

# The First Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2023 10:30 am

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# HOLY EUCHARIST

**PRELUDE** 

MATIN RESPONSORY I Look from Afar G.P. DA PALESTRINA

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding MERTON

SALUTATION BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Please remain standing

BCP 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 READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH Please be seated

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!

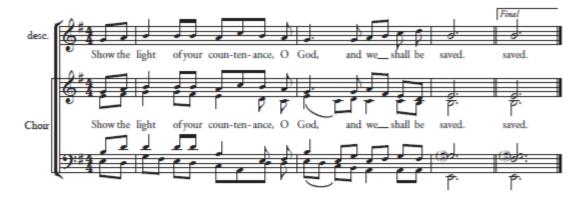
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



tone: VENI EMMANUEL



- Hear O Shepherd of Israel, ... leading Joseph [like] a flock;\* shine forth you that are enthroned up-[on] the cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, ... Benjamin, ... [and] Manasseh,\* stir up your strength and [come] to help us.
- Restore us O [God] of hosts;\*
  - show the light of your countenance, ... and [we shall] be saved.
- O LORD [God] of hosts,\*
  - how long will you be angered despite the [prayers of] your people?
- You have fed them with the [bread] of tears;\* you have given them bowls of [tears] to drink.

#### Antiphon

- 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.
- Let your hand be upon the man of your [right] hand,\* the son of man you have made so [strong for] yourself.
- And so will we never [turn] away from you;\*
  give us life, ... that we may call up-[on] your name.
- Restore us O LORD [God] of hosts;\*
  show the light of your countenance, ... and [we shall] be saved.

#### Antiphon

# A READING FROM FIRST CORINTHIANS

I 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN 51 We the Lord's people, heart and voice uniting DECATURE PLACE

THE GOSPEL Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 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.

"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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. 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 door-keeper to be on the watch. 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Please be seated

The Very Rev. Dr. Lee F. Shafer

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant says

The Candidate(s) for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Adults and Older Children

The candidates who are able to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Sponsors, as follows

Sponsor

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks each candidate when presented

Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate I do.

Infants and Younger Children

Then the candidates unable to answer for themselves are presented individually by their Parents and Godparents, as follows

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Ouestion Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

# People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the

prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human be

ing?

People I will, with God's help.

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

# THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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.

# Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

# THE BAPTISM

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When this action has been completed for all candidates, the Bishop or Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Then the Bishop or Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross [using Chrism if desired] and saying to each one

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the Celebrant says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Please be seated

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sleepers, wake! the watch-cry pealeth, While slumber deep each eyelid sealeth:
Awake, Jerusalem, awake!
Midnight's solemn hour is tolling,
And seraph-notes are onward rolling;
They call on us our part to take.
Come forth, ye virgins wise:
The Bridegroom comes, arise.
Alleluia!

Each lamp be bright with ready light To grace the marriage feast to-night.

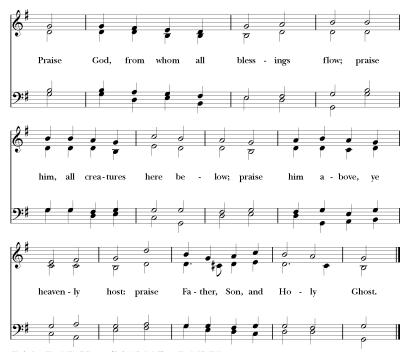
Zion hears the voice that singeth,
With sudden joy her glad heart springeth,
At once she wakes, she stands arrayed.
See her Light, her Star ascending,
Lo, girt with truth, with mercy blending,
Her Bridegroom there, so long delayed.
All hail, God's glorious Son,
All hail, our joy and crown,
Alleluia!
The joyful call we answer all,
And follow to the bridal hall.

Praise to him who goes before us, Let men and angels join in chorus, Let harp and cymbal add their sound. Twelve the gates, a pearl each portal – We haste to join the choir immortal Within the Holy City's bound. Ear ne'er heard aught like this, Nor heart conceived such bliss. Alleluia!

We raise the song, we swell the throng, To praise thee ages all along.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, Verse 3 Please stand

**OLD 100TH** 

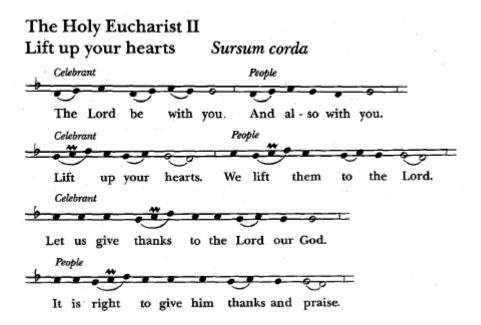


Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th melody from Pseaumes actante trais de David. 1551, alt. harm, after Louis Bourseois (15102-1561)

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION Please remain standing

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is God's desire that you will meet God here.

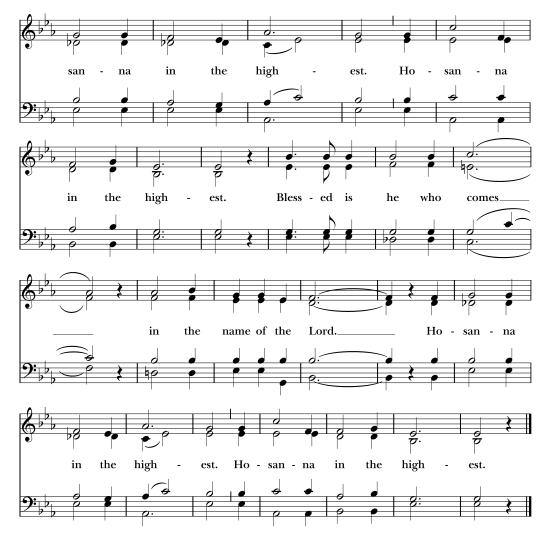


Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130 Please stand or kneel

Setting, Franz Schubert





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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 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*.

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

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

# THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-164

Setting, David Hurd

**BCP 364** 



# THE COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION ANTHEM

Out of your sleep

RICHARD RODNEY BENNETT

Out of your sleep arise and wake, For God mankind now hath he take. All of a maid without any make; Of lol women she beareth the bell.

That ever was small now great is she; How God deem both thee and me Unto his bliss if we do well.

And through a maide fair and wise, Now man is made of full great price; Now angels knelen to man's service, And at this time all this befell.

Now man he may to heaven wend; Now heav'n and earth to him they bend. He that was foe now is our friend. This is no nay that I you tell.

That ever was thrall now is free;

Now man is brighter than the sun; Now man in heav'n on high shall won; Blesssed be God this game is begun And his mother the Empress of hell.

Now blessed Brother grant us grace, At doomes day to see thy face, And in thy court to have a place, That we may there sing thee nowell.

**COMMUNION HYMN 655** 

O Jesus, I have promised

Nyland

Please stand or kneel

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 462

The Lord will come and not be slow

York

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Sleepers wake! A voice is sounding **HUGO DISTLER** 

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**DISCRETIONARY FUND** Cash offerings from today's service go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund, to help support various ministries and individuals in need. If you would like to contribute by check, please just make a notation in the check memo line. Thank you!

**FURNITURE FOR OWEN** We are excited that our organist, Owen, now has a home in Louisville after commuting from Versailles for several months. Anyone who has spare furniture in good condition or would otherwise like to assist Owen with housewarming and furnishing his home should reach out directly to him.

**SPARE ROOM OR APARTMENT?** A young adult male Calvary member and college student is seeking housing in Louisville. He is hoping to move in January by the start of the spring semester. If anyone has or is aware of an affordable spare room or apartment to help assist him in his search, please reach out to Lee+.

**CLEAN THE NAVE EVENT** On Saturday, December 9, from 9-12, we will have a "Clean the Nave" event. If you are one who loves to clean please join us as we get ready for Christmas. We will have pizza for lunch at noon.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS AND GREENERY If you would like to contribute toward Christmas greenery and poinsettias, please use the form online or in the back of the church. You may make your contribution in memory or in honor of family or friends, in thanksgiving, or simply to the glory of God. Please consider a donation of \$35 or more, payable to Calvary Episcopal Church. The deadline in order to include your donation in the Christmas bulletin is December 20.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT EVENT Today is not only the First Sunday of Advent but also the day we will celebrate St. Nicholas and the Advent Event. Mark your calendars to stay during Coffee Hour when you can decorate an advent wreath, contribute to the Advent Prayer Chain, make ornaments and gifts to share, create your own Edible Creche, and much more. We will be looking for non-prickly greenery for the wreaths, so please let Callie know if you have some to share.

**POP-UP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** Not only will the children be singing during the offertory at the Christmas Eve service, they will also be sharing the Christmas story during the Gospel. Registration for key roles has begun. Forms are available at church or HERE. Please return to Callie Hausman ASAP and no later than Sunday, Dec. 3. Everyone will be able to participate, including guests who are attending the Christmas Eve service - our "manger" has room for everyone. Costume try-ons will be on Dec. 10 and rehearsal will be after church, on Dec. 17. Stay tuned for more information.

BOOKS FOR LA CASITA The Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Justice is partnering with La Casita to focus holiday donation for children's books for families at La Casita. To participate:, you can order by December 6 using the online registry with Carmichael's Bookstore (20% discount). Book/s will go directly to La Casita Center. <a href="https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/wishlist/1029">https://www.carmichaelsbookstore.com/wishlist/1029</a> NOTE: LCC is the "coupon code" to enter when ordering. Or, Purchase from another vendor and have book/s sent La Casita Center (P.O. Box 1844 Louisville, KY 40201) OR deliver them directly during regular donation times, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to 223 E Magnolia Ave, (enter through alley and ring back doorbell). Wednesday, December 6 is last day to drop books off at La Casita Center. Thank you!

**4 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** This year the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. In the morning at 10:30 we will have our regular 4 Advent service after which we will have a Soup and Salad lunch. Those who are able are asked to stay and help the Altar Guild decorate the Church for Christmas Eve. Again, this year we are having our Christmas Eve service at 4:00 p.m. This year we will once again include a pageant in this service. The Cathedral will have a later service beginning at 10:00p.m. (with a prelude beginning at 9:30) for those who prefer a later service.

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