

Morning Prayer – Rite II

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

November 29, 2020

Prelude: “Sleepers, wake!” *J. S. Bach*
from cantata 140

Opening Hymn: “Sleepers, wake!” **Hymn #61**

1. “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us,
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us: “Awake,
Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken: “The time has
come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight.
Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.
2. Zion hears the watchman singing;
her heart with joyful hope is springing, she wakes
and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious;
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God’s Son, Incarnate Word. Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

Welcome and Announcements:

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Isaiah 40:3

Lighting the Advent Wreath

KeeP awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour. *(Matthew 24:42-44)*

Advent Wreath Lighting “O Come O Come Emmanuel”

(V.s. 1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

(V.s. 2) O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain**

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*

Officiant and People

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

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

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.

Here ends the Lesson.

Organ Variation

Second Lesson

Mark 13:24-37

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.”

Here ends the Lesson.

The Sermon

The Reverend Diane Tomlinson

Meditation Hymn:

“Come, thou long expected Jesus”

Hymn #66

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
both thy people to set free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
3. Born, thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

The Apostles' Creed

**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

The Collect of the Day: *(Officiant)*

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.**

Dear God, we pray with faith in the power of your presence

Today in the hope which Advent brings for the creation of new visions, expectations, and possibilities for us and our world.

In our wildest, most daring dreams of peace in the world, we pray for the welfare and safety of all your people, nations, and religions, living with tolerance, respect, and equality of freedom for all.

For Emmanuel Parish, those whose efforts sustain this church, our clergy, Bishop, and all churches of God throughout the world, we pray for your guidance and blessings.

We pray for healing as you know is needed, for those in unbearable circumstances, the homeless, the prisoners, the fearful, those who are threatened or captive. We pray for those in sickness and those on our parish prayer list; especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dale, Ellen, Kevin, Larry, Mary, Maryanne, Nick, Owen, Patrick, Rich, Sam, Sean, and for our families, friends, and neighbors.

We pray for those who have died, especially John, Phyllis, Toshie *Toe-shee-aa (long a sound)*, those we hold in our hearts, and those who have gone before us to your heavenly joy.

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

Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn:

“Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

Hymn #57

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| 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign. | 4. Yea, amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory;
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. |
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Postlude:

“Sleepers, wake!”

Joseph Abrens

Altar Flowers

Altar flower contributions are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Scott Franklin Irons and Marion H. & Stuart L. Johnson by Mary Stuart Johnson.

Announcements

The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. There are no in-person meetings per Bishop Lee.

Wednesdays during Advent: We examine what the gospels tell us of the birth of Jesus in “Light of the World” a presentation by Amy-Jill Levine. We will meet on zoom. There is a study guide available through Amazon, but it is not necessary to participate. If you have any questions, contact Diane.

Aspire Presents: Join us after the New Year on **Wednesday, January 6, at 7:00 P.M.**, for the fifth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fifth of the series that will highlight – Francis Perkins and will be presented by Millie Zimmerman and Ruth Cox. Go to www.emmanuelrockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

Stewardship: Just a friendly reminder, please make sure that you send in your pledge card.

Jubilee Christmas Gift Card Collection: This year, we are continuing our tradition of collecting monies for gift cards for Jubilee members. If you would like to donate; please send a check **by Monday, November 30**. Please note in the memo line Jubilee Christmas Gift.

Calling all Crafters: We are asking that those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make These scarves available to Jubilee Center clients **on Sunday, December 6**. Donations should be completed by the Monday after Thanksgiving, November 30.

Winter closing in upon us: This can be a time of isolation, but it doesn't have to be so. Small groups are forming for socializing via Zoom. If you are interested, let Diane know.

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Assisting in the Liturgy

10:30 a.m. Vocalist: Elizabeth Dutch

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