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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Mystery and Wonder
I. Aria

Dan Locklair (b. 1949)

INTROIT

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be.
Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come and night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

Words: Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz. Music: Paul Manz. (1919-2009)

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand and sing the processional hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 5 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

Lo! He comes with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Ev'ry eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshippers;
With what rapture, with what rapture,
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

Words: Charles Wesley, 1758 alt. Music: *Helmsley* from *Select Hymns with Tunes Annexed*, 1765

The people remain standing as the officiant begins the service with the opening sentences.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, officiant and people together

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. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those 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.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All standing, the officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. 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 people remain standing for the canticle.

CANTICLE, HYMN 608

Venite, exultemus Domino

W.H. Walter

O come let us sing | unto • the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with | thanksgiving;
and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a | great God;
and a great | King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners | of the earth;
and the strength of the hills is | his also.
The sea is | his and • he made it;
and his hands pre|pared • the dry land.
O come let us worship and | fall down,
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.
For he is the | Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the | beauty • of holiness;
let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.
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.

PSALM 122

The people remain standing and read the psalm responsively by whole verse.

¹ I was glad when they said unto me,
“We will go into the house of the LORD.”

² ***Now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.***

³ Jerusalem is built as a city
that is at unity in itself.

⁴ ***For there the tribes go up, even the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the LORD.***

⁵ For there is the throne of judgment,
even the throne of the house of David.

⁶ ***O pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
they shall prosper that love you.***

⁷ Peace be within your walls
and plenteousness within your palaces.

⁸ ***For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will wish you prosperity.***

⁹ Indeed, because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek to do you good.

***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 people are seated for the reading of God's Word.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE

Hills of the North, Rejoice

Little Cornard

1. Hills of the North, re - joice; riv - er and mount - ain spring,
 2. Isles of the South - ern seas, deep in your cor - al caves
 3. Lands of the East, a - wake, soon shall your sons be free;
 4. Shores of the ut - most West, ye that have wait - ed long,
 5. Shout, while ye jour - ney home; songs be in ev - ery mouth;

hark to the ad - vent voice; val - ley and low - land sing;
 pent be each war - ring breeze, lulled be your rest - less waves:
 the sleep of a - ges break, and rise to lib - er - ty.
 un - vis - it - ed, un - blest, break forth to swell - ing song;
 lo, from the North we come, from East, and West, and South:

though ab - sent long, your Lord is nigh; He judg - ment brings and vic - to - ry.
 He comes to reign with bound - less sway, and makes your wastes his great high - way.
 On your far hills, long cold and gray, has dawned the ev - er - last - ing day.
 high raise the note, that Je - sus died, yet lives and reigns, the Cru - ci - fied.
 in Je - sus all shall find their rest, in Him the u - ni - verse be blest.

Text: Charles E. Oakley (1832-1865) Music: LITTLE CORNARD, Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

The people are seated for the reading of God's Word.

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 24:29-44

²⁹Jesus said, "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³²From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁶But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the sermon hymn.

Rejoice, rejoice, believers! And let your lights appear;
 The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
 The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
 Up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil;
 Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near;
 Go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher,
 Until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.
 The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
 Rise up, ye heirs of glory! The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
 Arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere!
 With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
 The day of earth's redemption and every be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700. Tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt. Music: *Greenland*, Johann Michael Haydn, adapted 1819.

THE SERMON

Sleepers, Awake!

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All standing, officiant and people say

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.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.*People* **And with thy spirit.***Officiant* Let us pray.*All kneeling, officiant and people pray*

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 SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; **and grant us thy salvation.**Endue thy ministers with righteousness; **and make thy chosen people joyful.**Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **for only in thee can we live in safety.**Lord, keep this nation under thy care; **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**Let thy way be known upon earth; **thy saving health among all nations.**Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**Create in us clean hearts, O God; **and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Chip, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Oh most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

THE 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; but 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 honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps!

André Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning ... the time is drawing nigh.

Children, don't get weary ... til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over ... the time is drawing nigh.

Spiritual, arr. by André Thomas (b. 1952)

All are invited to stand and sing the doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

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.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

HYMN 141 (S. 4)

America

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise From Death

Azmon

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light,
So learn his love: its length and breadth, its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear release,
To give the Spirit's unity, the very bond of peace.

There is one Body and one hope, one Spirit and one call,
One Lord, on Faith, and one Baptism, one Father of us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
With kind and gentle hearts forgive as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us he died and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Azmon*, adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting Vestry nominations through December 16. Please visit our website for details: stphilipchurchsc.org/vestry-nominations.

The ECW Advent Luncheon with the Very Rev. Ken Weldon is this Friday, December 2, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome! Scan the QR code at right or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/events to register.



The Advent Drop-In at the Rectory is this Saturday, December 3, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. All St. Philipians are cordially invited to join the Rev. and Mrs. Jeffrey S. Miller in their home for this annual event—there is no need to bring anything but a festive spirit!

Choral Evensong with a St. Philip's Choir treble ensemble will be next Sunday, December 4, at 5:30 p.m. (note updated time). All are invited to this contemplative service of prayer and song.

The Monthly Men's Lunch is Wednesday, December 7, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Men of all faiths are invited to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Connie Stahl and to hear the faith story of David Gilbert, St. Philip's Youth Minister.

The Rector's Bible Study normally held Thursdays at noon is in recess this week and will next meet Thursday, December 8.

The Greening of the Church is Friday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m., and we need as many helping hands as we can get! Bring gloves and clippers (if you have them) and a breakfast treat to share.

Our Lessons and Carols service is Sunday, December 11, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, join us in the Parish Hall for our annual **Wassail Bowl** reception, and please pick up a **poinsettia** (or a few!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias and cards from the Compassion Committee will be arranged by ZIP and go to those who are especially in our hearts this season.

The Angel Trees will be in the narthex through Sunday, December 11. Please stop by, pick up an ornament and an instruction card, and learn how you can bless our neighbors in need this Christmas. Gift cards may be returned Wednesdays or Sundays at church or to the church office by Monday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Important Dates:

- **December 11:** Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert (4:00 p.m.)
- **December 14:** Final Wednesdays Alive! of 2022
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve services (4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day service (10:00 a.m.)
- **January 26-28:** Mere Anglicanism Conference (register at mereanglicanism.org)

Please check your email inbox or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news for further information about the above announcements and the rest of this week's news.



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