



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20, 2020

Organ Prelude

Antonio Ortega
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Savior of the Nations, come!

Paul Manz

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*)

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalm Appointed (Sung - Together)

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Misericordias Domini

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 "I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations."
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'

The Lessons

The First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a

house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

15 The Song of Mary

Magnificat , S247 vs. 1,8,9,10

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.

- 8 The promise he made to our fathers,
To Abraham and his children for ever.

- 9 Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

10 As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

The Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

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 save 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.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 68 vs. 1,3

- 1 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.
- 3 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38T

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 A (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.97-98.)

V(erse). Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R(esponse). And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, 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, Louis, 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: Jeanne and Guillermo. Grant that they may grow in grace and favor as they celebrate 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, Berto, Ángel, Jutta, Jane, Vivian, Magda, Janet, Juanita, Alfonso, Nancy, Sam, Jim, Ruth, Karin, Jimmy, Alys, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, Mercy, Adrián Fernando, Albert, Joan, 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:

Jeanne Graham (23), Guillermo Duran de Huerta (25)

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

Christ Church offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2020, and reopen on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

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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