



The First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

– Holy Cross Handbell Choir

Opening Hymn 56: “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures forever.***

The Collect for Purity

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

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Even So Come”

*Like a bride waiting for her groom
We’ll be a Church ready for You
Ev’ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *1 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.***

***let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.***

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed 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 everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
***remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.***

7 Gracious and upright is the LORD;
therefore he teaches sinners 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 testimonies.

Sequence Hymn: “King of Glory”

His name is Je sus, pre-cious
Je - sus. Lord al - might-y, King of
my heart. King of glo - ry

Psalm 25:1-9 (read responsively by half verse)

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you;

The Gospel Reading: *Luke 21:25-36*

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

"Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."near."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Message: "Finding *Hope* in Uncertainty and Waiting"
The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent and beyond, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son.
That he may dwell in us and us in him, eternally.

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

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

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

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those among our families and friends who experience sadness and grief during the holiday season; *That they may experience your steadfast love and be filled with peace and joy.*

We pray for all who have died; *Silence* - lovingly receive them into your eternal kingdom. *That we may one day be reunited with them, in you.*

We pray for those on our church's prayer list, for all who are sick or lonely, for prisoners, and for the victims of crime everywhere. *That your healing presence may embrace them all.*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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.*

Additional Ways to Give

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The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 370 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.

Offertory: “O Come To The Altar” (see insert)

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

For this portion of the service you will need your Book of Common Prayer (The red book in your pew). P. 370

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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.

Fraction Anthem: “O Saving Victim”

O Sav-ing Vic-tim, o-pen wide the gate of heav'n to
us be - low, our foes press on from ev' - ry
side; Your aid sup - ply, Your strength be - stow.

Communion Hymn: “Restless” (see insert)

Communion Hymn 487: “Come My Way”

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 56: “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Pam Walker
Ambassadors:
Chalice Bearers: Ed Austin
Readers: Chip Lands, DeAnne Amacker

10:30am

DOD: Marline Austin
Acolytes: Lamar Parsley, McKenzie Simpler,
& Sierra Dixon
Ambassadors:
Chalice Bearers: Angela Hinkle, Wanda Reed
Readers: Aaron Wimmers Angela Hinkle

Your Sermon Notes:

POINT OF EMPHASIS #1: From the title for today's message, which is "_____ Hope" ...and not "Having Hope in Uncertainty and Waiting." Some days are just bad days. You will lose _____ at times on these bad days or even bad seasons of life, but we can _____ it again.

It has been said that, over a lifetime, it becomes painfully clear that...

_____ cannot exist apart from FAITH
_____ cannot be exercised without HOPE.

INSIGHTS FROM JESUS:

Jesus says, "do not _____ beforehand the words you will say."

When you find yourself _____ of a difficult situation over and over, remember that this is not your way. Jesus wants you to stop. It will leave you without _____. It will not help your life.

The SERENITY PRAYER

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time, Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, Taking, as He did, This sinful world as it is, Not as I would have it, Trusting that He will make all things right, If I surrender to His will, That I may be reasonably happy in this life, And supremely happy with Him forever in the next. Amen.

THE SURRENDER NOVENA #7:

"My help is found in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it anymore, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this, all of you, and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things; I promise this to you."

POINT OF EMPHASIS #2: In the Old Testament, if you are looking at Advent Times, their _____ came from _____ the faithfulness of God. Even through the ups and downs and the bad and good, there was no escaping the overarching narrative of God's faithfulness to their people. If they could just _____.

INSIGHTS FROM JEREMIAH:

Jeremiah was considered a propagator of Doom and Gloom; but he was actually a MINISTER OF _____.

Vision #1: Was of an _____. We are encouraged to use physical objects as _____ of God's constant presence and faithfulness. A pocket cross, cross neckless, ring, a kind of bird, etc.

Vision #2: Was of a boiling _____ pouring out of the north. Although it represents the coming of something negative, of evil and loss of everything, the pot also _____ evil. It localizes it into a specific place on the map.

Eugene Peterson wrote, "We underestimate _____ and we overestimate _____. So often, we don't see what God is doing and conclude that he is doing _____. We see everything that _____ is doing and thing that it is in control of everything." The boiling pot helped Jeremiah to remember. Let it's wisdom help you.

SUMMARY OF INSIGHTS:

The busyness of the _____ is the enemy of your hope. Stop planning your words.

_____ God's faithfulness in the past is the Key to Hope & Faith in the Old Testament.

The use of physical and/or audible reminders, especially when times are tough.

The Boiling Pot gives us the true vision of _____. Reminding us of our tendency to overestimate _____ and underestimate _____. Don't believe the lie.

_____ Days Happen. You will lose _____. But you can always find it in _____.

Prayer List *Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.*

Requested Prayer

Adele & Jorge Valenzuela Alec, Angel, Ann D., Anne M., Arlie, Art H., Barbara C., Barbara S., Becky H., Bob G., Brandon, Brenna, Brooks, Carlos, Carole, CC, Chloe, Clare, Connie, Corey, Crystal, Curt, Dale, Daniel, Darlene, David P., Diane P., Don, Doug M., Elaine G, Emily C., Erica R., Evelyn, Fay, Fr. Chris Coats, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Harriett K. Herman, Ian, Ivy, Jack, Jennifer, Jessie, Jim W., Joe, John C., John T., Jonathan U., Joshua, Judy, Kaleb, Karen, Kari, Kathy B., Kathy M., Keith, Kelli, Kenneth, Kenny, Kim, Laura C. Leslie, Linda, Lisa, Lorraine, Mabel, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Martha, Mary C., Mary La., Melissa, Michelle, Nancy G., Nancy S., Pamela, Phyllis, Rachel, Ralph, Richard, Robert G., Ron B., Sally, Serge, Seth, Sherry Jo, Stanley, Stephanie, Susan, Tonya, The Deuber Family, The Rev. Trisha

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Kyle McChesney, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Taylor Knueven, Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Don Fulford | Cindy Bratkovic (friend of Sherry Jo Tilman) | Svetlana Karochkina (Mother of Alla Bressler) | Martha Tissington (Fr. Rob's Great Aunt)