

# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## The Great Litany

Hymnal, S 67

Said at 8:00 a.m.

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                      Officiant                      People  
Grant us thy peace.      O Christ, hear us.      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 Isaiah [2:1-5]

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come  
    the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
    and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.  
    Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
    to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
    and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
    and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
    and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
    and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
    neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
    come, let us walk  
    in the light of the LORD!

    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*    Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 122** *Laetatus sum*

*Said at 8:00 a.m.*

*Sung by Choir at 10:15 a.m.*

Tone II.2

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

**A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans** [13:11-14]

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**The Gradual Hymn 73**

*St. Stephen*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew** [24:36-44]

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, 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 Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner 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 unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Robert Douglas

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, 358

## Blessing & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Peace *Standing*

BCP, 360

## Announcements

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem 10:15 a.m.

*E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

Chancel Choir

Paul Manz

*The Altar is prepared for Communion. If the Offering Plates are not passed, they will be available at the church entrances following the service. 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 *Verse 3 only*

Hymnal, 380

Eucharistic Prayer B *Standing*

BCP, 367

Sanctus

*After the Sanctus, the people remain standing or kneel*

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 160

The Communion Hymn 54

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

The Post-Communion Hymn 601 10:15 a.m.

*St. Michael*

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, 366

*Celebrant and people*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## 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. Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

## The Closing Hymn 65

Verses 1 and 3 only, at 8:00 a.m.

*Bereden väg för Herran*

## The Dismissal

*The People respond saying "Thanks be to God."*

## Postlude

*Let All Together Praise Our God*

Johann Sebastian Bach

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Janet, Carlos, Juan Carlos, Carol, Lou, Attlee, Elsie, Suzanne, Gabe, Jim, Andy, Clarke, Carol, Maxine, Liv Maxine, Kim, Megan, Beverly, Lloyd, Sharon, Randee, Charlie, John, Gordon, Sandy, Francene, Stephen, Barbara, Jennifer, Magdalena, Susie, Lee-Ann, Jill, Connie, Carla, Rene, Diane, Bill, Yvonne, Becky & Family, Kathy, D.J., Denise, Mareynah, Anthony, June, Enil, Joe, Susan, Marysue, Juliet. (The Daughters of the King are called to service through prayer; send an email to [hazelkarnig@gmail.com](mailto:hazelkarnig@gmail.com) to have names added to or removed from the parish prayer list).

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:** The Diocese of Southwest Florida, The Rt. Rev. Dabney T. Smith, for our Companion Dioceses of the Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina and Western Louisiana; for St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota; St. Mark's, Marco Island; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Mark's, Venice; St. Martin's, Hudson.

### SERVING TODAY

8:00

**Vergers:** Gretchen Feldman

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jenna Markison, Jodi Markison

**Lectors:** Jenna Markison, Jodi Markison

**Usher:** Art Bollman

**Greeter:** Beth Ries

**Sound Board:** Kristopher Bryant

10:15

**Vergers:** Doug Rhea

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick Maguire, Phyllis Middaugh

**Lectors:** Sandra Potts, Cathy Szelistowski

**Ushers:** Cheryl Wennlund, Jerry Wennlund

**Sound Board:** Howard Marsh

**Decoration:** Janet Brophy

**Altar:** Sue Adderley, Phyllis Middaugh