



...where there is more than one way to *be, believe and belong*

The First Sunday of Advent
Beginning a year of
Putting Our Heads in Our Hearts
28 November 2021

Worshipping in Person and Online
9:30 in the morning

Welcome to Church of the Apostles

We are glad you are here and welcome you to fully participate in God's mission and ministry at Church of the Apostles. All are welcome, without exception or reservation. We are an inclusive Christian community that makes a difference in peoples' lives.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude *How bright appears the Morning Star* Dietrich Buxtehude
and Johann Christoph

The Advent Litany

Lighting of the First Advent Candle Betty & Randy Rains

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Hebrew Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus.

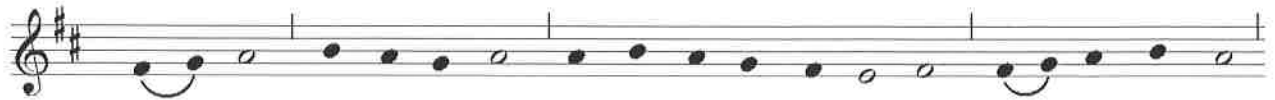
The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Source of all being.

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



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



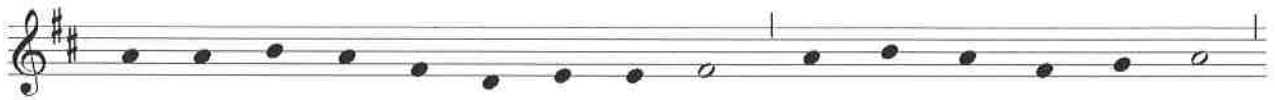
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

The Bidding Prayer

Presider Dear people of God, In the season of Advent it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by God's holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord is 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.*

Hebrew Testament

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Let us say the psalm responsively by half verse.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
 my God, I put my trust in you; *
 let me not be humiliated,
 nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
 let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, *
 and teach me your paths.

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.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
 for they are from everlasting.

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.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
 therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
 and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
 to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Gradual
Please stand.

O come o come Emmanuel

56 verse 1

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in
 lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Debra Asis

A period of silence follows the sermon.

The Affirmation of our Faith

Adapted by the Rev. Dr. Jay Emerson Johnson**

Please stand if you are able.

We believe in one God,

Maker of heaven and earth.

Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in Jesus, the Christ
The Word of God,
through whom all things were made.
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
for the salvation of the world,
the Word became flesh
in the womb of Mary, His blessed mother.
He was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day Jesus rose from the grave
and ascended into heaven,
promising to come again
to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God and giver of life.
With the Creator, Spirit is worshiped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy and universal Church,
handed down from the Apostles.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sin.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** This adaptation of the historical document the Nicene Creed is a contemporary reflection on the mysteries of the Christian faith and an invitation to each of us to continue pondering the inexplicable presence and action of God in our world.*

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, breaking into our world at unexpected times and in unexpected places, look with favor upon us as we seek once again to prepare the way of the Lord. Visit the desert places of our lives and cause them to rejoice and blossom. God of surprises,
Hear our prayer.

O light of the world, in those times when we have weak spirits and fearful hearts, help us again to hear the echoes from Isaiah' long ago century to be strong and not to fear. God of light,

Hear our prayer.

O hope of the world, help us again to find hope in the promise seen by Jeremiah. Impress us once again this year with your Presence in our lives. God of hope,

Hear our prayer.

We ask again for peace in our world. Temper the hatreds of the earth. Help us to build a world where the reasons for conflict are diminished. Change the hearts of those whose only mission is to maim others. Be with our enemies that we might one day be friends. Be with those in peril and those who suffer, especially *please offer prayers aloud or in silence.*

Be with those who must soldier and are far from home. Give to all the world the hope and vision to create a new beloved community. Cradle your world again and bring us peace.

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus the Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sin against God and creation.

**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 the 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.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord is always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with the sign of peace. You may type PEACE in your ZOOM or Facebook Live chat.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, Other Reasons for Giving Thanks.

Please let Rev. Debra know if you would like to receive a blessing while worshipping online dasis@ovapostles.org

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem

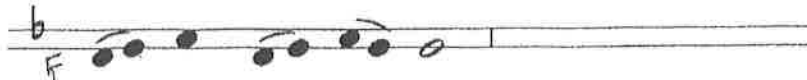
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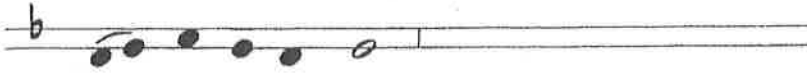
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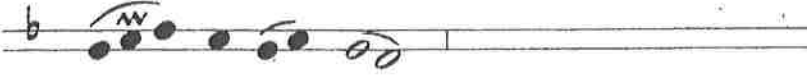
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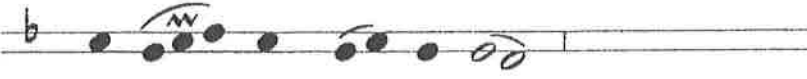
The Doxology

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.


Celebrant  The Lord be with you.

People  And al - so with you.

Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.

People  We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant  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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. *A - men.*

And now, as our Savior the Christ has taught us, we pray
Pray either version of the Lord's prayer in your preferred language.

**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.**

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your
name. Your kingdom come, your
will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. Forgive us our sin as we
forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil for yours is the
kingdom and power and glory
forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Communion of the People

All who seek Christ are welcome to receive the bread and wine made Holy. If you prefer to receive a blessing please come forward and cross your hands over your chest when the host is offered to you. Gluten free wafers are available. We affirm that all who worship with us online fully receive the spiritual presence.

Communion Music Watchman, tell us of the night arranged by
Martha Sobaje

The Post-Communion Prayer

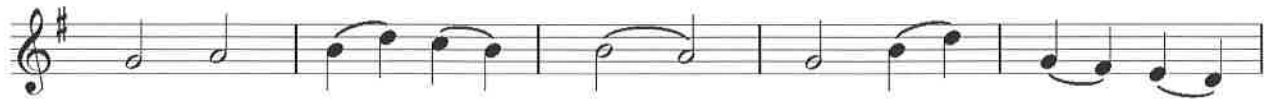
Presider Let us pray.

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus the Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Blessing



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsey*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

Postlude

"Sleepers wake!" a voice is calling

Johann C.H. Rinck

Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth in the Spirit of Anticipation.

People Thanks be to God.

Weekly Prayer List

We pray, O God, for Ava, Ed, Madeleine, and all those suffering the effects of violence, hatred and fear, especially the peoples of Afghanistan.

We continue to pray for Virginia, N., Todd, Bill, John, Karter, Jenny, Earl, Fran, Franco, Laurie, Dawn & her family.

For the President Joe and Governor Doug.

For our Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Jennifer, and our clergy, Rev. Debra and Rev. Sherry.

*Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus the Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

For those who are serving in the Armed Forces at home or abroad, particularly Campbell Kerr, Robert Graham, Zack Rodriguez, Tom Marshall, Tim Jeffers and Thomas Aragon.

<i>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer</i>	<i>Trinity Church</i>	<i>Kingman</i>
<i>Anglican Cycle of Prayer</i>	<i>Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil</i>	

Prayer request forms are available at the Greeters' Table. You may complete and place them in the offering basket. People will remain on the prayer list for three weeks. Please contact the office to extend if needed. If you would like private prayer, please contact The Rev. Debra Asis. You may also request prayers through our Prayer Connections. Notify Terry Rosato at ter.rosato@gmail.com

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