

# The First Sunday of Advent Worship Service

**Prelude**

*Sleepers, Wake!*

J. S. Bach

**Opening Hymn 57 (vs. 1,4)** “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

*Lo! he comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.*

*Yea, amen! let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.*

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* and blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Celebrant and People*

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

*Have mercy upon us.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

## The Collect of the Day

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 the Prophet 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.

*Reader*            Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

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

**A Reading from Paul’s first letter to the 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Music**                      *My Lord, What a Morning*                      Traditional Negro Spiritual

**The Gospel: Mark**

*Deacon or Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “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/Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*                    Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

### **Prayers of the People, Form V**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "*Kyrie Eleison.*"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Thomas and Kenneth our own Bishops, for Cameron and Rob, our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For all who live and work in this community [especially \_\_\_ celebrating birthdays this week, and \_\_\_ who celebrate their anniversary], we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, *especially....*, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Kyrie Eleison.*

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed virgin Mary, Joseph, Patrick and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*To you, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*Officiant and People say the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, son, and the Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, not and for ever. Amen

### **Act of Contrition**

*Priest*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People, together*

O God, we are very sorry that we have sinned against you and for all the wrongs we have done and the good we have not done. Confessing especially... Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and grant us strength and wisdom to amend our lives. Amen.

### **Absolution**

#### **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Announcements**

#### **Hymn 370 verse 6** "St. Patrick's Breastplate"

*Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

### **Spiritual Communion**

#### **Act of Reception**

IN UNION, BLESSED JESUS, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, remembering especially our parish of St. Patrick's, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly this day for the blessings given us... We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and since, we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray that you will come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, souls,

and minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*Celebrant and People*

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlastings. Amen.

### **General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **Blessing**

**Closing Hymn 61 (vs. 1, 2)** "Sleepers, wake!" a voice astounds us

*"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us,*

*the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us; "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"*

*Midnight's peace their cry has broken,*

*their urgent summons clearly spoken: "The time has come, O maidens wise!"*

*Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!  
Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.”  
Zion hears the watchmen singing;  
her heart with joyful hope is springing, she wakes and hurries through the night.  
Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious  
in strength of grace, in truth victorious; her star is risen her light grows bright.  
Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word, Alleluia!  
We follow all and heed your call to come into the banquet hall.*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**

*O Savior, Tear the Heavens Wide*

Helmut Walcha

*\*Spiritual Communion has been modified from Saint Augustine’s Prayer Book. Permission is given to reproduce this text for use in local worshiping communities by Forward Movement.*

**The Sunday News**  
**November 29, 2020**

**Note to the Parish-**

In response to orders issued in the past week by the Ohio Department of Health, Gov. Mike DeWine, and the Commissioners of Columbus and Franklin Co. Public Health, and in compliance with the guidelines set forth by the Diocese of Southern Ohio, Worship services will be available On-line Only. In-person worship has been suspended until further notice. Additionally, the church office will be open by appointment only.

*"Give presents with purpose this year -- donate \$25 to Freedom a la Cart and receive a box of CAUSE COOKIES! Freedom a la Cart brings hope to survivors of sex trafficking and exploitation so they can build new lives of freedom and self-sufficiency. With each \$25's donated to Freedom's Cause Cookie campaign, you'll receive a beautifully packaged box of fresh, from-scratch holiday cookies. Your gift of \$50 (2 boxes) provides one month of supportive services for a local survivor. Order online today through visiting Freedom a la Cart's website, at <https://freedomalacart.org/cause-cookies/>. Order 4 boxes or more and receive free delivery from Freedom a la Cart any weekday from Dec 1-23rd. Free Pickup at is available on **Sunday December 13, 2-3pm at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church**. Instructions on how to order and more info can be found in the November Breastplate and on the website above.*

**Franklin Co. Children Services** will be providing Christmas for several thousand children under their care. Due to COVID, they are asking that donors purchase \$50 gift cards to Walmart or Target instead of actual presents. St. Patrick's members have always generously supported these children and while we won't have the fun of purchasing that special toy we can still make it a wonderful holiday for them. Please mail or bring your gift card to church by December 6. Questions? Call Laura Leach.

**Advent at St. Patrick's:** Traditionally during the season of Advent, we find ways as a parish to enrich our experience of this holy time and find deeper meaning in the stories of the faithful as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. This year, a Sunday evening service will be made available on our YouTube channel beginning at 5:30pm honoring special Advent Saints and celebrations.

*Advent 1, November 29*

The Feast of Kamehameha and Emma of Hawaii

*Advent 2, December 6*

The Feast of St. Nicholas

*Advent 3, December 13*

Our Lady of Guadalupe

*Advent 4, December 20*

The Annunciation: A Celebration of Mary, the Mother of Jesus!

**As Christians should we support the death penalty or its abolition?** This is a timely question, as views are changing in the Ohio legislature toward abolition. On Saturday, December 5, 2020, from 9:30 am to 12 pm, St. John's Episcopal, Worthington, in conjunction with Ohioans To Stop Executions (OTSE), will be presenting a seminar, via Zoom, on the death penalty. We will have five speakers: 1) Hannah Kubbins from OTSE, who will provide an overview of the status of the death penalty in Ohio, 2) an individual falsely convicted of murder, now exonerated, 3) an individual whose family member was murdered who is against the death penalty, 4) an individual representing a conservative political viewpoint who is against the death penalty, and 5) Teri Foley-Nelson from St. Johns who will discuss what the scriptures have to say about the death penalty. This promises to be a lively discussion. There is no fee. The seminar will be taped for later presentation in other parishes throughout the diocese of southern Ohio. If you are interested in attending please contact Teri Foley-Nelson, [foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:foleynelson1@sbcglobal.net) and I will sign you up.

**Education**

**Adult Forum: Sundays at 11:00am on Zoom:** We continue on *The Path* with a discussion of Chapter 10: Determined to Have a King. We'll hear how the child Samuel, born to faithful Hannah, grows up to be prophet and priest to kings. And in a few weeks, we will hear more of the story of one of Ruth's descendants, who is an even more important priest and prophet. Join us- you won't want to miss what happens next.

**EYC Sunday Nights** meets at 6:30pm on Zoom. The link is mailed to youth and parents weekly. Contact Mother Cameron to receive youth emails. This week: Fun Night.

**Children's Chapel at Home Kits** are being prepared for December. If you would like to receive these monthly resources for faith formation at home, contact Mother Cameron. **Virtual Children's Chapel** is a way to engage with Children's Christian formation on-line. The classroom is updated prior to Sunday morning each week. Access the Virtual Children's Chapel via [this link](#).

**Outreach**

**Dublin Food Pantry** Dublin Food Pantry also still needs their regular supplies for the weekly pantry This month's most needed items are: Ramen Noodles, Cans of Soup, Pasta or Rice sides, Canned Vegetables, Mac N Cheese boxes, Pancake Mix (regular size). They also give out Feminine Pads, Laundry Detergent, Baby Diapers (sizes 5-6) and miscellaneous toiletries Bring items to the pantry: 81 Bridge Street, Dublin or put them in the wagon in the church breezeway Or, contribute online: [Food Pantry](#)

**On the Calendar**

**Worship Team**

**Sunday, November 29**

Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Forum at 11:00 a.m.  
 Sacred Circle at 11:00 a.m.  
 Hawaiian Christmas Service at 5:30 p.m.  
 EYC at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, November 30**

EfM Extension at 9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 1**

Men's Group at 7:00 a.m.  
 EfM at 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 2**

Spiritual Direction at 10:30 a.m.  
 Holy Eucharist at 12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 3**

Later in the Day Saints at 10:30 a.m.

**9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist**

**Preacher:** The Rev. Cameron O'Riley  
**Celebrant:** The Rev. Cameron O'Riley  
**Lay Reader:** Matt Lewis  
**Deacon:** The Rev. Rob Rideout  
**Music Director:** Jennifer Bell

**Calendar Key**

**Red:** Streamed on **You Tube** and will be available there and posted on **Facebook** after the service if there is a disruption in the streaming.

**Blue:** Meeting via Zoom invitation. If you would like to participate in a Zoom and do not receive a link, please contact the clergy. For **Coffee Hour**, please see Zoom link in Stephen's email with the bulletin.

**Black:** Event will be held in person with a limited number of participants with safety measures in place and if it is a service, it will also be available to watch on YouTube.

**Birthdays this Week**

Elliott Cline	Luke McCarthy	Katie Rapp	Doug Sladoje
Mary Edwards	Quinn Montgomery	John Rucker	Pam Straley
Will Givens	Ike Phelps	Ryan Schildknecht	Ray Turner
Nancy Goddard	Wiley Phelps	Tasia Sicker	

**Anniversaries this Week**

Rick & Margaret Robinson	Wayne & Suzanne Holliday
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