



**November 28th, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent
Daily Prayer and Congregational Assembly**

Welcome

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*

Opening Sentence

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

Corporate Confession

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.

Absolution

Lighting the Advent Candle - The Martins

Invitation to Worship

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips;

People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Pastor: O God, make speed to save us;

People: *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Pastor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Pastor: Praise the Lord.

People: *The Lord's Name be praised.*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
'ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto His praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown
un to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take His harvest home;
from His field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring Thy final harvest home;
gather thou Thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all Thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home

Psalm 50:1-10

The Lord, even the most mighty God, has spoken ** and called the world, from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof.*

Out of Zion, perfect in her beauty, ** has God shone forth in glory.*

Our God shall come and shall not keep silence; ** there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.*

He shall call to the heavens above, ** and to the earth beneath, that he may judge his people:*

“Gather my faithful together unto me, ** those who have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.*”

And the heavens shall declare his righteousness, ** for God himself is Judge.*

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak; ** I myself will testify against you, O Israel, for I am God, even your God.*

I will not rebuke you because of your sacrifices, or for your burnt offerings, ** because they are always before me.*

I will take no bull calf out of your house, ** nor he-goat out of your folds.*

For all the beasts of the forest are mine, ** and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.*

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*

Please be Seated for a reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13.

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you—for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Leader: The word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

A reading from Luke 21:25-33

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Leader: The Word of the Lord **People:** *Thanks be to God*

Sermon: “Wrapping Up the Old, Turning to the New” – Pastor Steve Noll

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 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you; **People:** *And with your spirit.*

Leader: Let us pray.

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for the First Sunday of Advent:

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.

Prayer for Pastor Search:

Almighty God, as you provided for the church of the apostles by appointing officers to serve the needs of the growing body of believers, we pray now that you will confirm these members of Redeemer Anglican Church in their will to serve your congregation here. Bless, O Lord, Redeemer as it grows, and so guide them and us by your Holy Spirit that we may all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to full maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. This we pray in His name. Amen

Mission Collect:

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.

General Thanksgiving:

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.

CONGREGATIONAL ASSEMBLY:

Announcements, Testimonies, Thanksgivings, Prayers

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We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens
his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now
cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name;
he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;

So from the beginning
the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side;
all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised!
O Lord, make us free!

The Doxology

The Grace

Pastor: 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.*

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee
Filled with messages from Thee

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
every power as Thou shalt choose,
every power as Thou shalt choose

Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine
Take my heart it is Thine own
It shall be Thy royal throne
It shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee
ever, only, all for Thee

The Blessing and Dismissal

All of our problems: *We send to the cross of Christ* All of our difficulties: *We send to the cross of Christ*
All of the devil's works: *We send to the cross of Christ* And all of our hopes: *We set on the risen Lord!*

Pastor: The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace. And the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord! **People:** *Thanks be to God!*