

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
New Orleans, Louisiana

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

Order of Service

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Nursery for breakfast and the Good Shepherd Atrium for Christian Formation. They will join us in the cathedral at The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.



The Word of God

When the bell sounds, please stand

THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION

Officiant
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People*
Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant
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

People
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of thy Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

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,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed,
and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy
presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us
with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall;
and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly
kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



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



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*



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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Qui regis Israel*

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 God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance
and we shall be saved.

Setting: H. Walford Davies

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

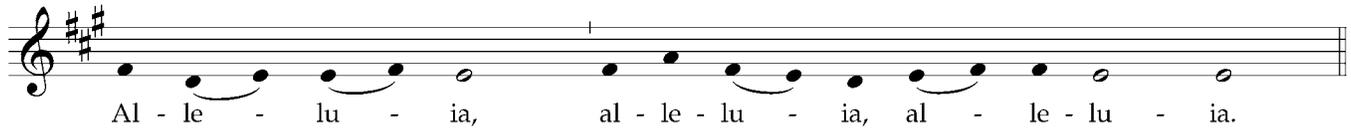
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 13:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal light
Of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining council, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls ere while unclean, now pure, within. Amen.

Words: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates	Christ, for thee their triple light,	Come and give us peace within,
Lo, the King of Glory waits,	Faith and hope and love unite;	Loose us from the bands of sin,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,	This the beacon we display	Take away the galling weight
Strew thy palms before his feet.	To proclaim thine advent day.	Laid on us by Satan's hate.
Give us grace thy yoke to wear,	So, when thou shalt come again,	
Give us strength thy cross to bear,	Judge of angels and of men.	
Make us thine in deed and word,	We with all thy saints shall sing	
Thine in heart and life, O Lord.	Alleluias to our King.	

Words: B.H. Kennedy (1804-1880)
Music: arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

Please join in singing

HYMN #53 ~ Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SEASONAL 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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #57 - Lo! he comes, with clouds descending.....*Helmsley*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- December 10 - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (4:00 PM)
- December 17 - Casey Candebat, Tenor - Christmas Concert
- December 23 - Lyrica Baroque - Christmas Concert
- January 5 - Holiday Party (Stuart Hall)
- January 11 - Cornell University Chorus in concert

Today - Dying Well - Concepts and Preparations - An Act of Loving Kindness for your Family - Stuart Hall - 12:30

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour after a 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist. This is a vital part of our ministry. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Stuart Hall.

William Thiele, Spiritual Director of the School for Contemplative Living, joins us on Advent House Sunday (December 17) after the 10:00 a.m. service to talk about the cultivation of compassion. Dr. Thiele is a licensed professional counselor and spiritual director in private practice. He is the author of *“Monks in the World: Seeking God in a Frantic Culture,”* and an adjunct professor at Loyola University.

Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Bishop Thompson, Celebrant and Preacher

9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Bishop Thompson preaches; The Dean celebrates.

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols

Christmas Flowers



If you would like to make a contribution toward the Christmas Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a Christmas Flower envelope - return it to the Cathedral office by Thursday, December 15. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Many thanks!

Christmas Concerts



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 10 at 4:00 PM

*All events are free of charge.
Donations are gladly accepted.*

Mr. Casey Candebat, *Tenor*
Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 PM



Lyrice Baroque
Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 PM



December 3, 2017 – Advent 1 (B) Preparing to Become the Beloved Community

A newly developed Advent resource is now available to help Episcopalians everywhere to take up Jesus' ministry of reconciliation and healing. Every congregation will soon receive in the mail *Preparing to Become the Beloved Community*, a multi-fold poster and resource pack with prayer, reflections and activities for each week of Advent. The resources can also be downloaded at <http://bit.ly/belovedcommunity>.

Preparing builds on the Becoming Beloved Community vision document and resources, which Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies the Rev. Gay Clark Jennings and their supporting officers introduced earlier this year. The document lays out the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation and justice.

"During Advent, Christians focus on how much we need Jesus to bear light, healing and hope in a broken world," noted the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, the Presiding Bishop's Canon for Evangelism, Reconciliation and Creation Care. "This is a mysterious, vulnerable time. We're opening to Christ. We're opening to different neighbors and strangers who are Christ among us. We hope these resources meet the real hunger among Episcopalians to live like Jesus Movement people."

Throughout Advent, an Episcopal Church social media campaign will also stir hope, reflection and action around racial reconciliation; join or follow using the hashtag #adventbeloved.

Advent begins on Sunday, December 3 and concludes on Christmas Day.

Preparing to Become the Beloved Community was developed by the Episcopal Church's Racial Reconciliation Team. The resources are designed for group use among all ages, including Adult Forums, Sunday School, Women's and Men's groups, Advent preparation, Vestry meetings, Confirmation studies and more.

Each of the four weeks in Advent features Bible readings, reflections and activities focused on one part of the spiraling journey toward racial healing, reconciliation and justice:

- Advent 1: Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race
- Advent 2: Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community
- Advent 3: Practicing the Way of Love in the Pattern of Jesus
- Advent 4: Repairing the Breach in Institutions and Society

The original Becoming Beloved Community vision lays these themes out visually around a labyrinth. "It's a different way of approaching this work," said Heidi Kim, Staff Officer for Racial Reconciliation. "It's truly an invitation to spiritual formation and social transformation."



For more information, contact Emily Gallagher at egallagher@episcopalchurch.org or 212-716-6242.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
12:30 PM Dying Well Class (Stuart Hall)
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE

MONDAY

12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Martin Room)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
1:00 PM Book Club (Advent House)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)
5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)
6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM Contemplative Prayer (Advent House)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
1:00 PM Education for Ministry (Westfeldt Room)
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cathedral Tours
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

FRIDAY

11:00 AM Funeral Mass
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Office open until noon
9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)
10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)
5:00 PM Wedding

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
4:00 PM Lessons and Carols
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE



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