



**Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist at the Church of St. Paul, Cambria**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT • November 27, 2022 •**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath (1st candle)**

Dear friends in Christ, today we begin the season of Advent. It is a time of watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord.

The advent wreath reminds us of our yearning for God. its circular shape tells of God's everlasting love and faithfulness. Its evergreen branches tell us of eternal life and of God's desire for us to live with him forever. The four candles remind us of the passing of time, our human history into which God has entered through his Son, Jesus.

This is a time of grace, a time for a new advent of the Christ into our lives.

On this First Sunday of Advent, we focus on the Lord's second coming. Let us heed the Gospel words of Jesus, "Be on guard; be alert." As we light the first candle may its flame bid us to be always ready for the coming of the Lord.

**Opening Hymn 65**

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, to set forth his praise to hear his holy word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us stand in silence. . . . .

Now, 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.**

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.

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.**

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

**Jubilate: Psalm 100**

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands;\* serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 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.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving: go into his courts with praise;\* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;\* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Psalm 122**

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of  
the LORD, \* the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,  
\*I will seek to do you good."

**First Lesson Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the

mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle S: A Song of Our True Nature** *Julian of Norwich*

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, \* our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, \* his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; \* he raises us in spirit and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; \* God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, \* and we are all bound to God by grace. And this grace is for all the world, \* because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ for the honor and nobility of all, \* and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

**Second Lesson / Epistle Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.  
**Amen.**

**Canticle Q: A Song of Christ's Goodness**

*Anselm of Canterbury*

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \* you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \* tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \* in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \* by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.  
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \* through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.  
Your warmth gives life to the dead, \* your touch makes sinners righteous.  
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \* in your love and tenderness, remake us.  
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \* for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.  
Amen.

A reading from the **Gospel** according to **Matthew 24:36-44**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Here ends the Gospel reading.

*Here follows the Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to**

judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers

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

### Collects

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.**

To you, O God we give up the burdens of this day, trusting your love and mercy, To you O God, we surrender ourselves, trusting our risen Lord to lead us always in the way of peace, today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

### The Sermon

Canon Mark Hall

Sermon Music

### The Prayers of the People

God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ to the world. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have asked for our prayers (especially N.), that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*(Here other intercessions may be offered.)*

We pray for Susie, Jennifer and Julian. O God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Offertory:** Walk in love as Christ loved us and offered himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *(Ephesians 5:2)*

### Offertory Hymn 56 Verses 1 & 2

### Prayer over the gifts

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving (EP A)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**  
*(Repeat)* **Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest** *(Repeat)* **Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** *(Repeat).*

*( The People stand or kneel.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself...

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father,...

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray (*sung*):

**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 forever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Jesus, Lamb of God, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, **have mercy on us.**  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, **give us your peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following  
Invitation or other suitable words.*

Behold the Lord whose advent we await, who will come with glory on the day of judgment. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

### Communion of the People

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. Let us pray. **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

May Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path, and the blessing of God almighty, Father,

Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Knowing that all of our community cannot share the Eucharist in person, we affirm that the true mystical communion of Christ and His Church is a bond of spirit and heart, grounded in faith. Therefore, we commit ourselves to this deep bond of the Spirit in union with Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing:** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** *Greet one another in the Lord's name.*

### Announcements

*Thanksgiving Prayer:* We give you thanks, O God, for your many blessings: for our days of celebration, for the love that surrounds us, for your healing presence in our lives. Keep us in your care, we pray, and help us to live as truly thankful people. Amen.

### Closing Hymn 61

### Dismissal:

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

