

Christ Church Anglican

The First Sunday in Advent

November 29ht, 2026

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	November 29	December 6
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A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

MORNING PRAYER

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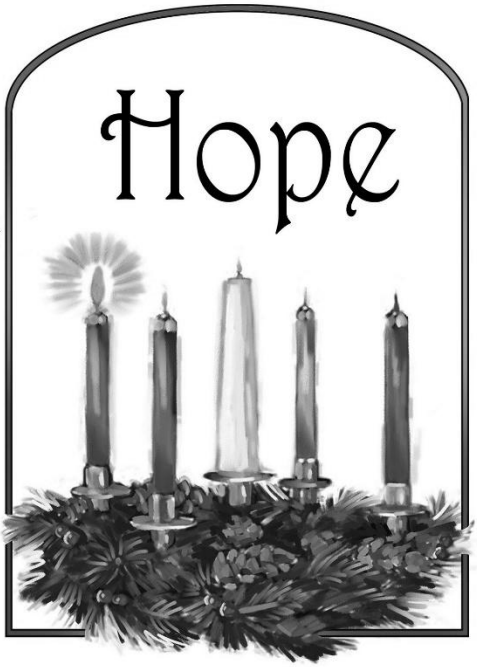

Please silence your cell phone
and other electronic devices before
the service begins. Thank you.

Five minutes before service
we will enter a time of reflective quiet
as we ready our hearts for the Lord.

Officiant says to the people

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

PROCESSIONAL

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Come Thou long-expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a Child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

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THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All Prayerfully sit or kneel. Officiant says to the People

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept as we pause for reflection.

Officiant and People say

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the deceits and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord; And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

Officiant prays

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

"O Come Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



1ST CANDLE HOPE

Officiant says

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You sent your Son to be the Light of the world and to spread his light of love to all. Bless us and accept these wreaths of light made from our hands. May their ever increasing brightness be a sign to us of the approaching nearness of your Son, that we might prepare in joy for his humble birth in a manger and be ready to receive him at his coming again in glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Layperson says

Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined." *– Isaiah 9:2*

Layperson lights the first purple candle

Officiant says

Let us pray together:

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the dangers that beset us through our sins; and be a Redeemer to deliver us; Who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

"O Come Emmanuel"

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. ***[Refrain]***

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PRAISE MUSIC

"He Will Come and Save You"

Say to those who are fearful hearted,
Do not be a-fraid,
The Lord, your God, is strong
With His mighty arms,
When you call on His name;
He will come and save.

Refrain

He will come and save you,
He will come and save you
Say to the wear-y one,
Your God will sure-ly come,
He will come and save you

He will come and save you,
He will come and save you
Lift up your eyes to Him,
You will arise again,
He will come and save you.

Say to those who are broken-hearted,
Do not lose your faith;
The Lord your God,
Is strong with His loving arms
When you call on His name;
He will come and save. ***[Refrain]***

He is our refuge in the day of trouble,
He is our shelter in the time of storm;
He is our tower in the day of sorrow,
Our fortress in the time of war. ***[Refrain]***

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"MORE PRECIOUS THAN SILVER"/ "I EXALT THEE"

Lord, You are more precious than silver.
Lord, You are more costly than gold.
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds.
Nothing I desire compares with you.

For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth.
Thou art exalted far above all gods. ***(REPEAT)***

I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
(TO BEGINNING)

(ENDING)
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.
I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, I exalt Thee, O Lord.

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THE INVITATORY

All stand.

O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

ANTIPHON

Officiant

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

JUBILATE

Be Joyful

Officiant and People say

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the Lord, he is God; *
it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.
For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, *
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

Psalm 100

PSALM 80

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you that lead Joseph
like a sheep; *
show yourself also, you that sit upon the cherubim.

2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

3 Restore us again, O God; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be whole.

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angry with your people
that pray?

5 You feed them with the bread of tears *
and give them plenteous tears to drink.

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

7 Restore us again, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we
shall be whole.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you have cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You made room for it, *
and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it, *
and the boughs thereof were like the
mighty cedar trees.

11 It stretched out its branches to the sea *
and its boughs to the river.

12 Why have you broken down its hedge, *
so that all those who go by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar out of the wood roots it up, *
and the wild beasts of the field devour it.

14 Turn again, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; *
behold, and visit this vine,

15 And the place of the vineyard that your right hand has planted, *
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

16 As for those who burn it with fire and cut it down, *
let them perish at the rebuke of your countenance.

17 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand *
and upon the son of man, whom you made so strong for yourself.

18 And so we will not turn back from you; *
O let us live, and we shall call upon your Name.

19 Restore us again, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be whole.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

A reading from Isaiah 64:1-9 *(Page 623)*

After the reading the reader says:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

"Refiner's Fire"

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold, and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

Chorus
Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within, and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin
Deep within ***[Chorus]***

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SECOND LESSON

A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 *(Page 952)*

After the reading the reader says:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE

"I Hear a Sound"

I hear a sound coming from the mountain
I hear it louder each day.
I hear a sound coming from the mountain,
And it says, "Prepare ye the way.
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

I see the light shining from the mountain,
I see it brighter each day.
I see the light shining from the mountain,
And it says, "Prepare ye the way."
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

I feel God's love streaming from the mountain,
I feel it stronger each day.
I feel God's love streaming from the mountain.
And it says, "Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

I know the King, He's my blessed Savior,
I know Him better each day.
I know the King He's my blessed Savior,
And He says, "Prepare ye the way.
Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

"Prepare ye the way, prepare ye the way,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

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SHARING – JAN THORNE

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

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 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 OFFERTORY

For God is not unjust so as to overlook your work and the love that you have shown for his name in serving the saints, as you still do. *Hebrews 6:10*

OFFERTORY SONG

"On Christ the Solid Rock"

("My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less")

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

CHORUS :

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the vale

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Clothed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before His throne

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THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

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THE PRAYERS

The people remain standing.

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People pray together

**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.**

Prayerfully sit or kneel **SUFFRAGES**

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;
And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;
And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;
And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

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 Collect for Strength

To Await Christ's Return

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A 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.**

A Prayer for the Selection of a Minister

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Officiant may invite the people to offer intercessions & thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People say together

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. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant continues

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: 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.**

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING SCRIPTURE

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*

MILESTONES & CLERGY BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECESSIONAL

All stand.

"ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY"

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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Christ in Glory

Interior of the Church of the Transfiguration at the Community of Jesus",
Orleans, Massachusetts

Apse mosaic

A **mosaic** is a pattern or picture made by arranging many small pieces of colored material—such as stone, glass, or ceramic tile—set into a surface. It can also refer to the art or process of creating such designs, or figuratively to any complex whole made up of distinct parts.

The Byzantine-style mosaics at the Church of the Transfiguration span over 400 square meters across the apse, floor, baptismal font, ambo platform, and altar. Master mosaicist Alessandra Caprara and her studio in Ravenna, Italy fabricated the works from full-scale painted designs by Belfast artist Helen McLean and members of the ecumenical Benedictine Community of Jesus.

Byzantine style comes from the period of the artistic, architectural, and cultural traditions that developed in the Eastern Roman *(Byzantine)* Empire from the 4th century.

Sacraments & Customs: Typically uses leavened bread for the Eucharist, gives Communion under both kinds *(often with a spoon)*, allows married men to be ordained as priests, and centers spirituality on icons and prayer.

Iconostasis: Features an icon screen or wall separating the sanctuary *(altar area)* from the nave *(congregation space)*. If you visit our Eastern Orthodox church here In Butte, you will see the iconostasis. During the Orthodox festival held in August each summer, Father Russell gives tours and a great explanation of the church.

Byzantine Catholic Churches: Eastern Catholic churches *(such as Ukrainian, Ruthenian, and Melkite Catholics)* use the Byzantine Rite while remaining in full communion with the Pope

Byzantine Architecture

Domes and Pendentives: Often features a central dome—sometimes on a window-lined drum—supported by pendentives *(curved triangular sections)* that transition from a square base to a round dome.

Interior Art: Richly decorated with mosaics and frescoes arranged symbolically, such as Christ Pantocrator in the dome and saints or Mary in lower areas and the apse. (Our Eastern Orthodox Church here I Butte has this image in the dome. *(wikipedia.org)*