



**The First Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**November 29, 2020**

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*You may wish to have advent candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area. Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home.  
We are glad to be worshipping with you today.*

**Prelude**                      *In the Bleak Mid-winter*    Boyles/Holst

**Welcome**

**Introit**                      *O Come O Come Emmanuel*    15th c. French  
   Atrium Singers, Congregation  
   and Riverview Chamber Players – December 2016

*Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.*

**Congregation Response:** *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Leader* Blessed are you, our God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and homes to receive our Savior.

### November 29 - *Light 1 purple candle*

*Leader:* O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care

*People:* **Come, and show your people the way to salvation.**

*Leader:* O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:

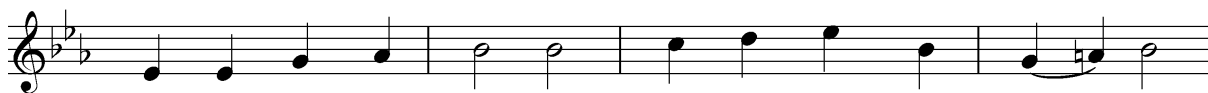
*People:* **Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free. Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Opening Hymn** *Once He Came in Blessing (v.1+2)*

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1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like-ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Praise Hymn** *O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion*

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Oh thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh

thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:

Lift up your voice with strength, — Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -

hold — your — God. — A - rise, — and shine, — for the

light of the world is come. Be - hold — your — God! —

## Collect of the Day

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Presider*      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.*

*People*        **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### Reading

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 Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

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

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Hymn Rejoice, Rejoice Believers (v. 1-3)

Blue Hymnal 68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!



*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*            **Glory to you, O Christ.**

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.”

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Nicene Creed**

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**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 People (Form III)**

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*Leader* Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* We pray for Bill, Kemon & Marilla, Dorothy, Sarah, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Carolyn, Joan, John, Tom, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan. .... *Please add your own prayers.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* We pray for those who have died, especially for Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Jim, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald, and Philip. *Please add your own prayers.* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bestow on us.  
*Please add your own thanksgivings.*

### **A Stewardship Prayer**

Gracious God, abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. We are grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service. Help us now and always to offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure freely and joyously to you, O God. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Adapted from a prayer by The Rev. Bill Hibbert, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rapid City, South Dakota*

### **Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:**

**Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.**

*Presider* Lord, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. Dispel the clouds and darkness and awaken us to your glory, that we may walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Confession

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*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.*

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

## Absolution

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Holy Eucharist

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider* With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

*Your financial offering can be shared online at [our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2](http://our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2)*

**Musical Offering**     *Zion hears the watchman calling, No. 4, Cantata 140*     J.S. Bach  
Redeemer Adult Choir and Cleary String Quartet-December 2013

*Zion hears the watchmen calling; the Faithful hark with joy enthralling,  
They rise and haste to greet their Lord.  
See, He comes, the Lord victorious; almighty, noble, true and glorious,  
In Heav'n supreme, on earth adored.  
Come now, Thou Holy one; the Lord Jehovah's Son!  
Alleluja! We follow all, the joyful call to join Him in the Banquet Hall!*

**Blessing of the 2021 Stewardship Ingathering**

Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it. You have entrusted us with gifts— time, talent, energy, money— and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call. We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward. We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call. We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul. Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)**

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Blue Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people;

*The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.*

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**ALL We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*All*

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be**

**separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

**Announcements**

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

**Closing Hymn**    *Signs of Ending all Around Us*

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1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us— dark - ness, death, and win - ter days  
 2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
 3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
 Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
 Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
 Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new;  
 Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;

Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
 Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
 your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

## **Blessing**

*The Presider blesses the people, saying*

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**Acolyte** As we wait our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ

*Acolyte extinguishes candles.*

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

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**Please join us on Zoom for Virtual Coffee Hour and Adult Formation immediately after worship.**

The Zoom link is emailed in the weekly announcements. If you need a link today, email [kate@our-redeemer.net](mailto:kate@our-redeemer.net) and we'll try to respond asap. If you' would like to get the link emailed to you on a weekly basis, email [office@our-redeemer.net](mailto:office@our-redeemer.net) to be added to the mailing list.

# Advent & Christmas at Redeemer

## **Advent Calendar**

Watch our website, newsletter, and Facebook page for a parish Advent calendar. This calendar, created by Cara Kalf, contains daily activities, prayers, and devotions for families and individuals to do at home to mark this special season.

## **Advent Wreath Kit Pickup | Sunday November 29**

Advent wreath making kits will be available at the church to pick up from noon to 1:30pm. Kits will contain a frame, candles, and greens so that you can make your own Advent wreath at home. Thanks to the Wright family for coordinating this activity.

## **Advent Compline | Wednesday at 7:30 pm**

On Wednesday December 2, 9, 16 and 23, join with Redeemer friends on Zoom for a contemplative Advent worship service full of poetry and prayer. Watch the weekly announcements for the Zoom link. Many thanks to Cara Kalf for leading this service.

## **Cookies & Carols Zoom Party for Children | Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 pm**

Celebrate the Feast of St Nicholas with Cookies & Carols. This Zoom party will include an award ceremony for decorated (or colored-in) cookies. All entries will win a special prize. The awards ceremony will be followed by stories read out loud by St. Nicholas himself! Many thanks to Cara Kalf and Jamie Burnside for coordinating. Watch the weekly newsletter for Zoom link.

## **Advent Adult Formation - Moving from Darkness to Light: Finding Hope in Advent December 6, 13, & 20 at 10:30 am**

The Adult Formation committee has invited special guest speakers to lead our Advent adult formation. See the weekly announcements for details.

## **Advent Lessons & Carols | December 12 at 4:00 pm and December 13 at 9:30 am**

This beautiful service, offered by our Adult Choir, will be online this year. The lessons and carols tell the story of the coming Christ, and remind us, as the nights get darker, that the light will return. Traditionally it is an evening service as we light more and more candles as the sun sets and darkness falls. The service will be live-streamed (with pre-recorded music) to the church website and Facebook page from the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 12 at 4pm. The service will be re-played on the website and Facebook page on Sunday morning December 13 at 9:30am as our main worship service that day.

## **Christmas Service of Healing and Remembrance: Thursday | December 17 at 7:00 pm**

This service is for all those for whom Christmas might be a difficult time due to the loss of a loved one or any reason. This service acknowledges our griefs and losses and offers prayers for healing and hope. This year, this service will be held on Zoom with Rev. Frank leading from the Sanctuary. Watch the weekly announcements for the Zoom link.

### **“Waiting and Hoping,” An Advent Quiet Morning | December 19 from 10am to 12pm**

Take some time as Christmas approaches for a half-day retreat led by Mary Ann Burnside. The retreat will be conducted on Zoom with designated time away from the computer for private prayer, as well as shared group reflection.

### **Christmas Eve Worship, Creche Service | December 24**

The children’s Christmas pageant, sing-along carols, and a special children’s Christmas message from Rev. Frank will be part of a short video service that will be available for viewing anytime on the church website.

### **Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 8:00 pm**

Our main service of Christmas Eve will be live-streamed from the Sanctuary at 8pm onto the website and Facebook. Special music from the choir and a sermon from Rev. Kate will be part of this Holy Eucharist to celebrate the birth of Christ.



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