

ALL SOULS'

— EPISCOPAL CHURCH —

Welcome Home. Peace Awaits.



The SEASON *of* ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER ADVENT 3
Tuesday, 16 December 9:30 AM

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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A silence is kept

All 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.

Priest 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.*

A deacon or lay person using the preceding form substitutes "us" for "you" and "our" for "your"

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All 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.

The VENITE *Psalm 95:1-7*

Said responsively, by half-verse

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

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!

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

The PSALTER: Psalm 45 *Eructavit cor meum*

Said responsively by half-verse

- ¹ My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- ² You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- ³ Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior, *
in your pride and in your majesty.

- ⁴ Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth *
and for the sake of justice.
- ⁵ Your right hand will show you marvelous things; *
your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior.
- ⁶ The peoples are falling at your feet, *
and the king's enemies are losing heart.
- ⁷ Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- ⁸ Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- ⁹ All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- ¹⁰ Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.
- ¹¹ "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- ¹² The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- ¹³ The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- ¹⁴ All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- ¹⁵ In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- ¹⁶ With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- ¹⁷ "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

¹⁸ I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever.”

After the Psalm(s), all say together

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 LESSONS

The FIRST READING

Zechariah 2:1-13

Lector

A reading from the Book of Zechariah.

I looked up and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then I asked, “Where are you going?” He answered me, “To measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is.” Then the angel who spoke with me came forward, and another angel came forward to meet him and said to him, “Run, say to that young man: Jerusalem shall be inhabited like unwallled villages because of the multitude of people and animals in it. For I will be a wall of fire all around it, says the LORD, and I will be the glory within it.”

Up, up! Flee from the land of the north, says the LORD, for I have spread you abroad like the four winds of heaven, says the LORD. Up! Escape to Zion, you who live with daughter Babylon. For thus said the LORD of hosts after his glory sent me to the nations who plundered you: Truly, one who touches you touches the apple of my eye. For I am going to raise my hand against them, and they shall become plunder for their own slaves. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For I will come and dwell in your midst, says the LORD. Many nations shall join themselves to the LORD on that day and shall be my people, and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.

Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept

The following Cantic is said responsively, by half-verse

The RESPONSE: Cantic II, The Third Song of Isaiah *Surge, illuminare*

Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19

Over you, O Zion, the Lord will rise *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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.

Over you, O Zion, the Lord will rise *
and his glory will appear upon you.

Lector

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples, “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 all these things, 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 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 the 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 hour you do not expect.”

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

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The RESPONSE: Cantic 19, The Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia*

Revelation 15:3-4

Behold, the Desire of the nations shall come *
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

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.

Behold, the Desire of the nations shall come *
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

The APOSTLES' CREED

All 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.
 Let us pray.

All 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

The Officiant and People say responsively

℣ Show us your mercy, O Lord;
℟ And grant us your salvation.

℣ Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
℟ Let your people sing with joy.

℣ Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
℟ For only in you can we live in safety.

℣ Lord, keep our nations under your care;
℟ And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

℣ Let your way be known upon earth;
℟ Your saving health among all nations.

℣ 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 sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The COLLECTS

The Officiant prays the following collects

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.*

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.*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions and thanksgivings may follow

The GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All 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.

PRAYER *of* ST CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant 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.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*



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