

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Meditation for Worship

The LORD reigns, let the peoples tremble; He is enthroned above the cherubim, let the earth shake!
(Ps. 99:1)

For we were the purpose of his embodiment, and for our salvation he so loved human beings as to come to be and appear in a human body.

Athanasius of Alexandria, *On the Incarnation*

Lighting of the Advent Candle

John 1:1-14

*Call to Worship

Ps. 121:5-8

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun will not smite you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul.
The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymns

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born
The Advent of Our God

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Public Confession

Heavenly Father, we often stumble in this life and our flesh is satisfied instead of subdued. Please forgive us for every transgression—every unrighteous thought, word, and action. Help us to live as those freed from sin's control.

Words of Assurance

Isa. 51:1, 2

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who gave birth to you in pain; when he was but one I called him, then I blessed him and multiplied him."

Response

Fairest Lord Jesus

PRAISE OF CHRIST

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677
Tr. 1850, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

*Doxology

No. 567

*Old Testament Reading

The Coming King

Isa. 9:2-7

*Response to the Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Amen!

Prayers of the People

*Reading: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Hymn *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor* No. 324

*New Testament Reading *Christ's Humility* Phil. 2:1-11

*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *Anticipating the Messiah: Adam through Abraham* Gen. 3; 12; 15; 17

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn *Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People* No. 80B

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

The Advent of Our God

Be glad...for I am coming, and I will live among you. Zech. 2:10

1. The ad - vent of our God our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2. The ev - er - last - ing Son in - car - nate deigns to be;
 • 3. Daugh - ter of Zi - on, rise to meet thy low - ly King,
 4. As Judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain,
 5. Be - fore the dawn - ing day let sin's dark deeds be gone;
 6. All glo - ry to the Son who comes to set us free,

And we must meet Him on His road with hymns of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set His peo - ple free.
 • Nor let thy faith - less heart de - spise the peace He comes to bring.
 And all His scat - tered saints u - nite with Him in Heav'n to reign.
 The old man all be put a - way, the new man all put on.
 With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er One, through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Based on a text by Charles Coffin, 1736

ST. THOMAS SM
 Aaron Williams, 1763

The Word Made Flesh

God the Word was made man for this reason, that that very nature which had sinned, fallen, and become corrupt should conquer the tyrant who had deceived it.

John of Damascus

SOLI DEO GLORIA

The Use of Wine in the Observance of the Lord's Supper

In light of the biblical account of the Last Supper and Jesus' use of wine in representing His blood, All Saints Parish Church believes that the use of wine in the observance of the Lord's Supper remains the proper symbol for representing His blood. We do, however, make occasional exceptions for the use of grape juice, with the hope that those holding such an exception will seek to understand the conviction of the church in this matter. Please speak to one of the elders if you wish to discuss this issue.

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