

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### KYRIE

**Pg. 78 to 79**—Pastor and congregation singing responses

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

P: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God. And for the unity of all , let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, Have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

**C: Amen**

### **HYMN**

**Pg. 81 to 82**—Pastor sings first 6 measures

P: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **SALUTATION**

**Pg. 82**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray .....

**C: Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us Pray.....Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **FIRST LESSON:**

Isaiah 64:1-9 *We are the works of God's hand.*

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

## SECOND LESSON:

I Corinthians 1:3-9 *God's Word is given so that we may not be lacking in any spiritual gift*

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

[Will We Know Him](#)

## GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-10

*The people make preparations for Jesus' entry into Jerusalem*

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SERMON HYMN "Green Book" 35

[Hark the Glad Sound](#)

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release, In Satan's bondage held.

The gates of brass before him burst, The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.

## SERMON

"Preparing for What?"

### NICENE CREED

**C: 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer**)

## OFFERING

### **OFFERTORY**

**Pg. 86**

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer.  
Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Pg. 88**

P: The Lord Be with you.  
**C: And also with you.**  
P: Lift up your hearts.  
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

**Pg. 89**

P: It is indeed right and salutary .... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the mane of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### DISTRIBUTION

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Green Book" 28 Savior of the Nations, Come  
Savior of the nations, come; show the glory of the Son!  
Every people, stand in awe; praise the perfect Son of God.

Not of human seed or worth, but from God's own mystic breath,  
Fruit in Mary's womb begun when God breathed the Word, his Son.

Wondrous birth! Oh, wondrous child of the virgin undefiled!  
Mighty God and man in one, eager now his race to run!

God the Father is his source, back to God he runs his course;  
Down to death and hell descends, God's high throne he reascends.

He leaves heaven to return; traveling where dull hellfires burn;  
Riding out, returning home as the Savior who has come.

God the Father's precious Son girds himself in flesh to run  
For the trophies of our souls, longer than this round earth rolls.

Shining stable in the night, breathing victory with your light;  
Darkness cannot hide your flame, shining bright as Jesus' name.

"Red Book" 114

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me—this I know, For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong—They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—loves me still, Though I'm very weak and ill;  
That I might from sin be free, Bled and died upon the tree.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He who died, Heaven's gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me—He will stay Close beside me all the way,  
Though hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for the.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Pg. 92-93

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ry-one what he has done.**

**Let ev'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.**

**He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with sounds of thanksgiving.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**PRAYER**

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pg. 95**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ...+ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Pg. 95**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**