

St. Clement's Church
Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2009

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* French Carol
Emma Gavenda, flute — Amanda Wu, double bass arr. Sidney King

Processional Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silence *Picardy*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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.*

The Summary of the Law

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 neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison, S-89 Hans Leo Hassler

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant 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 First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my / *trust in you*;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies tri/*umph over me*.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / *put to shame*;
let the treacherous be disappoint/*ed in their schemes*.
- 3 Show me your / *ways, O LORD*,
and teach / *me your paths*.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and / *teach me*,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all / *the day long*.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and / *love*,
for they are from ev/*erlasting*.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/*gressions*;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your good/*ness, O LORD*.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the / *LORD*;
therefore he teaches sin/*ners in his way*.
- 8 He guides the humble in / *doing right*
and teaches his way to / *the lowly*.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and / *faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant and his tes/*timonies*.

The Second Reading: Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 58

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

St. Thomas

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Bruce D. O’Neill

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again
according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the prophets.

And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things, judge of all men:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us; the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution and Comfortable Words

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The Peace

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

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

Offertory Anthem

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Saying
Youth & Adult Choirs

Ian Higginson

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

Presentation Hymn 288, verse 1

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The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

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.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us
heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and
magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus, S-117

Hans Leo Hassler

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God... BCP p. 341By 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.*People* AMEN.*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us we are bold to say,**The Lord's Prayer***People and Celebrant*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*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**Agnus Dei, S-160***Anaphora Chant***Prayer of Humble Access***Celebrant and People*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.*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.*At St. Clement's all who seek Christ are invited to receive communion.***Communion Music***I Wonder as I Wander*

Appalachian Carol

Emma Gavenda, flute — Amandu Wu, double bass

arr. Sidney King

Ablutions Hymn*I Wonder as I Wander*

John Jacob Niles

Postcommunion Prayer*People and Celebrant*

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 Saviour 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.

Blessing**Recessional Hymn 64**

O heavenly Word, eternal Light

*O Heiland, reiss***Dismissal***People* Thanks be to God.**Organ Postlude***O Heiland, reiss die Himmel auf*

Ernst Pepping