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Advent I

Liturgical Purple

Holy Eucharist

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10:30am

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Prelude

Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her by Johann Pachelbel, 1653-1706

THE PREPARATION

Opening Sentence

STAND

Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted up, you everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

Advent Prose

Refrain



Pour down, O hea - vens, from a - bove; and let the skies rain down righ - teous - ness.

Cantor Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord,
and remember not our sins for ever.
Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house,
where our fathers praised you.

All (Refrain) **Pour down, O heavens, ...**

Processional Hymn

AM 45



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spi - rits by thine
O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, who to thy tribes, on



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
ty - ran - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save, and
ad - vant here; dis - perse the gloo - my clouds of night, and
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law in



- til the Son of God ap - pear: Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
give them vic - tory o'er the grave:
death's dark sha - dows put to flight:
close the path to mi - se - ry:
cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe:



- ma - nu - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Greetings

Celebrant The Lord our God, the Almighty, reigns.
All Let us rejoice and shout for joy,
 giving God the glory.

Prayer for Purity

All Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you,
 and worthily magnify your Holy Name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invitation

SIT

Celebrant When the Lord comes,
 he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
 and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
 Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Confession Kyrie

Celebrant Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,
 and let your anger cease from us
 Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant Show us your compassion, O Lord,
 and grant us your salvation:
 Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
 that glory may dwell in our land:
 Lord, have mercy.

All

Margaret Rizza

Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy, Lord have mer-cy

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy



Celebrant

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

A time of silence and self-examination is kept.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
✠forgive us our sins,
open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will
and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Rite of Advent Wreath

First Candle - The Candle of Hope

The Patriarchs, Abraham, the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus.

Celebrant

May your hearts be filled with hope as you hear the promises God made to bless all the peoples on earth through Abraham, the father of our faith.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Server Coordinator Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to remember the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ancestors of our faith.

Server 2 A reading from *Genesis Chapter 12*:
Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Server 3 Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever. You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

The first candle lit by Server Coordinator Lauren Fong.

To be sung during the lighting of Advent candle.

Ad-vent can-dles tell their sto-ry as we watch and pray; long-ing for the Day of Glo-ry,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say. Pain and sor-row, tears and sad-ness changed for glad-ness on that Day.

Celebrant Let us pray:
All **Lord Jesus we give thanks for our Father Abraham who by faith obeyed your call and became the father of many nations. Give us faith to listen to your voice that our hearts may be filled with the hope of our Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Celebrant Blessed be the Lord,
All **who has heard the voice of our prayer.**

Celebrant Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy in the Light of His Second Coming
All **and in our song will we praise our God.**

Collect

Celebrant

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 for ever.

All

Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

First Reading (*Isaiah 2.1-5*)

SIT

Lector The first reading is taken from the *Prophet Isaiah* chapter two, verses one to five.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It will happen in the final days that the mountain of Yahweh's house will rise higher than the mountains and tower above the heights. Then all the nations will stream to it, many peoples will come to it and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths.' For the Law will issue from Zion and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. Then he will judge between the nations and arbitrate between many peoples. They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war. House of Jacob, come, let us walk in Yahweh's light.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

STAND

AM 54



Wake, O wake! With tid - ings thrill - ing the watch-men all the air are fill - ing, a -
Zi - on hears the watch-men shout - ing, her heart leaps up with joy un-doubt - ing, she
Ev - ery soul in thee re - joi - ces; from earth and from an - ge - lic voi - ces be



- rise, Je - ru - sa - lem, a rise! Mid-night strikes! No more de - lay - ing, 'The
stands and waits with ea - ger eyes; see her Friend from heav'n des - cend - ing, a -
glo - ry giv'n to thee a lone! Now the gates of pearl re - ceive us, thy



hour has come! We hear them say - ing, 'where are ye all, ye vir - gins wise! The
- dorned with truth and grace un - end - ing! Her light burns clear, her star doth rise. Now
pre - sence ne - ver more shall leave us, we stand with an - gels round thy throne. Earth



Bride-groom comes in sight, raise high your tor - ches bright! Al - le - lu - ia!
come, thou pre - cious Crown, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son! Al - le - lu - ia!
can - not give be - low the bliss thou dost bes - tow. Al - le - lu - ia!



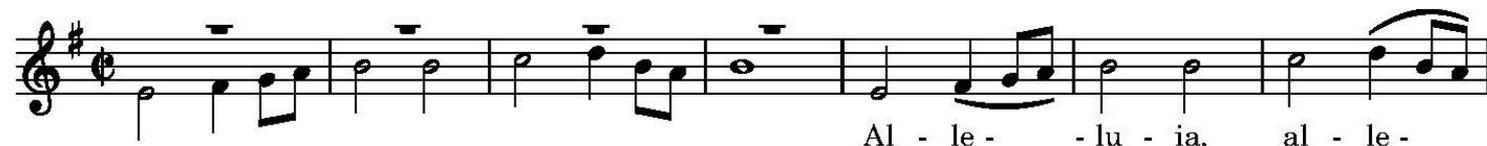
The wedd - ing song swells loud and strong: go forth and join the fes - tal throng.
Let us pre - pare to fol - low there, where in thy sup - er we may share.
Grant us to raise, to length of days, the tri - umph - cho - rus of thy praise.

Gospel Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

All



Gospel Reading (Matthew 24.36-44)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *St Matthew*.

All

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Celebrant

But as for that day and hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, no one but the Father alone. 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day of Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept them all away. This is what it will be like when the Son of man comes. Then of two men in the fields, one is taken, one left; of two women grinding at the mill, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. This is the Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, O Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia

Sermon

The Very Revd Franklin Lee

SIT

Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

STAND

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All We believe in one God,
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped 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.

Prayers of Intercession

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

Intercessor In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for our Bishops Andrew, Timothy and Matthias, your priests, all evangelists, and people. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Intercessor Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for leaders of the nations of the world. Before you, rulers will stand in silence. We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those who need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade; may vulnerable peoples be freed from oppression and abuse. May we all have compassion and concern for the poor.

Lord, show us your way
All **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory.

Lord, show us your way
All **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence or abuse. We pray also for friends and loved ones who are ill, especially

Bless all who seek to rescue and restore those who are in need or distress.

Lord, show us your way
All **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom.

We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

Lord, show us your way

All and teach us your paths.
Intercessor Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.
Lift us up to meet you, that with *St Andrew, St Francis Xavier* and all
your saints we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha:

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;
give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on
earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the
Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Peace

STAND

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Revealing Light be always with you

All and also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory

Celebrant Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good works,
and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5.16

All **Holy God,**
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
give us the bread of everlasting life,
and make us branches of the true vine.
Amen.

*While the Offertory Hymn is sung, the altar is prepared
and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The offerings are collected, and brought to the altar to be received by the priest.
The Priest will wash his hands symbolically.*

Offertory Hymn

HUP 90/AM 36

Hark the glad sound! the Sa- viour comes, the Sa - iour pro-mised long:
 He comes, the prison-ers to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond-age held;
 He comes, the brok - en heart to bind, the bleed-ing soul to cure,
 Our glad Ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel-come shall pro - claim;

let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 the gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 and with the trea-sures of his grace to bless the hum - ble poor.
 and heav'n's ex - alt - ed arch - es ring with thy most hon-oured Name.

Celebrant As this bread was scattered
 and then gathered and made one,
 so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Celebrant Wisdom has built her a house;
 she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**
Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, O Lord,
and of your own do we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer

Sursum Corda

Peter Yue

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Celebrant *All*
 The Lord be with you, and al - so with you.

Celebrant *All* *Celebrant*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the

All
 Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and *singing*:

Sanctus

All

Men
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

Women
God of might; hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, are full of your

All
glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est; ho

san-na, ho - san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est, ho - san - na, ho-

Women
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed, bless-ed, bless-ed is

Men
he, he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless-ed is he who

All
comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho-

san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est; ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho-san-na_ in the
 high-est; ho - san - na, - ho - san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

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."

All **To you be glory and praise for ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen; Christ has died,
 Christ is ri-sen, Christ, _____ Christ_ will come a - gain.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the ✠Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

✠Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

SIT

Celebrant As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

**All Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

6

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Prayer of Humble Access

All We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

The celebrant says the invitation to communion.

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.

The celebrant and all baptised are welcome to receive communion.

Words of the distribution are said and the communicant replies **Amen**.

Those who are not baptized are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing.

Please keep your arms crossed upon your chest as an indication.

During the distribution, the Choir sings

Anthem 'Matin responsory' by Palestrina, ed. By Cleobury (1891-1971)

I look from afar: And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come: to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Communion Hymn

AM 439



Dear-est Je - su, we are here, at thy call, thy pre-sence own - ing;
Je - su, strong to save the same yes - ter-day, to - day, for ev - er



plead-ing now in ho - ly fear that great sac - ri - fice a-ton - ing;
make us fear and love thy name, serv - ing thee with best en-dea - vour:



Word in - car-nate, much in won-der on this mys-tery deep we pon - der.
in this life, O ne'er for-sake us, but to bliss here - af - ter take us.

Post Communion Collect and Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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.

All

Amen.

Prayer of thanksgiving

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

THE CONCLUSION

STAND

The Blessing

Celebrant May God the Father,
 who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son,
 give you grace to prepare for life eternal.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Son,
 who comes to us as redeemer and judge,
 reveal to you the path from darkness to light.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God the Holy Spirit,
 by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ,
 help you bear the fruits of holiness.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant The God of grace,
 who has called us to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
 make you perfect; establish, strengthen, settle you:
 And the blessing of God almighty,
 ✠the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.** (*Four-fold Amen sung by the choir*)

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Saviour,
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ.**
Amen.

Announcement

Please refer to this weblink or the QR code for the latest news:

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Recessional Hymn

AM 41



Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for
E - very eye shall now behold him robed in
Those dear tokens of his pas - sion still his
Yea, A - men, let all adore thee, high on



fa - voured sin - ners 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 - viour, take the



saints attend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
naught 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! Al - le -
Tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
pers: with what rap - ture with what rap - ture with what
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



- lu - ia! God ap - pears on earth to reign.
wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
- lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a lone.

Postlude

Tocatta in D minor, BWV 538 by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750

Introduction to Advent Season

Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (*adventus*) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time. The readings and liturgies not only direct us towards Christ's birth, they also challenge the modern reluctance to confront the theme of divine judgement:

Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty.

(Charles Wesley)

The Four Last Things – Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell – have been traditional themes for Advent meditation. The characteristic note of Advent is therefore expectation, rather than penitence, although the character of the season is easily coloured by an analogy with Lent. The anticipation of Christmas under commercial pressure has also made it harder to sustain the appropriate sense of alert watchfulness, but the fundamental Advent prayer remains 'Maranatha' – 'Our Lord, come' (*1 Corinthians 16.22*). Church decorations are simple and spare, and purple is the traditional liturgical colour. In the northern hemisphere, the Advent season falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. The lighting of candles on an Advent wreath was imported into Britain from northern Europe in the nineteenth century, and is now a common practice. The Moravian custom of the Christingle has similarly enjoyed great success in Britain since the latter part of the twentieth century, with the encouragement of the Children's Society; Christingle services may take place before or after Christmas. The Third Sunday of Advent was observed in medieval times as a splash of colour in the restrained atmosphere of Advent (*Gaudete* or 'Rose Sunday'), and the last days of Advent were marked by the sequence of Great 'O' Antiphons, which continue to inspire modern Advent hymns and meditations.

The Advent Wreath

Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is also a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour of the season of Lent is used, purple or blue, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance.

The Advent Wreath has four red or purple candles in a ring around a white or gold candle. Alternatively, there may be three purple candles, reflecting the liturgical colour for Advent, with a pink candle for the Third Sunday, when rose-pink vestments are traditionally worn. The first candle is lit on Advent Sunday; additional ones are lit, one on each Sunday, and the white or gold one on Christmas Day.

The new candle each week may appropriately be lit during the Prayers of Penitence. In this case the material entitled 'Prayers of Penitence at the Advent Wreath' is used. Alternatively, the candles may be lit after the Gospel Reading, before the Peace, or after Communion, where the prayer(s) used at the lighting becomes a natural Post-Communion prayer. All five candles may appropriately be alight during services through the Christmas season.

There are several traditions about the meaning or theme of each candle. The scheme that accords best with the Common Worship Principal Service Lectionary is:

Advent 1	The Patriarchs
Advent 2	The Prophets
Advent 3	John the Baptist
Advent 4	The Virgin Mary
Christmas Day	The Christ

Each of the four Sundays then reminds us of those who prepared for the coming of Christ. 'The Patriarchs' can naturally focus on Abraham, our father in faith, and David, the ancestor in whose city Jesus was born. 'The Prophets' gives an opportunity to reflect on the way the birth of the Messiah was 'foretold'. John, who proclaimed the Saviour, and Mary, who bore him in her womb, complete the picture.

Service Statistics for last Sunday, 20th November, 2022

Attendance: Adults (16 & over): 54
Children (under 16): 52

Communicants: 72
Offerings Collected: \$8,612

Rota for Advent Sunday (Violet/Purple), 27th Nov 2022

Celebrant & Preacher: The Very Revd Franklin Lee
Subdeacon: Kelvin Lau
Servers: Steve Wang
Lectors: Rico Tam (*1st reading*), Nelson Wong (*2nd Reading*)
Greeters: Kim Chan (*Leave-Home-Safe*)
Rico Tam & Nelson Wong (*Welcoming & Offering Collection*)
Intercessor: Kim Chan
Announcer: Nelson Wong
Organist: Nelson Wong
Choir mistress: Shirley Yeung
Audio & Visual Support: Ken Lo, Lancy Lo
Sunday School: Door: Fiona Wong, Heather Fung, Shirley Yip
Kinder: Caroline Chee Primary: Clement Lee

Rota for next Sunday Service (Advent 2) on 4th December 2022

<https://bit.ly/2HS7WPe>

Celebrant: The Revd Cn Dr Eric Chong
Preacher: The Revd Shazz Turnquest
Servers: Adrien Poon, Harley Tsui, Steve Wang
Lectors: King Lai (*1st reading*), Fiona Wong (*2nd Reading*)
Greeters: Steve Wong (*Leave-Home-Safe*)
King Lai, Fiona Wong, (*Welcoming & Offering Collection*)
Intercessor: Steve Wong
Announcer: Juanna Yin
Organist: Phoebe Tam
Choirmistress: Shirley Yeung
Audio & Visual Support: Ken Lo, Jesse Co
Sunday School: Door: Annetta Pang, Caroline Chee, Darwin Chu
Kinder: Heather Fung Primary: Dennis Chan

SAC Mothers' Fellowship Upcoming meetings (zoom only)

Jan 12, 2022 (Thur) 9pm

Speaker: Mrs Chee Ma Mei Nor

Chee 'Si-Mo' is no stranger to DBS PS students as she and the Rev'd Chee Ka Pong are regular visitors and Fellowship organizers here. Through her sharing, we at SAC will understand more on the young generations and how we could promote our Chapel and God's good news to students and parents so close to us.

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Service Involvement Form

As a member of the St. Augustine's Chapel family, your help in any service listed below will contribute to our concerted efforts in offering our best worship and love to God our Father in Heaven and to our brothers and sisters here on earth! Please fill out the online form indicating which worship service roles and SAC community life and nurture roles you could serve in: <https://forms.gle/6SLgpfHZrkdsW4r78>

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	6. Lectors:	Nelson Wong
	7. Media:	Raymond Wong
	8. Servers:	Kelvin Lau
	9. Sunday school:	Juanna Yin
	10. Website:	Wilfred Kam



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