

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Great Litany

Said at 8:00 a.m.


Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 148

Sung at 10:15 a.m.

Hymnal, S 67

The Officiant chants the opening petitions, to which the People respond,

People




Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Officiant continues

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.


People



Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness, from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

People




Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

This response is used for the petitions that follow

The Officiant continues

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy Holy Church Universal in the right way,

People




We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

This response is used for the petitions that follow


The Officiant continues

Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



O Lamb of God, thou takest away the sins of the world,


People



Have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, thou takest away the sins of the world,

People



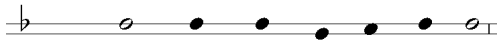
Have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, thou takest away the sins of the world,

People Grant us thy peace. *Officiant* O Christ, hear us. *People* O Christ, hear us.



Kyrie



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

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

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

The Word of God

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray

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.

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah [64:1-9]

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

Said at 8:00 a.m.

Sung by Choir at 10:15 a.m.

Tone I.2

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians [3:9-13]

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Hymn 56 at 10:15 a.m.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Verse 1, 3, 5 & 7

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke [21:25-36]

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Robert Douglas

The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, we give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Look with favor we pray upon your servants as they begin another year. Bless them in their many endeavors—strengthen them and comfort them all the days of their lives. We ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Peace *Standing*

BCP, 360

Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory 10:15 a.m.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Mark Hayes

Edwin Taylor, piano

The Altar is prepared for Communion. Please note that the ministry of St. Mark's is funded exclusively through the generosity of parishioners and visitors. We deeply appreciate your generosity this morning. If you would like to make a gift, you can access our secure donation page using this QR code, or text "GIVE" to 1-844-584-9160 to receive the link via text.



The Doxology <i>Verse 3 only</i>	Hymnal, 380
Eucharistic Prayer B <i>Standing</i>	BCP, 367
Sanctus <i>After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel</i>	Hymnal, S 125
Memorial Acclamation	Hymnal, S 136
The Lord's Prayer	Hymnal, S 119
The Breaking of the Bread	Hymnal, S 154
Agnus Dei	Hymnal, S 161
The Communion Anthem <i>Carol for Advent</i>	Don Besig
	Chancel Choir; John Robsion, <i>oboe</i>
The Post-Communion Hymn 601 <i>10:15 a.m.</i>	St. Michael
The Post-Communion Prayer <i>Celebrant and people</i>	BCP, 366
The Blessing May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. <i>Amen.</i> May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. <i>Amen.</i> May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. <i>Amen.</i> And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. <i>Amen.</i>	
The Closing Hymn 65 <i>Verses 1 and 3 only, at 8:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Bereden väg för Herran</i>
The Dismissal <i>The People respond saying "Thanks be to God."</i>	
Postlude	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Phillip, Marie, Anike, Stephen, Carol, David, Julie, Josh, Mickey, Denise, Jeff, Rosemarie, Sue, Chris, Vincent, Anita, Jane, Tracie, Richard, Doug, Janet, Carlos, Juan Carlos, Carol, Lou, Attlee, Gabe, Jim, Lynn, Kim, Megan, Beverly, Lloyd, John, Gordon, Connie, Francene, Stephen, Barbara, Carla, Denise, Mareynah, Anthony, June, Enil, Joe, Susan, Marysue, Juliet. (Please help us update our prayer list; call the church office, 962-3089, with names to be added or removed).

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, for our Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina and Western Louisiana; for Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; Iona-Hope, Fort Myers; Lamb of God, Fort Myers; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island.

SERVING TODAY

8:00

Verger: Gretchen Feldman

Eucharistic Ministers: Gipcell Free, Sam Free

Lectors: Gretchen Feldman, Gipcell Free

Usher: Jim Minsterl

Greeter: Beth Ries

Sound Board: Beth Ries

Altar: Sue Adderley

10:15

Verger: Doug Rhea

Eucharistic Ministers: Rick Maguire, David White, Gretchen White

Acolyte: Marie Dorman

Lectors: Susan Maguire, Fred Lane

Greeters: Bibi Duke, Candy Brandt

Sound Board: Howard Marsh

Altar: Becky Jenkins, Marie Dorman, Petra Consolo

Greens: Flower Guild