

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Service of Antecommunion
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ithaca, NY 14850
November 29, 2020 Year B
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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* (Sleepers, wake! A voice is calling), from the *Schübler Chorales*
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Hymn: Come thou, long expected Jesus (Stuttgart) **Hymnal # 66**

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy upon us **Hymnal # S-91**

Collect of the Day

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.*

First Lesson

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Qui regis Israel

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading
Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned
upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin,
and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to
help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of
tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to
drink.

- 6 You have made us the derision of our
neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your
right hand, *
the son of man you have made so
strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from
you; *
give us life, that we may call upon
your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved.

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 has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Sleepers, wake! (Wachet auf)

Hymnal # 61

Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Mark 13:24-37

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

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.

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

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Richard	John	Joyce	Jimmy	Linda
Jean	Dhara	Kathleen	Sue	Ruth	Mary
Susan	Julee	Theodore	Skip	June	James
Joan	Lorraine	Paul	Virginia	Mary	Lisa
CeCe	Edith	Louis	John	Clare	Keith
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Mary	Joell	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Mattison Oakes, Nancy Leeming, Richard Smith

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn: Watchman, tell us of the night (Aberystwyth)

Hymnal # 640

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude Fantasy on *Wachet auf* (Sleepers, wake!) - Charles Callahan, 2006

Hymn: Come thou, long expected Jesus (Stuttgart)
Kyrie: Lord, have mercy upon us

Hymnal # 66
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Advent

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1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Stuttgart, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715;
adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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The Holy Eucharist I

Lord, have mercy upon us Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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Advent

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - man sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

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The Christian Life

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry-
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)
 Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

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Although the office has limited hours* for the duration of the pandemic, e-mail, regular mail and phone messages will be monitored. If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org.

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may [make a secure donation here](#). Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS - Sunday, December 20, at 10:30, our Cyber Choirs and other parish musicians offer an online worship service blending scripture and song to help prepare our hearts for the Birth of Jesus.

IMAGES needed to accompany music in our worship. Photos of local scenes, graphic designs, seasonal artwork, historic sites, natural beauty — anything that inspires your spirit. If you have items we can use, please forward to the church office!

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