



The Season of Advent: December 1-22, 2021

Bulletin for Wednesday online worship with Spiritual Communion

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A Prayer for Light

Presider Let us pray.

People Grant us, Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness we may have a vision of that holy City, where dwell the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

BCP pages 351-353

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

First Lesson The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Second Lesson The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** *[the Gospel is read]*

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Reflection/Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP page 358

All **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 human.

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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.

Prayers of the People

My brothers and sisters, may God strengthen your hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray: **O come, O come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, make us increase and abound in love for one another. Keep your Church on the paths of love and faithfulness. We pray for Michael, our presiding bishop; Jennifer, our bishop; Mauricio, bishop of Brasilia, the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; for Rebecca and the people of St. Timothy's, Indianapolis; and

Debbie, our priest. We also pray for the Diocese of Haiti, especially St. Andres in Mithon. O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, Be present with the faith community of St. Alban's. Guide our leaders to make good decisions for our future, to create a place of ministry that is broader than we can imagine, with community partners who will impact the neighborhood around us in ways we cannot do alone.

O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.** God of our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. We pray for Joseph, our President, Kamala, our Vice President, Representatives, members of Congress, the Courts, Eric, our Governor, Joe and all our mayors, and all those in positions of authority who have been charged to serve all people. O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see, the wisdom to prepare, and the faith to trust in you.

O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored: bring the people of this region—from city, village, and town together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving.

O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God of our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, O come, Emmanuel: **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Joys and Concerns

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you**

An Act of Spiritual Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider As we prepare to join in an act of Spiritual Communion, let us remember to walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, in union with the faithful across the Church, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We present ourselves to You, along with all who cannot gather around the altar at this time,**

believing and trusting in Your real presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We love you above all things; our soul longs for you. And so, we call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table. As we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we implore you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affection of our soul. May this spiritual Communion be for us an armor of faith and shield of goodwill and liberation. Sustain us, heal us, and encourage us, with your Holy Spirit until we meet again as one Church and one Body. We ask this for your love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Blessing

Presider Go in SAFETY, for you cannot go where God is not.
Go in LOVE, for love alone endures.
Go with PURPOSE, and God will honor your dedication.
Go in PEACE, for it is gift of God
to those whose hearts and minds are in Christ Jesus;
and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen

Announcements

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in
the power of the Spirit.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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