ADVENT SUNDAY | HOLY EUCHARIST

Today is Advent Sunday. Our journey towards Christmas begins. It's a time to prepare the manger of our hearts. Jesus is coming.

About this Gathering

Welcome to Advent – from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming" or "visit." – a season rich in politics, prophecy, prayer, perseverance and holiness. In Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus' first coming at his birth on Christmas and we look forward to Jesus' second coming at His return. Please add your voice to worship, prayer & song!

Hymn 59 | Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding







THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you holy and living one.

You come to your people and set them free. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

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Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

O Lord God of hosts.

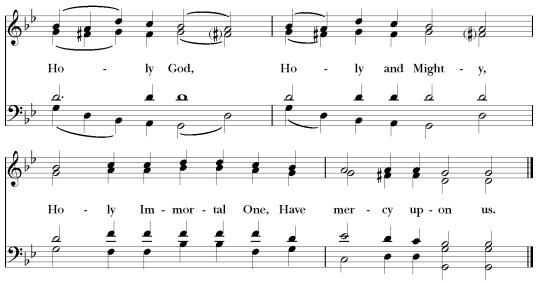
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

And grant us your salvation.

S-102 | Trisagion or Thrice Holy | Sung three times



Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

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*.

Isaiah 64:1-9

The prophet recalls God's role as the One who gives life and Identity to Israel and in whom rests all their hope.

A Reading from the book of 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

A lament of the nation of Israel for deliverance.

Let us read Psalm 95 responsively.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *

stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts, *

how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

5You have fed them with the bread of tears; *

you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

6You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *

the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *

give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul adapts and combines the usual greetings of ancient letters describing salvation as "grace," God's gift and "peace," the harmony of the reign of God. A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.



Hymn 596 | Judge eternal, throned in splendor



Mark 13:24-37

Jesus' word to us all is, "Keep awake!"

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

"But 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 the[a] 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."

The Gospel of our Savior.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 People

Jesus the Christ, you reign in glory as our King, and to you we lift our voices in prayer, saying, "Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert."

Creator of the stars in the sky, the sun, and the moon, You are the light by which we wake and work; let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Surround your church, her leaders, and people, with your armor of light. We pray especially all baptized ministers of the Gospel, for lay leaders and ministers and for bishops, priest, deacons and. Strengthen them as they reach out to you in prayer and hope. Open all hearts to your will; let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

We pray for our leaders: especially our presidents and prime minister and the Parliaments and Congress and courts of our lands. Savior of the nations, guide those who govern, and awaken those they lead, that we may all live in the spirit of cooperation and share so that all have enough: food, care, and peace; let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

For people across the world whose spirits bend under the yoke of oppression and struggle, give to your people a sense of togetherness and support. Open our eyes to those who fall by the wayside and whose faces and needs remain invisible; let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Lover of souls, you continue to mold us in your image and hold us in your hands. We ask your blessing on those who struggle with illness, anxiety, grief, or isolation, especially _____ (The People respond either silently or aloud.); let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Rejoicing in the reign of Christ over all creation, we offer our thanksgivings, intercessions for others and petitions for ourselves ______ (The People respond either silently or aloud.); let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Holy God, we pray for there departed, those who have returned to your embrace and those who are broken with grief, especially _____ (The People respond either silently or aloud.); let us pray.

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

In the name of Jesus we pray;

Illumine our darkness, and keep us alert.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen*.

Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Offering

An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Ways to Give: Offering Basket; marymagdaleneanglican.net; Click Donate Now; Mail a check; Zelle.

Hymn 380 | From all that dwell below the skies





The Great Thanksgiving

Restore us, O God of hosts;

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace 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.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

WLP 785 | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Holy God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Sarah, Rebecca. Leah and Rachel, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Savior, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray boldly in our chosen language and voice.

Please pray boldly the Lord's Prayer version of your choice and language. The version below is optional.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread & Communion

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

Sending Prayer

Let us pray together.

Eternal God by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day and all our days in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Blessing Over the People

May this Advent Season prepare us to rejoice again at the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ who came among us in great humility that we might know God's love for us; may we expectantly await Jesus' second coming in power and great glory praying that Almighty God will make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, and the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. *Amen*.

ADVENT IN ACTION | PREPARING FOR CHRIST | WEEK 1

Monday – Pray for your household.

Tuesday – Pray for your neighbors.

Wednesday – Pray for the solitary and for those who are alone.

Thursday – Pray for marriages.

Friday – Pray for families.

Saturday – Pray for the young, the not-so-young and those in between.



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Universal Prayer of Peace | Iona Community

Let us pray together.

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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