

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Meditations for Worship

*My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!*
(Ps. 57:7)

“Christianity shall then be the mountain of the Lord’s house; where that is professed God will grant His presence, receive His people’s homage, and grant instruction and blessing, as He did of old in the temple of Mount Zion. The gospel church, incorporated by Christ’s charter, shall then be the rendezvous of all the spiritual seed of Abraham.”

Matthew Henry, Commentary on Isa. 2

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isa. 2:1-5

*Call to Worship

God be gracious to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine upon us.
That Your way may be known on the earth,
Your salvation among all nations.
Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let all the peoples praise You.

Ps. 67:1-3

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

No. 299

Public Confession

Indeed, O LORD, we bless Your holy name. We remember Your mercy and Your grace shown to us in Christ Jesus. We give thanks for Your saving love. Forgive our transgressions, heavenly Father, and cause us to delight in righteousness. Teach us to walk rightly before You as humble servants.

Words of Assurance

Ps. 84:10-12

A day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; no good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, how blessed is the man who trusts in You!

Response

Beautiful Savior

*You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips;
therefore God has blessed You forever. Ps. 45:2*

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion,
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Anonymous, 1677
Tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 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 New Covenant

Jer. 31:27-40

*Response to the Word

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

Amen!

Prayers of the People

*Responsive Reading: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 36. Who is the Mediator of the covenant of grace?

A. The only Mediator of the covenant of grace is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, of one substance and equal with the Father, in the fullness of time became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two entire distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Q. 37. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

A. Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

Q. 38. Why was it necessary that the Mediator should be God?

A. It was necessary that the Mediator should be God, that he might sustain and keep the human nature from sinking under the infinite wrath of God, and the power of death; give worth and efficacy to his sufferings, obedience, and intercession; and to satisfy God's justice, procure his favor, purchase a peculiar people, give his Spirit to them, conquer all their enemies, and bring them to everlasting salvation.

*Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

No. 293

*New Testament Reading

Birth of Jesus Foretold

Luke 1:26-45

*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.

Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon

The Promise of Peace

Isa. 11:1-10

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn

The Advent of Our God

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*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

The Advent of Our God

Be glad . . . ; for behold I am coming, and I will dwell in your midst. 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 Humility of Christ

"If Christ had arrived with trumpets and lain in a cradle of gold, his birth would not be a comfort to me. . . . He was rather to lie in the lap of a poor maiden and be thought of little significance in the eyes of the world."

Martin Luther

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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