

First Sunday of Advent

Prelude & Welcome/ Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Prayer/ Reading

Choir: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Opening Hymn CP#88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit always be with you. **And also with you.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on 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 Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Homily

Choir Anthem - On Sundays when appointed

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

God is love and we are his children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.
Silence

**God our Creator, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

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

Offertory Hymn CP#97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Prayer Over the Gifts

**God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask
this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker...

...As children of your redeeming purpose
who await the coming of your Son,

we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Creator...
... We now obey your Son's command.
**We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts...

...Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn

CP#65 Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

Prayer After Communion

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen

Closing Response

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**
With judgment and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn CP#108 Hark, A Herald Voice is Sounding

The Dismissal