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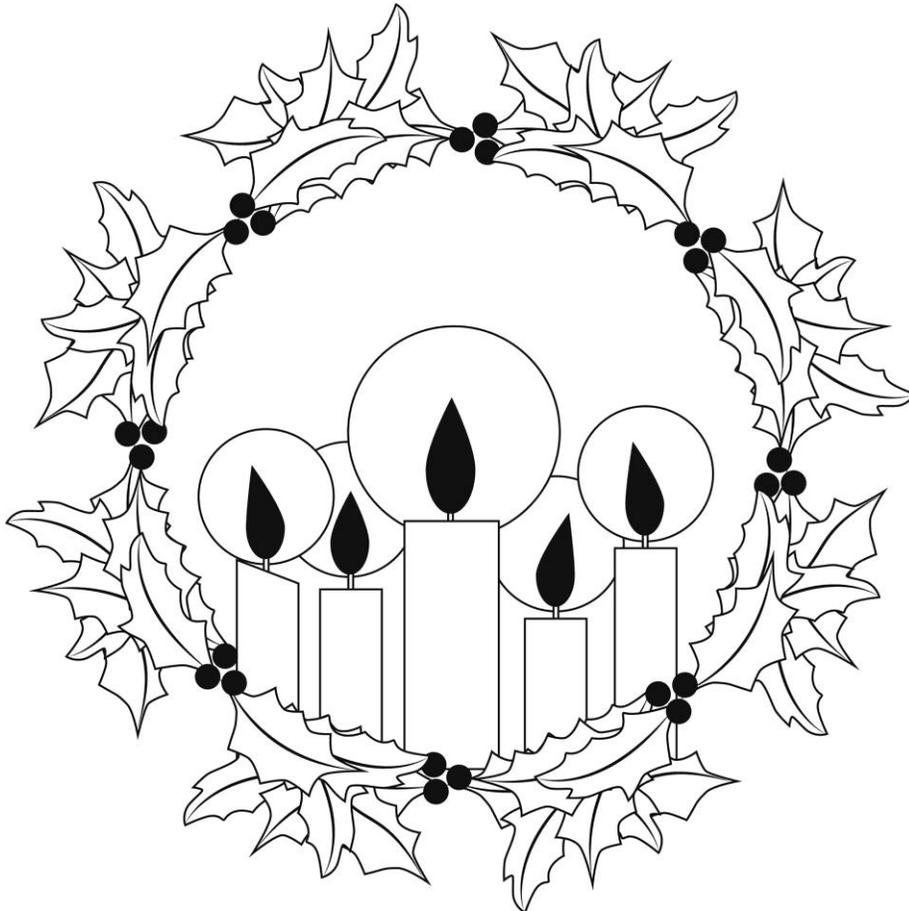
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First Sunday in Advent

November 29th, 2020



AS WE GATHER

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND THE WORD

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

EXPLANATION & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

OPENING HYMN *"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"* LSB 355 vs. 1-5

AN ACT OF ADORATION

Pastor: Let us adore our Heavenly Father, who created us, who sustains us, who loves us with an everlasting love and gives the light of knowing of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

People: We praise You, O God, we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

Pastor: Let us glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor; who in every respect was tempted as we are, yet without sinning; who went about doing good and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom; who became obedient unto death, even death on a cross; who died and is alive forevermore; who has opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers; who is seated at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father; who will come again, as Judge and King.

People: You are the King of Glory, O Christ.

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, by whom we are born into the family of God, and made members of the body of Christ; whose witness confirms us, whose wisdom teaches us, whose power enables us to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

People: All praise to You, O Holy Spirit.

AN ACT OF CONFESSION

Pastor: O God our Father, since you have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, our reluctance to bear the cross.

People: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Pastor: Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

All: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Have mercy on us O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us clean hearts, O God and put a new and right spirit within us. Amen.**

AN ACT OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Good Shepherd. He has laid down His life for our forgiveness and has taken His life back up again in His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **The Lord restores us and leads us in paths of righteousness. Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1–9

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you! As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who acts on behalf of those who wait for him. You come to the help of those who gladly do right, who remember your ways. But when we continued to sin against them, you were angry. How then can we be saved? All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away. No one calls on your name or strives to lay hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us and have given us over to our sins. Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We

are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD; do not remember our sins forever. Oh, look on us, we pray, for we are all your people

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ *Read Responsively*

Psalm 80:1-7

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Leader: Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,

People: stir up your might and come to save us!

Leader: Restore us, O God;

People: let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Leader: O Lord God of hosts,

People: how long will you be angry with your people's prayer?

Leader: You have fed them with the bread of tears

People: and give the tears to drink in full measure

Leader: You make us an object of contention for our neighbors

People: and our enemies laugh among themselves

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

All: 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 24th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING*Matthew 24:36–44*

“But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master 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 hour you do not expect.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ**

SERMON HYMN*“The King of Glory”*

AGPS 227

Refrain: The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
2. In all of Galilee, in city or village,
He goes among His people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David’s son, our Savior and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.
4. He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation,
He took upon Himself the sins of the nation.
5. He conquered sin and death. He truly has risen.
And He will share with us His heavenly vision.

Text: Willard F. Jabusch B. 1930 Tune: The King of Glory, Israeli folk song

OFFERING

AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Almighty God, we lift our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy name. For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all the things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death on a cross.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For His glorious Resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

People: We thank and praise You, O God.

Pastor: For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth.

People: We thank and praise You, O God. Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332 vs.1-4

AN ACT OF SUPPLICATION

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our common supplications for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world.

People: So guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit, that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Pastor: Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Behold in mercy all who are in authority over us.

People: Supply them with Your blessing, that they be inclined to Your will and walk according to Your Commandments.

Pastor: We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation that You would make known Your ways among us.

People: Preserve those who travel, satisfy the wants of Your creatures, and help those who call upon You in any need, that they have patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions.

Individual petitions may be added here.

Pastor: *(Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy").*

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful Father, Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victorious over death and the grave. We remember with thanksgiving all Your servants who trusted in Christ and now stand in Your nearer presence, where all sorrows are turned to joy.

People: Strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, that we await with joy our reunion in Your heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

LSB 332 vs. 5-8



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9:00AM SUNDAY

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— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
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