

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
LITURGY OF THE WORD  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

**PRELUDE – JOHN & TERRY HARE**

**WELCOME AND INSTRUCTIONS – ZOOM HOST**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

1. O come, O come, Em-man - u - el, and ran-som cap-tive Is - ra - el  
2. O come, thou Wis-dom from on high, who orderest all things might - i - ly;

that mourns in lone-ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God appear.  
to us the path of knowl - edge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Em-man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

**CLERGY WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Leader: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.*

**People: His mercy endures forever.**

**THE PENITENTIAL ORDER**

**THE DECALOGUE**

*Leader: Hear the commandments of God to his people:  
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.  
You shall have no other gods but me.*

**People: Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Leader:* You shall not make for yourself any idol.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* Honor your father and your mother.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not commit murder.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not commit adultery.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not steal.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not be a false witness.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.  
*Leader:* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.  
**People:** Amen. Lord have mercy.

#### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*Leader:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Silence may be kept)*

**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 ABSOLUTION**

*Leader:* 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.*

## KYRIE

*Leader: Lord, have mercy.*

*All: Christ, have mercy.*

*Leader: Lord, have mercy.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Leader: 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.*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON—ISAIAH 64:1-9

*Reader: A Reading from the book of the prophet 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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**THE RESPONSE—PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18** (*Led by Celebrant*)

*Qui regis Israel*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- <sup>2</sup> **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,  
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- <sup>3</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>4</sup> **O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- <sup>5</sup> You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made us the derision of our neighbors,  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- <sup>7</sup> Restore us, O God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- <sup>16</sup> **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- <sup>17</sup> And so will we never turn away from you;  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- <sup>18</sup> **Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.**

**THE SECOND LESSON—1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9**

*Reader: A Reading from the first epistle 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 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.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GRADUAL

### Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending



1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scending, once for our sal - va - tion
2. Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful ma - jes -
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling bo - dy
4. Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e - ter - nal



slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing swell the  
 ty; those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and  
 bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion to his  
 throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry; claim the



tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture, with what  
 king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture, with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## THE GOSPEL—MARK 13:24-37

*Deacon: 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 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.”

*Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **THE SERMON – JOE ROSE**

### **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 /INTERCESSORY PRAYER (III)**

*Leader:* *Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;*  
**People:** **That we all may be one.**  
*Leader:* *Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*  
**People:** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**  
*Leader:* *We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;*  
**People:** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**  
*Leader:* *We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*  
**People:** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**  
*Leader:* *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*  
**People:** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**  
*Leader:* *Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;*  
**People:** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**  
*Leader:* *For all who suffer from the coronavirus and all who minister to them, let us pray to the Lord.*  
**People:** **Lord have mercy.**  
*Leader:* *Where there is racial injustice, discrimination, or violence, make us instruments of your love.*  
**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**  
*Leader:* *Give to the departed eternal rest.*  
**People:** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**  
*Leader:* *We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*  
**People:** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**  
*Leader:* *Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.*

*(Prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings may be added.)*

*In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:*

*Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam, Christ Church, Bethany.  
Postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members.*

*In the Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer, we pray for:*

*the Lusitanian Church and  
The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Said in unison)*

**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.**

### **PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

***All:* Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I would join myself with all those who in your Holy Church offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.**

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

***Officiant:* Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;**

### **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

### BLESSING

*Priest:* The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

#### Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Leader: Let us bless the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EXTINGUISHING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – PAUL SMITH**

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### *Tithes & Offerings*

*Even though we are currently unable to open our church building for services and events, our ministries and building projects at St. John's are still going strong! We invite you to continue supporting the ministry of St. John's through your tithes and offerings. To donate online through PayPal, please visit <https://paypal.me/stjohnsnewhaven>*

## **OUR PREACHER TODAY**

**Joe Rose**, a third year MDiv student at Yale Divinity School who is in the ordination process in the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, is the St. John's seminarian-in-residence for the 2020-21 academic year. Joe is a native of the Pacific Northwest and a former investigative journalist who also serves as executive director of Trinity Retreat Center in West Cornwall while he attends seminary. He and his wife, Heidi, have been married for 27 years and have two daughters, Una and Eleanor. His plan for ordained ministry focuses on evangelism, creation care, and story-telling for the missional age.

## **RESOURCES FOR THIS LITURGY:**

Book of Common Prayer, Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Lectionary Page: <http://lectionarypage.net>

Episcopal Church in Connecticut Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Communion Cycle of Prayer

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Christopher L. Webber*

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