

## Divine Service First Sunday in Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

*“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)*

### Opening Hymn: 332 ss. 1-8

1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
that the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood  
by the Spirit of our God,  
was the Word of God made flesh--  
woman's off-spring, pure and fresh.

3 Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
of the Virgin undefiled!  
Though by all the world disowned,  
still to be in heav'n enthroned.

4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son  
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
all our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.

Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

8 Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our King,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

### Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful  
and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from  
all unrighteousness.

### Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by  
nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve your present and  
eternal punishment. 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.

### Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to  
die for you and for His sake forgives you all  
your sins. As a called and ordained servant of

Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

### The Introit of the Day

Zech 9:9b; Ps 89:6, 14-16, 18

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

Who in the skies can be compared to the Lord?

Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,

who exult in your name all the day  
and in your righteousness are exalted.

For our shield belongs to the Lord,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation.

### The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the LORD.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: 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.

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

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

CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*

PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
LORD.

CONG..... *Amen.*

### Choir: "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding" 345 ss. 1-5

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!

"Christ is near," we hear it say.

"Cast away the works of darkness,  
All you children of the day!"

2. Startled at the solemn warning,

Let the earthbound soul arise;

Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

3. See, the Lamb, so long expected,

Comes with pardon down from heav'n.

Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiv'n.

4. So, when next he comes in glory

And the world is wrapped in fear,

He will shield us with his mercy

And with words of love draw near.

5. Honor, glory, might, dominion

To the Father and the Son

With the everliving Spirit

While eternal ages run!

### PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

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. Amen.

**The Old Testament Reading:** JEREMIAH 33:14-16

14 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

15 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.

16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

**Gradual:** ZECH 9:9; PS 118:26

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

Righteous and having salvation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

**The Epistle:** I THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

9 For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God,

10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Verse:** PSALM 24:7

Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel:** ST. LUKE 19:28-40

28 And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples,

30 saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here.

31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’”

32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.

33 And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

34 And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

35 And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

36 And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.

37 As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,

38 saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”

40 He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**The Sermon Hymn:** 554 ss. 1-5

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful,  
O Conqueror renowned,  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found!

2. When once You visit darkened hearts,  
The truth begins to shine,

Then earthly vanities depart,  
Then kindles love divine.

3. O Jesus, Light of all below,  
Thou Fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire--

4. May every heart confess Your name  
Forever You adore  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more!

5. Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone,  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!

**Sermon:** “So Much to be Thankful for!” 1 THESS. 3:9-13

### **The Post-Sermon Hymn:** 845 ss. 1-6

1. Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

2. With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love him in return.

3. Forgive we now each other’s faults as we our faults confess;  
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

4. Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease;  
Be God’s the glory that we seek, be ours His holy peace.

5. Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

6. For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior’s name;  
His family embraces all whose Father is the same.

### **The Apostles' Creed** (We Confess Together)

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers and The LORD’s Prayer**

#### **The Collect for the Word**

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

#### **The Benediction**

PASTOR: 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.

CONG: Amen.

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