

# St. James Episcopal Church

Taos, New Mexico

Sharing ourselves and our faith with others.



Morning Prayer

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Book of Common Prayer

Kindly **MUTE** your computer now.

## THE PRELUDE

## THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *Please stand.*

O Heavenly Father, you make all things holy by your word of blessing. Bless, we pray, this wreath which we have made that it may be a sign of your eternal life and love. As we light these candles and offer you prayer and praise, may our hearts and minds be prepared for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The first candle is ignited.*

Let us pray.....O God our Father, each year you fill us with joy as we recall the mysteries of our redemption and look forward to the great day of our final salvation. Grant that as we joyfully remember your Son's first appearing among us as our Savior, we may one day see him without dread when he comes.

## THE OPENING SENTENCE

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Watch , for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**That we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

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CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

*Read responsively by whole verse.*

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;  
therefore let us keep the feast,

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him.

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

**Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death,  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die,  
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18

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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.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 10

THE SECOND SONG OF ISAIAH

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Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;  
call upon him when he draws near.

**Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens  
and return not again, but water the earth,**

Bringing forth life and giving growth,  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;  
it will not return to me empty;**

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 13:24-37

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.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15

THE SONG OF MARY

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

**He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

**The promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Mac Brown

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE SUFFRAGES

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Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
**Govern and uphold them, now and always.**  
Day by day we bless you;  
**We praise your name for ever.**  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.**  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**For we put our trust in you.**  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**And we shall never hope in vain.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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 COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

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O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A COLLECT FOR PEACE

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O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR MISSION

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Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE INTERCESSIONS

Gracious God, we pray for our parish family. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially those on our Parish Prayer List: Iris, Genie, Sandy, John, Rosemary, Marieke, Doug, Michael, Lorry, Martha, Kelly, Sue, Ben, Elaine, Alexandra, Susanne, William. Julia, Hayden, Kira, Levi, Paula, Gary, Glen, Alec Howard Family, Amarante. Joy, Andrew, Mark, Tim. Caryle, Roy, Susan, Betty.

Give to Bill Zorumski and all the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Bless all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week:

Lou Sturbois, Bambi & Lou Sturbois

Please include your own prayers now, either silently or aloud.

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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**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.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## THE CLOSING SENTENCE

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

## THE POSTLUDE