



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13, 2020

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 72 vs. 1,4

- 1 Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior
promised long; let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome
shall proclaim, and heaven eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

Opening Antiphon

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. (*Isaiah 40:5*)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Priest alone stands and says

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

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Antiphon (*Together*)

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

Invitatory Psalm (*Together*)

Jubilate *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Psalm Appointed (Sung - *Together*)

Psalm 126

In convertendo

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
 then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
 and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
 like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
 will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
 will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
 because the LORD has anointed me;
 he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
 to bind up the brokenhearted,
 to proclaim liberty to the captives,
 and release to the prisoners;

to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion –
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

15 The Song of Mary

Magnificat , S247 vs. 1,6,7

Antiphon:

- 1 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.
- 6 He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 7 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy.

Antiphon:

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.

The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle**16 The Song of Zechariah***Benedictus Dominus Deus, S248**Antiphon:*

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would have us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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

Organ Interlude

Antonio Ortega
Christ Church Organist

Magnificat quinti Toni

Johann Pachelbel

The Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon – The Rev. Susan Dennen de Rodríguez

The Apostles' Creed

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages B (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.98.)

V(erse). Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R(esp(onse)). Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Sundays

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.*

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, this Advent season calls us to keep awake for the coming of our Lord. Confident that the days are coming when God who is faithful will keep his promises, let us offer our prayers in faith, responding to each petition in the words: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For the Church in all places, and especially for this congregation: for Susan and Germán, priests in this parish; for the Anglican Communion: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Enrique, our primate; for Carlos, our own bishop emeritus; for the diocesan synod which will chose our new bishop; and for all baptized persons. Grant that your people may be united in their witness to your love, faithful to your purposes, and strong in their commitment to the work of redemption.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For our Search Committee, our Vestry, and our Wardens, that they may find a new rector for us quickly and in thankfulness for all they are doing in this time of uncertainty.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, and for the leaders of every nation, that they may labor for justice, freedom, and dignity for every person, and that their efforts may hasten the reign of the Prince of Peace. We pray that the coming of this Christmas season may be a time of hope for all peoples who live in places of repression, political upheaval, and danger.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For this good earth which God has entrusted to us, that all people may have the humility to use its gifts wisely, and conserve its bounty for generations to come.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For those who are suffering, especially the aged and the infirm, the lonely and the forgotten, the imprisoned, the unemployed, and the destitute; for all victims of violence –

kindle within them the gift of hope and grant that they may find comfort in the promise of Emanuel who is God-with-us.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For the troubled, the needy, the sick, and those in distress of any kind, especially those who are suffering in any way from Covid-19, and those who have commended themselves to our prayers: the people of Syria, Trini, Missy, Janet, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Marco, Cruz, Lorenzo, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Nancy, Jeanne, Daphne, Lois, John, Luis, Cora, and Jeremy. Grant them healing and relief in their difficulties.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

We give thanks for the many blessings which enrich our lives and especially for this time as we await the feast of the Incarnation watching and waiting for your presence within us. We give thanks for our pets, our friends and our families, and the beauty of creation. We are truly grateful for all those who selflessly put their own lives at risk every day manning the health frontlines caring for the sick during this dreadful pandemic, and for all essential workers who ensure that we do not lack for anything. We remember with gladness those who celebrate birthdays this week: Morris. Grant that he may grow in grace and favor as he celebrates another year.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For those who have died whose hope was in Christ, the Word made Flesh, especially Charles, Jack, Beto, Ángel, Jutta, Jane, Vivian, Magda, Janet, Juanita, Alfonso, Nancy, Sam, Jim, Ruth, Karin, Jimmy, Alys, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, Mercy, Adrián Fernando, Albert, Charlotte, and Bill. Grant them entrance into your kingdom of light and truth.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The 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 ourselves 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

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.*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.
 2 Corinthians 13:14

Birthday this week:

Morris Thompson (16)

Please e-mail any special petitions for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar:
 mrosacasar@hotmail.com

Help Update Our Parish Directory

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at mrosacasar@hotmail.com (.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo mrosacasar@hotmail.com o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere, puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, and in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music) and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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