

About This Morning's Service

The season of Advent calls the church to be alert – to keep watch – for the Christ who wants to come and be born in us this Christmas. During the season of Advent, except for the 9:00 Pageant Presentation on December 18, we will keep watch by observing longer periods of silence throughout the service. We will also have less music than normal. Although our service will follow the same pattern in general, there is no printed order of service other than what you find below. We will use *The Book of Common Prayer* for the Great Thanksgiving. Our hope is that the silence will open us to Christ's presence. During the periods of silence, feel free to meditate on the readings, the texts below provided for reflection, or just sit in silence with God.

First Sunday of Advent Contemplative Eucharist

November 27, 2011 9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Words for Meditation

For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation. (Ps. 62.1)

The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son, and this Word he speaks always in eternal silence, and in silence must be heard by the soul.

Our greatest need is to be silent before this great God...for the only language he hears is the silent language of love. *John of the Cross*

How long shall I be in the world of the voice and not in the world of the word? For everything that is seen is voice and is spoken with the voice, but in the invisible world there is not voice, for not even voice can utter its mystery. How long shall I be voice and not silence, when shall I depart from the voice, no longer remaining in things which the voice proclaims? When shall I become word in an awareness of hidden things, when shall I be raised up to silence, to something which neither voice nor word can bring. *John the Solitary*

Prelude Adagio and Allegro from Sonate B-dur für Oboe und Basso Continuo Georg Philipp Telemann

Oboist: *Mark Ostoich*

Pianist: *Lyn Ostoich*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Silent Procession

Collect for Purity

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.*

A period of silence is observed following the collect.

Trisagion Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One (see attached)

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.*

A period of silence is observed following the collect.

First Reading 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.

A period of silence is observed following the reading.

Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said to his disciples, "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."

A period of silence is observed following the Gospel.

Sermon The Rev. Heather B. Wiseman

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

Prayers of the People

Offertory Allegro from Concerto in G Major for Oboe and Orchestra

Domenico Cimarosa

Oboist: *Mark Ostoich*

Pianist: *Lyn Ostoich*

The Great Thanksgiving begins on p. 367 of *The Book of Common Prayer*.

Music for Communion

The Days Between

arr. for oboe and piano, John Williams

Oboist: *Mark Ostoich*

Pianist: *Lyn Ostoich*

Recessional Hymn 57 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

The sanctuary will be available for silent prayer following the service.

Music for the Service

Trisagion Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One

(The Cantor sings the first Holy; Choir and Congregation sing the second and third Holys)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
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We continue to pray for those on our prayer list.

Carole Adams
Jason Albright*
Brandon Andrews*
Michael Biller*
Scott Birkley*
Braxton Boone
Matthew Bradford*
Marilyn Buckley
Connie Busemeyer
Vivienne Carlson
Michael Cassidy*
Michael J. Corban*
Chris Cravens*
Tony Creation*
John Crenshaw III*
Richie Delewski*
Jeanne Drach
Jordan Duvall*
Marilyn Erkens
Kyle M. Fester*
Nick Flannery*
Matthew Frank*
Alice Frye
Patty Fusaro
Anne Gambetta
Cindie, Gene and
Darien Garland*
Anthony Giardino*

Frank Hall
Alissa Harbolt
Shirley Hart
Susan Hymes
Anson Isaacs*
Mark Jacquez*
Sally Keller
Helen Kello
Ken Klem
B. J. Kosak
Pfc. Kasey Kozma*
Carol Kroger
Mary Lou Lanter
Valerie Lee*
Charlie Light*
Vincent Male
Micah Maupin*
Karen McCoy
Patrick McCoy*
Quinn McHugh
Ben Menner*
Ray Middleton
Jamie Miller
Roy Mitchell*
Sam Morton*
Madeleine Mulder
Peter Nowacki*

Katherine Porter
Dan Ripley*
Ryan Robinson*
Elaine Rudd
Michael Ryan*
Pat Ryan
Andy Schloemer*
Michelle Schlosser
Judy Schumacher
Lisa Scott-MacNeil
Jeremy Shipley
Sammy Simonson
Brenda Simpson
Jason Smith*
Kim Smith
Pat Smith
Eric Stetson*
Mel Vadas
Dorothy Waller
Mimi Webb
Anthony Wurster*
Leeland Young*
Tim Young*
Mark
Hospice Residents
El Hogar

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