Sunday November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent



HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In Communion with the

Philippine Independent Church (PIC)

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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance song

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

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

Informal Introduction

Celebrant*:** 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.

Advent Wreath Rite

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.***
Amen.

The Lessons

The first reading is from the book of Isaiah

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

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

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

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

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

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

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

The second reading is from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

People: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark: 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"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 these things taking place, 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 or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Deacon	**The Gospel of the Lord**
People	**Praise to you Lord Christ**
Sermon	**The Rev. Jureck Fernandez**

Nicene Creed

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 worshiped 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
Form IV

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Reader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

People: Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: We give thanks for the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the Diocese of California and our beloved donors.

We give thanks for the ministry of the Bishop's Committee, the Music, Altar Guild, Lectors and Acolytes, Building and Grounds, Online, Outreach, and Food Pantry ministries.

We lift our prayers for the intentions of: Montalan, Quinere, Villalon, Angustia, Downs, Rubi, Bowdish, Gonzales, Dayrit, Flores, Perez, Padua, Fernandez families

We give thanks for the gift of life being celebrated this month by: Theresa Orrin, Marcia Bowdish, Lela Dobashi, Becky Aquino, Ruth Hioppin, Eugenia De Los Santos, Claudia Rojas, Fowler, Rosa Pumyacayo, Gregoria Delfin, Monica Flores, Monic Jacildo, Michael Beltran, Jadyen Fernandez, Nicholas Fernandez, Arnold Dayrit, Andrea Andua, Jeremy Jacildo, Jane Tronoff, Mila Canoy, Rene Castaneda, Susan Gabelo

We ask for the grace of healing and peace for: Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Edna Marfori, Alona Pailano, Ray Flores, Frankie Lino, Anna Angustia, Teresita Cochangco, Ellie Billington, Amelia Quinere, Susan Gabelo, Lily

Young, Debbie Yunevich, Ken Yunevich, Pablito Quinere, Arnold Dayrit, Nelly Sarmiento, Jane Tronoff, Myrna Villalon, Marlene Dayrit, Jennifer Downs, Mirella Pumacayo, Karen Gonzalez, Michael Quinere, Marcia Bowdish, Rev. Lynn Bowdish, Floreliza Sanchez, Christopher Officer, Sheena Officer, Mariko Rubi, Larry Susoeff, Maritess Clemente, Gil Galang, Lolita Lamsen, Alma Beltran, Brigette Encinas.

We pray for the eternal rest of the souls of: Rizalina B. Robles, Kent Billington, Leslie Fields, Jules Stock, Himaya Aurello, Verónica Ignacio, Luisa García Pagador

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Celebrant: Gracious Father, accept and grant our prayers if these are for our good and for the greater glory of your name. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: 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 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 li

Celebrant: *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: 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.

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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.
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*.**

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People:

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast, Alleuia!

Lamb of God: Sung

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, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 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 your kingdom. ***Amen***

(Prayer blessings for the Feast of Christ the King and Thanksgiving Celebration)

Blessing

May Christ the King bless you with faith that strengthens, hope that sustains, and love that guides your lives. **Amen.**

May God bless our church family with unity in diversity, joy in fellowship, and hearts always ready to welcome and serve one another. **Amen.**

May the Lord bless you with grateful hearts, generous spirits, and the grace to share your blessings with those in need. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer blessings for travelers, life's milestones and memorial

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

$1,847.52

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

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HCSM VISION

"A diverse, welcoming church embracing all to live and grow in faith, guiding our community to the healing presence of Christ."

An Advent Message: Liturgical Year B

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Advent is a season of hope, expectations, and new beginnings. As we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we are also invited to reflect on how we are growing in faith and how we are helping one another grow in Christ Jesus.

The season of Advent reminds us that God meets us wherever we are. God comes into our different stories, cultures, languages, and experiences. In Christ, our diversity is not a barrier but a gift. A gift that enriches our life together as a community of faith.

As a diverse and welcoming community, we are called to embrace each other, listen with open hearts, respect our differences, and celebrate what unites us. We may come from different backgrounds and speak different languages, but we all have one faith, one hope, and one Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our calling is not simply to gather as a diverse community but to become a community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, supported, and encouraged to grow in faith. We grow in Christ when we pray together, learn from one another, and extend God's love beyond our church walls.

This Advent, may we prepare not only our homes but also our hearts and minds. May we make room for Christ in our lives and make room for one another in our community.

May the light of Christ guide us, unite us, and strengthen us to become a church where all are welcomed, all are embraced, and all are allowed to live and grow in faith.

May this Advent season draw us closer to Christ and closer to one another,

With prayers and blessings from your priest,

The Rev. Jureck Fernandez

Calendar of Events

November 29, 2026	First Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2026	Bishop's Committee Meeting
December 13, 2026	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe HCSM Annual Christmas Party
December 25, 2026	Christmas Mass 10:30
January 9, 2027	Bishop's Committee Meeting
February 9, 2027	Bishop's Committee Meeting
February 21, 2027	Annual Meeting

A Prayer for Peace

Gracious God of peace, have mercy on our troubled world. Put an end to violence, mend divisions between peoples and nations, and guide all leaders in the paths of wisdom, justice, and compassion.

Comfort those in need, protect the vulnerable, and support all those working for reconciliation. Make us instruments of your peace, so that we can spread Christ's love wherever we go.

And may your peace be present in every heart, community, and nation until the day when swords are turned into plowshares and your kingdom of justice and peace is fully revealed.

We ask this in Jesus' name. ***Amen.***

