



# CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

~ where everyone is welcome ~

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**December 3, 2023**

**8:00 A.M. Eucharist, Rite One**

## *HOPE*

*I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.*

*Psalms 130:5*

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

#### Introduction: Week One

Advent is a time of joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord. It is a time of conversion and renewal, a time of watching and waiting, a time of new beginnings, a time to experience the power of God. It is above all else a time of hope, peace, and joy. One of the most beautiful symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath carries with it many rich symbols. The circle represents eternity. A circle has no beginning and no end, just as God's love and forgiveness have no beginning and no end. The evergreen symbolizes life, hope, and growth, because it is always green. The candles symbolize the light that the Gospel has brought into the world. With this light we should look into ourselves and recognize our need for the coming of Christ. At this time we will have the lighting of the first candle.

#### Readers Week One

The first candle we light will help us to remember that we always need to watch for Christ's coming. Just as the people waited for the first coming of Christ, we also wait for his second coming. In Mark 13:32-37 it says:

“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the door keeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming - in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning - lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”

Let us Pray: Father of light, today we begin our time of preparation for the birthday of your Son. May the light of this candle remind us that You have given hope to a people who have walked in darkness. As we look upon this candle may we remember that we are to always watch and wait for your coming. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 73 - The King shall come when morning dawns

1. *The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.*
2. *Not, as of old, a little child,  
to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.*
3. *The King shall come when morning dawns  
and earth's dark night is past;  
O haste the rising of that morn,  
the day that e'er shall last;*
4. *and let the endless bliss begin,  
by weary saints foretold,  
when right shall triumph over wrong,  
and truth shall be extolled.*
5. *The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
come quickly, King of kings.*

## WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

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Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are 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.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Kyrie eleison      Christe eleison      Kyrie eleison*  
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Hymnal S-89

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor 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.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### **A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**THE PSALM**

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon 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.

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

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 upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS**

**1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**SEQUENCE HYMN 596 - Judge eternal, throned in splendor**

1. *Judge eternal, throned in splendor,  
Lord of lords and King of kings,  
with thy living fire of judgment  
purge this land of bitter things;  
solace all its wide dominion  
with the healing of thy wings.*
2. *Still the weary folk are pining  
for the hour that brings release,  
and the city's crowded clangor  
cries aloud for sin to cease;  
and the homesteads and the woodlands  
plead in silence for their peace.*
3. *Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;  
cleave our darkness with thy sword;  
feed all those who do not know thee  
with the richness of thy word;  
cleanse the body of this nation  
through the glory of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL**

**Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark  
***Glory be to thee, 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 doorkeeper 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.***

**THE NICENE CREED** (standing)

***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**

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory.

***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us.

***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all people.

***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Héctor, our Bishops; Ralph, our Priest; Nancy, our Deacon, and for all the holy people of God.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for those in prison, and for those we name now, either silently or aloud.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

*(You may offer prayers either silently or aloud)*

In your mercy.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For those who rest in Christ, especially \_\_\_\_\_. In your mercy.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For our deliverance from all afflictions, strife, and need.

**Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.***

## ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who 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.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY HYMN 454 - Jesus came, adored by angels

1. *Jesus came, adored by angels,  
came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came for our redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
came in deep humility.*
2. *Jesus comes again in mercy,  
when our hearts are bowed with care:  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to our earnest heart-felt prayer;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
comes to save us from despair.*
3. *Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
bringing news of sins forgiven;  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,  
leading souls redeemed to heaven;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
now the gate of death is riven.*
4. *Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,  
when the heavens shall pass away;  
Jesus comes again in glory;  
let us then our homage pay:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
till the dawn of endless day.*

## THE 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.*



The Lord be with you.

***And with thy spirit.***

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. [*Proper Preface is added*]

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:***

HYMN # S-114

***Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

***Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily

receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

***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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.***

These are 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.



Gluten Free hosts are available for communion.  
Please make yourself known to the priest at the altar rail.

***If you have a special prayer need, step into the side chapel after you receive communion,  
and a member of the Prayer Team will pray with you.***

**COMMUNION ANTHEM - Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

J. S. Bach Ed. John F. Wilson

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| <p>1. <i>Wake, awake, for night is flying,<br/>the watchman on the heights are crying:<br/>“Awake, Jerusalem arise!”</i></p> <p>2. <i>Behold, the Bridegroom comes,<br/>Your lamps with gladness take!<br/>Alleluia, The feast prepare;<br/>Your Lord draws near.<br/>Go forth with joy to meet Him there.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Now let every tongue adore Thee,<br/>Let men and angels sing before Thee,<br/>Let harps and cymbals now unite.</i></p> | <p>4. <i>All Thy gates with pearl are glorious<br/>Where we partake, through faith victorious.<br/>With angels ‘round Thy Throne of light.</i></p> <p><i>No mortal eye hath seen;<br/>No mortal ear hath heard<br/>Such wondrous things;<br/>Therefore, with joy our songs<br/>Shall soar in praise to God forevermore!</i></p> |
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**COMMUNION HYMN 329 - Now my tongue, the mystery telling**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

**THE BLESSING**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** (these words may differ from time to time)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 640 - Watchman, tell us of the night**

1. *Watchman, tell us of the night,  
what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
promised day of Israel.*

2. *Watchman, tell us of the night;  
higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.*

3. *Watchman, tell us of the night,  
for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,  
doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;  
hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
lo! the Son of God is come!*

**THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. (these words may differ from time to time)  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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Jim and Susan Grotte in thanksgiving for Joshua Grotte's Birthday**

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**Join us in the Parish Hall after the service for Coffee, Donuts,  
Breakfast Tacos (Boy Scouts) and to make an Advent Wreath.**  
The Parish Hall will be set up with everything you need – greens, candles, and festive decorations.  
Remember that there is no Sunday School during Advent.