First Sunday of Advent
Epiphany Parish
November 29, 2026 – 10:00am
Rite II



We gather with joy in the power of Jesus' name, to care for one another
and to include all people through our fellowship, education and outreach.

The Prelude

The Advent Wreath Liturgy: Hope

Put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with Him is full redemption.
(*Psalm 130:7*)

People: *Lord, grant us your light, that being rid of the darkness of our hearts, we may come to the true light which is Christ.*

O come, O come, Emmanuel (verse 1)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
Thy people save and with us dwell
Who watch in expectation here
Until thy reign of love appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to us and with us dwell.
-Lyrics adapted by the Rev. Stephen Shaver

The Opening Hymn **H#57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending**

The Sunday School Song **'This is the Day'**

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has made.

The Word of God

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity p355

The Collect of the Day (in Unison)

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.

The First Reading 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.
People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

[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.

The Epistle Reading 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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Gradual Hymn **H#72 Hark! the glad sound!**

The Gospel **Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *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.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon **The Rev. Christen H. Mills**

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The Peace

The Offertory Hymn **Sung by The Choir**

The Doxology **H#380(verse 3)**



The Eucharistic Prayer A p361

The Sanctus (sung) **H# S-130**

The Lord's Prayer p364

The Breaking of the Bread p364

The Communion Hymn **H#314 Humbly I adore thee**

The Post Communion Prayer p365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Welcome and Announcements

The Closing Hymn **H#616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, vs 1, 2, and 5**

The Dismissal

Invitation for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is a personal prayer that you can say when you desire communion but are unable to receive the sacrament. Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you. Amen.

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