



# First Sunday in Advent

## + Sunday, November 29, 2020 +

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### Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Psalmody

*Psalm 24*

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

**C: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.**

L: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

**C: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

L: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

L: Lift up your heads, O gates!

**C: And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

L: Who is this King of glory?

**C: The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

**C: Glory be to Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

- [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 offspring, pure and fresh.
- [3] Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.
- [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  
Heal 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.

## **Old Testament**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

*Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle**

## **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**L:** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel**

## **Mark 13:24-37**

*But in those days, after that tribulation, 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. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And 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 out 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 say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. 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 servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore*

*stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

#333

[1] Once He came in blessing,  
All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly,  
Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us;  
Hope and freedom gave us.

[2] Now He gently leads us;  
With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven,  
Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish  
Souls that they may flourish.

[3] Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor  
And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

[4] Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing,  
That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

**Sermon** (video available at <https://youtu.be/-j5059-o4qc>)

### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: 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.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**C: 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.**

### **Collect**

**L: 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.**

**C: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**#337**

[1] The night will soon be ending;  
The dawn cannot be far.  
Let songs of praise ascending  
Now greet the Morning Star!  
All you whom darkness frightens  
With guilt or grief or pain,  
God's radiant Star now brightens  
And bids you sing again.

[2] The One whom angels tended  
Comes near, a child, to serve;  
Thus God, the judge offended,  
Bears all our sins deserve.  
The guilty need not cower,  
For God has reconciled  
Through His redemptive power  
All those who trust this child.

[3] The earth in sure rotation  
Will soon bring morning bright,  
So run where God's salvation  
Glows in a stable's light.  
As old as sin's perversion  
Is mercy's vast design:  
God brings a new creation--  
This child its seal and sign.

[4] Yet nights will bring their sadness  
And rob our hearts of peace,  
And sin in all its madness  
Around us may increase.  
But now one Star is beaming  
Whose rays have pierced the night:  
God comes for our redeeming  
From sin's oppressive might.

[5] God dwells with us in darkness  
And makes the night as day;  
Yet we resist the brightness  
And turn from God away.  
But grace does not forsake us,  
However far we run.  
God claims us still as children  
Through Mary's infant Son.