



**December 1, 2024, 10:30 AM**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**Year C**

**Prelude**

Canon in D by J. Pachelbel

**Choral Prelude**

Prepare Ye The Way

**Opening Hymn**

Hymnal 76 - On Jordan's Banks

**The Word of God**

*The people standing the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Celebrant**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of

your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

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

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               And also with you.  
*Celebrant*           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.*

**Silence**

**The Lessons**

## First Lesson

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

The 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."

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 25:1-9

*Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To 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.

## **Second Lesson**

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

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.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Hymn Part 1**

Hymnal 66 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Verse 1 & 2

## **The Gospel**

## **Luke 21:25-36**

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

*People*                    Glory to you, Lord 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 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."

*Deacon*                    The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*                    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Gospel Hymn Part 2**

Hymnal 66 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus - Verse 3 & 4

### **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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Deacon:* My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, O come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

*Reader:* God our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness.

O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety.

O come, O come, Emmanuel;  
*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored.  
Bring the people of this region—from city, village, and town—together in  
a spirit of love and respect.

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the  
sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We pray especially for -  
-. (Pause)

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*Be our hope and our salvation.*

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming  
of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life  
immortal with all your saints. We pray especially for --. (Pause)

O come, O come, Emmanuel;

*Be our hope and our salvation.*

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that  
we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at  
his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and  
Advocate. Amen

## **An Exhortation**



Beloved in the Lord: Our Savior Christ, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood as a sign and pledge of his love, for the continual remembrance of the sacrifice of his death, and for a spiritual sharing in his risen life. For in these holy Mysteries we are made one with Christ, and Christ with us; we are made one body in him, and members one of another.

Having in mind, therefore, his great love for us, and in obedience to his command, his Church renders to Almighty God our heavenly Father never-ending thanks for the creation of the world, for his continual providence over us, for his love for all mankind, and for the redemption of the world by our Savior Christ, who took upon himself our flesh, and humbled himself even to death on the cross, that he might make us the children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, and exalt us to everlasting life.

But if we are to share rightly in the celebration of those holy Mysteries, and be nourished by that spiritual Food, we must remember the dignity of that holy Sacrament. I therefore call upon you to consider how Saint Paul exhorts all persons to prepare themselves carefully before eating of that Bread and drinking of that Cup.

For, as the benefit is great, if with penitent hearts and living faith we receive the holy Sacrament, so is the danger great, if we receive it improperly, not recognizing the Lord's Body. Judge yourselves, therefore, lest you be judged by the Lord.

Examine your lives and conduct by the rule of God's commandments, that you may perceive wherein you have offended in what you have done or left undone, whether in thought, word, or deed. And acknowledge your sins before Almighty God, with full purpose of amendment of life, being ready

to make restitution for all injuries and wrongs done by you to others; and also being ready to forgive those who have offended you, in order that you yourselves may be forgiven. And then, being reconciled with one another, come to the banquet of that most heavenly Food.

And if, in your preparation, you need help and counsel, then go and open your grief to a discreet and understanding priest, and confess your sins, that you may receive the benefit of absolution, and spiritual counsel and advice; to the removal of scruple and doubt, the assurance of pardon, and the strengthening of your faith.

To Christ our Lord who loves us, and washed us in his own blood, and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory in the Church evermore. Through him let us offer continually the sacrifice of praise, which is our bounden duty and service, and, with faith in him, come boldly before the throne of grace [and humbly confess our sins to Almighty God].

### **Confession of Sin**

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*  
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our  
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the  
Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Offertory**



### **Offertory Hymn**

Hymnal 433 - We Gather Together

### **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

A Dios, el Padre celestial,  
Al Hijo, nuestro Redentor;  
Al eterno Consolador,  
Unidos todos alabad.  
Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving  
Eucharistic Prayer A  
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*Celebrant*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*               And also with you.  
*Celebrant*           Lift up your hearts.  
*People*               We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*               It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Celebrant*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

### **Communion Hymn**

Take Our Bread  
One Bread, One Body

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*  
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son 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 Lord. Amen.

*The Celebrant may bless the people*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Closing Hymn**

I Have Decided To Follow Jesus



## **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

*Deacon*

*People*                    Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude**

We plow the fields and scatter