

# First Sunday in Advent

Sung Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The first verse will be sung by the Celebrant alone, if possible.*

INVOCATION

INTROIT SENTENCE

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. LUKE 21:28

THE GRACE

(STAND)

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

**SILENCE**

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP  
or 678/HB C177)

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT

(STAND)

**SILENCE**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

(SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says 'The Word of the Lord' and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

First Reading – 1<sup>st</sup> Reader

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. ISAIAH 64:1-9

PSALM – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

**You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.** PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

Second Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reader

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. 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

GOSPEL

(STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(CP: 708)

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ISAIAH 40:3-5

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "But 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.”

MARK 13:24-37

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED - BAS p.188 (STAND)

Celebrant: We believe in one God,

**All: the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (KNEEL OR SIT)

*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE (STAND)

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III - BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/ HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: 'Therefore, Father, according to his command' is: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

## SILENCE

### FRACTION SENTENCE

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/ HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away**

**the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

### Silence

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT (KNEEL)

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)