

Sunday, December 10, 2023
Second Sunday in Advent



**HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

In Communion with the
Philippine Independent Church (PIC)
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The Order of Worship

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Entrance:

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. **Amen**

Informal Introduction

Peace

Celebrant: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**; the second candle is **PEACE**.

The candles are lit.

Scripture: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as member of one body you were called to peace. Colossians 3:15

Prayer: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. **Amen**.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass,
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.
 The grass withers, the flower fades,
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
 surely the people are grass.
 The grass withers, the flower fades;
 but the word of our God will stand for ever.
 Get you up to a high mountain,
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;
 lift up your voice with strength,
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
 lift it up, do not fear;
 say to the cities of Judah,
 "Here is your God!"
 See, the Lord God comes with might,
 and his arm rules for him;
 his reward is with him,
 and his recompense before him.
 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,
 and carry them in his bosom,
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader
People

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
 and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
 and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Reading is from 2 Peter

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. Jureck Fernandez

Nicene Creed

BCP pg. 358

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 worshipped 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*

Prayers of the People

God of light and life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

We pray for your Church, for our diocese, bishops, clergy and all people who share your love with all who come near.

Flame of abundant love, be our joy in proclaiming your good news to the world.

We pray for all who are coming to faith, all who wonder about faith, and all who are struggling with faith.

Light of all creation, guide us to lead, teach, and nurture your disciples.

We pray for those in need of food, shelter, clothing, and God's healing touch.

Comforter of the suffering, warm our hands to loving service.

We pray for the world, especially where there is trouble and suffering, far away or nearby.

Star blaze of glory, lead us to care for this fragile earth, our island home, and to heal the circle of creation.

We pray for the land on which we stand, the peoples, creatures, plant life and waters around us.

We Ask Your Prayers

For the ministry of our Bishop's Committee, the Altar Guild; Lectors and Acolytes, Online Ministry and the Bread for the World volunteers.

We continue to pray

For the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the diocese and our givers. For God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this week

We pray for the health of the church members and friends.

We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed,

Celebrant: God of radiant light, your love illumines our hopes before we know them, and our needs before we ask. Kindle your flame within us, that in our prayers and service, we may know your transforming presence at work in the world around us. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence

Celebrant: 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 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**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:

And also with you

In all things that I have shown you that by so toiling, one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and work to the Lord.' **Acts 20:35**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory song:

The Doxology

(Sung to the tune of Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above the Heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament into the joy of your eternal kingdom. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

Communion Song

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal God, heavenly Father, we thank you because you have accepted us as living members of the Body of your Son Jesus Christ, and have nourished us with the Sacrament of his victorious life. May may your words on our lips speak peace to all people. Send us with vision and courage to love and serve your Son Jesus Christ and your people. So will your name be praised and glorified, now and in time to come, until all be fulfilled in you kingdom. **Amen**

The Blessing

Celebrant: And may the Peace of God which surpasses 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; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Prayers for Birthdays, Travelers, Wedding Anniversaries, Death.

We pray for God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this week especially Beth Dayrit, Luz Mack, Robert Milanes, Marietta Flores.

We continue to pray for the health of Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Marcelino Guillermo Jr., Elsie Ching, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Charmaine Marfori, Edna Marfori, Alma Beltran, Mariko Rubi-Suseoff, Raiden Rubi, Sonny Denoso, Alicia SanJuan, Michael Dobashi, Grace Garcia, Mary Crow. Ruth Hoppin, Tita Bartolata, Alona Pailano, Ray Flores, Editha Relente, Frankie Lino, Anna Angustia, Elizabeth Cudiamat, Christopher Officer, William Stevens, Becky Aquino, Dana Swears, Gabriella Bala, Teresita Cochangco, Robert Allan Bala, Carmela de Leon, Kat Kat Magpantary, Ellie Billington, Sally Martinez, Marcia Bowdish, Amelia QuinesBisre, Senaca Zeny Ramos, Sherrie Rubi.

We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially Alia Parangan, Ted Tronoff, Catalin Masqpil, Arnulfo Zumel Sr. Anastacio Ramos, Jed Christine Remedios, Primo Castaneda, Alejandria Bausajta, Stuart Hoppin, Bisbis Lee, George San Pedro

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of November

\$2929.00

**You may mail you pledges to our church at
777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015;
Thanks also to all our Church volunteers**

For their dedication and services to the Church and community.

Please submit names for prayer requests (Travels, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Deaths) no later than

Wednesday at 6PM. Prayer requests received after that day and time will be included in the following week's bulletin. Thank you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We give thanks to God for the ministries of:

Our Bishop's Committee, Liturgy and Worship, Lectors and Acolytes, Music Ministry, Altar Guild, Food Runners and Distribution, Church Building and Grounds Maintenance, and Online Ministry.

To all the faithful who join us always in our online worship service.' To God be the Glory
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Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God,



Advent Message 2023

In anticipation of Christmas 2023, a moment of profound spiritual reflection and preparation unfolds within the Christian Church calendar. For many of us, it is marked by decorating our homes and churches with glittering lights and garlands, the joy of cherished traditions and carols that herald the birth of a child in Bethlehem.

This awesome season is called Advent. It is a season of the four-week period before Christmas that joyfully celebrates the anticipation and coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

There are so many rich and meaningful traditions behind the season of Advent locally and as well as other parts of the globe.

At HCSM church, we prepare the sanctuary and Sunday liturgy in order to help us in our spiritual preparations during this period. The sanctuary is decorated with visuals of the season and the liturgical color is purple setting the mood of penance in preparing our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ, our Savior into our lives.

The 'advent wreath,' is one of the central symbols of the season. The wreath, which originated in Germany in the 16th century, is usually made of evergreen branches, features four candles (one for each week). The candles represent the themes of hope, love, joy, and peace.

During this Advent season, may we have time to slow down and be able to say 'no' to the things that distract us from God's presence and grace and say 'yes' to things that allow our hearts and minds to accept the gifts God has given us and work toward his ways of love and life in our relationship with ourselves, others and the world.

Blessings to you all!
Rev. Jureck+



Calendar of Events

December 17, 2023

**Christmas Party
And Gift Exchange**

December 24, 2023

Sunday Mass 10:30 m

December 24, 2023

Christmas Eve — 5:30 PM

December 25. 2023

Christmas Day 10:30AM