

SUNDAY CHORAL EUCHARIST THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 3, 2023 10:30AM



Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

The people's responses are in **bold**.

Territorial Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we gather today on the lands occupied by the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe nations at the time of the creation of the "Dish With One Spoon" wampum agreement. We honour and respect these nations and commit ourselves to walk together gently upon this land.

The Gathering of the Community

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental or vocal piece of music during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

GATHERING MUSIC

Chorale Prelude "Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland" JS Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CP#88

We begin our worship together in community by praising God in song.

1 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. 3 Born thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

2 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

4 By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Anglican worship to this day.

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.

AN ADVENT BIDDING

My brothers and sisters, we enter today the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us. And as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The tradition of the Advent Wreath goes back to early Europe. The successive lighting of four candles on each Sunday in Advent symbolizes the marking of the weeks leading to Christmas and the Birth of Our Lord as well as the sense of increasing Light in the face of lengthening Darkness.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has begotten us again unto a living hope!

Let us now light a candle of Hope.

The candle-lighter lights the first candle on the wreath and then asks...

What is our Hope?

Our hope is in the Word made flesh, the Lord Jesus who was crucified and yet raised from the dead, who sits now at the right hand of the Father in majesty and power. He will come in glory to redeem the world and us with it.

Blessed indeed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has begotten us again unto this living hope.

Let us pray to the Lord.

The community prays in silent expectation.

Most merciful God, you are ever faithful to your promises to your people. Do not let us be put to shame but give us the assurance of a future filled with hope in which your justice will triumph. This we ask for the sake of your steadfast love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT RESPONSE

Hope Is a Star

SNC#35 (v.1)

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright. When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or brings out the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes God's attributes as shown in the scriptures for the day.

Let us pray.

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 Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 64, 1-9

This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus often referred to or quoted.

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

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 80, 1-7.17-18

The psalms are prayers Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph / like a / flock; * shine forth, you that are en-/thron'd up-/on the / cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin / and Ma-/nasseh, * stir up your / strength and / come to / help us.
- 3 [2nd part] Restore us O / God of / hosts; * show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
- 4 O Lord / God of / hosts, *
 how long will you be angered des-/pite the / prayers of your / people?
- 5 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 / neighbours, * and our / ene•mies / laugh us to / scorn.
- Restore us O / God of / hosts; * show the light of your countenance, / and we / shall be / saved.
- 17 Let your hand be upon the one at your / side in / honour, * the one you have / made so / strong for your-/self.
- And so will we never / turn a-/way from you; * give us life, that we may / call up- /on your / name.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1, 3-9

This reading from the New Testament is typically taken from a letter to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the book of Revelation.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 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 whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

CP#97 (vv.1-2)

1 Jesus came, the heavens adoring, 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 13, 24-37

This reading is from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "But 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 the 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 Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

CP#97 (vv.3-4)

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 SERMON The Dean

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

THE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325AD and confirmed in 381AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist, particularly on special feast days, declaring our loving trust in the Triune God and exploring the relationship between the three "persons" of God – the Creator/Father, Jesus the Christ/Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are a part of a larger fellowship, the Church – the Body of Christ.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution) and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The presider invites the people to confession.

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The presider offers absolution and the people respond.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

The community stands for the Peace.

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

THE OFFERTORY

At the offertory we gratefully offer back some of what God has given us, symbolically in the elements, and in our contributions towards the work of the church.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendour

CP#594

1 Judge Eternal, throned in splendor, Lord of lords and King of kings, with your living fire of judgement purge this land of bitter things; comfort all its wide dominion with the healing of your wings. 2 Weary people still are longing for the hour that brings release, and the city's crowded clamour cries aloud for sin to cease, and the countryside and woodlands plead in silence for their peace.

3 Crown, O God, your own endeavor; cleave our darkness with your sword; cheer the faint and feed the hungry with the richness of your word. Cleanse the body of this nation through the glory of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Let us pray.

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 GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

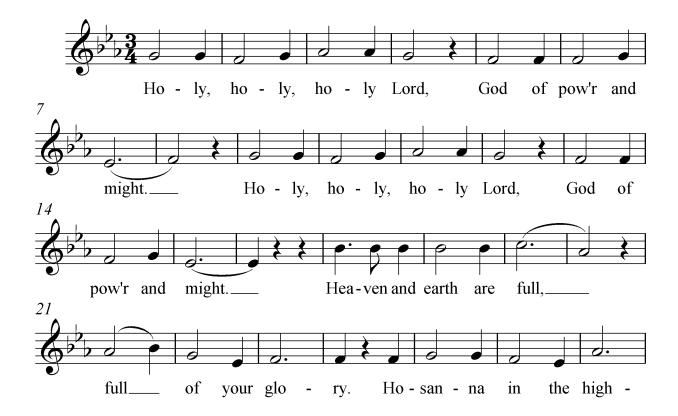
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

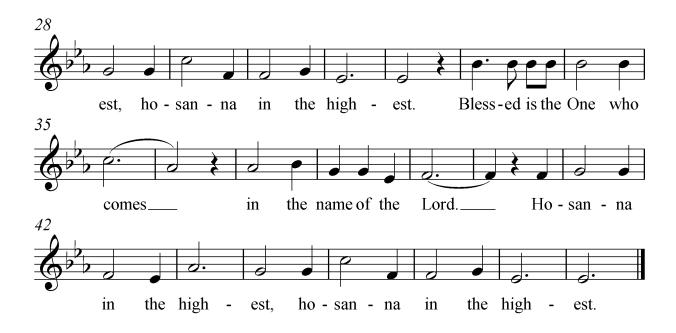
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ your Son, the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come.

Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

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:





Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers

and sisters living and departed. 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

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

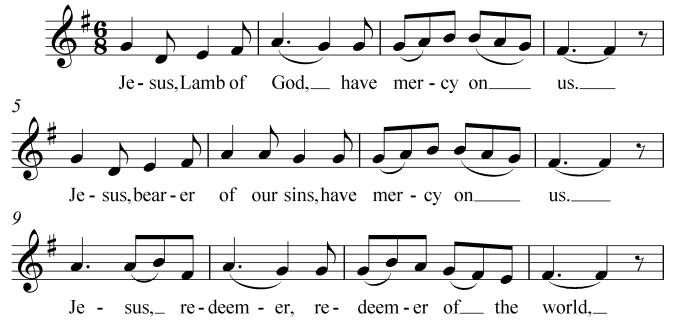
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

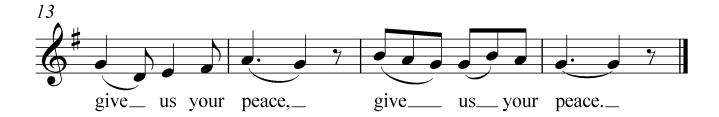
THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

LAMB OF GOD





MUSIC AT COMMUNION

People, Look East

Besançon carol, arr. Henry Lebedinsky

1 People, look East. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Guest is on the way.

2 Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Rose is on the way.

3 Birds, though ye long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Bird is on the way.

4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Star is on the way.

5 Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming. People, look East, and sing today: Love the Lord is on the way.

(text Eleanor Fargeon)

The Sending Forth of the Community

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

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.

Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory: and the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

CP#114

1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favoured sinners slain; thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty; all who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, deeply grieving, shall the true Messiah see.

3 Now redemption, long expected, see in solemn pomp appear; all his saints, on earth rejected, thrill the triumph sound to hear: hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! See the day of God appear!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly! O come quickly! O come
quickly!
Hallelujah! Come, Lord, come!

THE DISMISSAL

Go in hope to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fantazia of Four Parts

Orlando Gibbons

ASSISTIVE LISTENING SYSTEM



The Cathedral is proud to share that a hearing loop has been installed in the sanctuary and choir seating areas. By installing a hearing loop, Christ's Church Cathedral has joined thousands of churches and places of worship around the world that are removing communication barriers and building inclusive spaces for people that are hard of hearing.

HOW CAN A HEARING LOOP HELP?

Hearing Loops can transmit the church's audio signal directly into hearing devices via a magnetic field, reducing background noise. Whether it is the sermon, liturgy, or announcements - anything amplified through a microphone can be delivered clearly to an individuals hearing aid, cochlear implant or via a receiver and headset.

HOW TO USE THE HEARING LOOP?

WITH A HEARING AID OR COCHLEAR IMPLANT - Individuals who have a hearing aid or cochlear implant may have a telecoil program activated that will allow them to connect directly to the hearing loop.

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WHAT TO ASK YOUR AUDIOLOGIST AND HEARING AID PROVIDER

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

SUNDAY

8:30am - Holy Eucharist in person 10:30am - Choral Eucharist in person and on YouTube

WEDNESDAY

8:30am - Morning Prayer via Zoom followed by coffee and conversation 12:15pm - Said Eucharist in the Cathedral

FRIDAY

12:15pm - Litany of Reconciliation in Bishopsgate

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