley, our Archbishop; Bill, our Bishop; Fr. Wes, Fr. Brian, and Fr. Chuck, our Priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation, especially Faith Anglican Church in Fairview, TX and the Rev. Justin Lokey
- **Missionaries** — Lauren Butler in Albania; Jerry and Stacy Kramer in Tanzania and Iraq, Suzy McCall and Amanda Scott in Honduras, Craig Stewart in South Africa, and Tillie Tiller in Chad
- **Immigration Services** — Stacy Preston and Lynn Binkley
- **Public Servants** — our president, Donald Trump; our president elect Joseph Biden; our governor, Bill Lee; our county mayor, Jimmy Harris; and our city mayor, Scott Conger

- **Parishioners** —Rich and Carole Beitz, Carlin Diffie, Mary Louise Flanagan, Gail Hedgepeth, Shirley Phillips, Charles Richards, Celeste Pope, Bill and Anne Ross, and Liam Williams
- **Birthdays this week** — Nate Salazar, Wendy Williams, Nita Mehr, Joanna Priester, and James Laird
- **Anniversaries this week** — Len Diffie and Terry Blakely
- **Vestry member of the week** – Chris Pope, Rector’s Warden
- **Family of Parishioners** —Bill Gay, Eddie Jordan, Tom Mullady, Bob Nailling, Scott Pipkin, Armando Psungo, and Gary Vailes
- **Friends of Parishioners** —Stan Langley, Rebecca Muncie, Danny Nowell, Patti Overton, Ramona Sparks, the Nicole Young and family
- **Military** — Taylor Bartos, Bryan Laird, and Dalton Young

A COLLECT FOR COVID-19

Almighty God, our strong tower and defense in time of trouble: We ask for your continued deliverance from the dangers associated with COVID-19, which lately have surrounded us and taken the lives of so many. In this time of fear and anxiety, we beseech you to send us your gracious gift of peace. We confess that your goodness alone has preserved us; and we ask you still to continue your mercies toward us, that we may always know and acknowledge you as our Savior and mighty Deliverer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR RACIAL HEALING

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People stand.

THE PEACE

Officiant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with your spirit.**

PREPARATION FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant continues

Hear what St. Paul says: “May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you may have strength...and know the love of Christ.”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

The Officiant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

Officiant and People together 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
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE AGNUS DEI

Officiant and People together pray

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace.

THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

The Officiant says the following invitation

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart, because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Officiant and People together pray

Dear Jesus,

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament.

**I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul,
and since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.**

**I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people,
gathered around every altar of your Church,
and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul.**

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Silence.

THE ANIMA CHRISTI

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

The Officiant and People together sing the “Anima Christ” of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, using the musical version composed by Alicia L. Greey (online).

Soul of Jesus, sanctify me
Blood of Jesus, wash me
Passion of Jesus, comfort me
Wounds of Jesus, hide me
Heart of Jesus, receive me
Spirit of Jesus, enliven me
Goodness of Jesus, pardon me
Beauty of Jesus, draw me

Chorus

*Till I behold thee, unveiled
Till I behold thee, unveiled
Till I behold thee, unveiled
In thy glory*

Humility of Jesus, humble me
Peace of Jesus, pacify me
Love of Jesus, inflame me
Kingdom of Jesus, come to me
Grace of Jesus, replenish me
Mercy of Jesus, pity me
Sanctity of Jesus, sanctify me
Purity of Jesus, purify me

Chorus

Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me
Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me
Cross of Jesus, bind me
Nails of Jesus, hold me

Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The Officiant says

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie

O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel

Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison
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THE BLESSING

All stand. The children are invited forward to help lead in the blessing.

Officiant All our problems

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All our difficulties

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All the devil's works

People **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Officiant All our hopes

People **We set on the risen Christ.**

Officiant May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**