

**St. Clement's Episcopal Church**  
**Morning Prayer (1928 Prayer Book)**

**The First Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27, 2011**

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**Harpichord Prelude**

*Toccata in E Minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Processional Hymn 56**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
*(verses 1-4)*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**Opening Sentence**

**A General Confession**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty and most merciful Father;  
we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done;  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;  
and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.  
Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.  
Restore thou those who are penitent;  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake;  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

**The Declaration of Absolution**

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**The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant and People*

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.

**Versicles**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Officiant* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*People* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Officiant* Praise ye the Lord.  
*People* The Lord's name be praised.

### **Venite, exultemus Domino**

- 1 O come, let us sing | unto · the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
  - 2 Let us come before his presence with | **thanksgiving**;  
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
  - 3 For the Lord is a | **great** God;  
and a great | King above all gods.
  - 4 In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;  
and the strength of the hills is | **his** also.
  - 5 The sea is | his, and · he made it;  
and his hands prepared · the **dry** land.
  - 6 O come, let us worship and | **fall** down,  
and kneel before the | Lord our **Maker**.
  - 7 For he is the | Lord our God;  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of **his** hand.
  - 8 O worship the Lord in the | beauty · of holiness;  
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
  - 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to | judge the earth;  
and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.
- Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end**. Amen.

### **The First Lesson: 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

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

- 1    Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; \*  
    show thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
- 2    Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
    stir up thy strength, and come and help us.
- 3    Turn us again, O God; \*  
    show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 4    O LORD God of hosts, \*  
    how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
- 5    Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, \*  
    and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
- 6    Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbours, \*  
    and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7    Turn us again, thou God of hosts; \*  
    show the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
- 16    It is burnt with fire, and cut down; \*  
    and they shall perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17    Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, \*  
    and upon the son of man, whom thou madest so strong for thine own self.
- 18    And so will not we go back from thee: \*  
    O let us live, and we shall call upon thy Name.  
    Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
    and to the Holy Ghost;  
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
    world without end. Amen.

## The Second Lesson: 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.

*Reader*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Benedictus

- 1 Blessed be the Lord God of | Israel;  
for he hath visited and re | deemed · his **people**;
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty sal | vation for us,  
in the house of his | servant **David**;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets,  
which have | been · since the | world began;
- 4 That we should be saved | from our enemies,  
and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.
- 5 To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**,  
and to remember his | holy covenant;
- 6 To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham,  
that | he would **give** us;
- 7 That we being delivered out of the | hand of · our enemies  
might | serve him without fear;
- 8 In holiness and righteous | ness before him,  
all the | days of **our** life.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
world without | **end**. Amen.

## The Third Lesson: Mark 13:24-37

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.”

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

### **Jubilate Deo**

- 1    O be joyful in the Lord | all ye lands:  
    serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his | presence with a song.
- 2    Be ye sure that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not | we ourselves;  
    we are his people, and the | sheep of · his **pasture**.
- 3    O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his | courts with praise;  
    be thankful unto him, and | **speak** | good of · his Name.
- 4    For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | everlasting;  
    and his truth endureth from generation to | **generation**.  
  
    Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son,  
    and | to the Holy Ghost;  
  
    As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,  
    world without | **end. Amen.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary:  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead:  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost:  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints:  
the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body:  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Versicles**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*All kneel.*

*Officiant* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*People* And grant us thy salvation.

*Officiant* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*People* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### **The Collect for the Day**

*Officiant*

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 Prayers**

#### **A General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless thee for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life;  
and above all, for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,

and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

**The Grace**

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**Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be,  
keeping them unspotted from the world.  
Strengthen them when they stand;  
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall;  
and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding  
abide all the days of their life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Prayer**

O God, who hast so consecrated the state of Matrimony  
that in it is represented the spiritual marriage  
and unity between Christ and his Church;  
look mercifully upon these thy servants,  
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other,  
and so live together in faithfulness and patience,  
in wisdom and true godliness,  
that their home may be a haven of blessing and of peace;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever,  
one God, world without end. Amen.

**Announcements**

**Sermon Hymn 58**

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

*St. Thomas*

**The Sermon**

Linda Kranichfeld

**Offertory Anthem**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*  
Youth & Adult Choirs

David Cherwien

Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,  
you came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

Come Sun and Savior, to embrace our gloomy world, its weary race,  
as groom to bride, as bride to groom: the wedding chamber, Mary's womb..

At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
all things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;  
defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

**Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1**

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**Prayer and Benediction**

**Recessional Hymn 56**

O come, thou Key of David, O come  
*(verses 5-8)*

*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

**The Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Harpichord Postlude**

*Toccata in E Minor: Fugue*

Johann Sebastian Bach