



10:00 a.m. The First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

The Word of God

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Es ist gewisslich an der Zeit*
The day is surely drawing near

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God of light and our salvation, in your name we light this candle. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and the world. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.
You come to your people and set them free.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

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.*

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual 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 / cher'u-/bim.
- ² In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, / and ' Ma-/nasseh, *
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 ' your-/self.
- ¹⁷ And so will we never turn a-/way ' from / you; *
give us life, that we may call up-/on ' your / Name.
- ¹⁸ Restore us, O Lord / God ' of / hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we / shall ' be / saved.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal, #66

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of our Savior.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflection

The Rev. Marguerite Judson

The 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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly 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

In peace, we pray to you, gracious God.

O God, in the darkness of this Advent season, let us be guided by the light of your
word.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

We live in uncertain times, give us the humility and courage to trust in you and do
your will.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

Your people share feelings of longing and passion for a world of justice and peace, be a
lamp before our feet on this journey.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

We are a people adrift on a hurting planet, help us turn back to you.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

Our trust is born from the gift of love, wrap us in your healing embrace.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

We yearn for the birth of the Incarnate One, bless all whose lives have touched ours.

O come, Emmanuel, come.

We pray especially for those who have invited our prayers...

(Prayers of concern, intercession and thanksgivings from the community are read. Other prayers either silently or aloud are invited.)

Life-giving God, you hovered over the waters of the deep before time began. Likewise, hover over our anxious hearts, laden with earthly woes yet reverberating with hope, that in this season of anticipation we might faithfully tend the mysteries before us and prepare joyfully for your coming once again. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Hymnal, #68

1 Re - jice! re - jice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Greeting And Announcements

General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, source of all mercies, we give you our 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; and above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ as we anxiously await his coming. 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 working 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.*

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chorale Prelude on Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

O Thou, of God the Father

Announcements at St. Mary the Virgin

Welcome Visitors And Guests

November 29, 2020

Thank you for worshipping with us. The community of St. Mary's is gathering online in many days and ways throughout the week while we are sheltering-in-place. Strengthening our community and serving our neighbors is more important than ever in these challenging times. To learn more about the variety of our offerings, please email office@smvsf.org and we will stay in touch with you!

Please enjoy our online offerings from children, youth, and adults.

We look forward to traveling this journey of faith with you.

LINK TO OUR 9 A.M. FAMILY SERVICE ON ZOOM

St. Mary's warmly welcomes you to our weekly virtual family worship service at 9 a.m.

Please find the link in Highlights or by emailing marguerite@smvsf.org or office@smvsf.org to request the link.

LINK TO SMALL GROUP IN-PERSON WORSHIP GATHERINGS

St. Mary's is offering the opportunity to worship in small groups for Morning Prayer on Sundays. The service will be led by a layperson and, in keeping with prevailing health guidelines, there is no singing/chanting and no group recitations of any part of the service. This is not a Eucharist service. Participants have greatly appreciated the opportunity to pray and reflect on scripture together. We hope you will consider, if you are comfortable, joining one of these groups in worship. Details as to where the groups will meet and at what time can be found on our in-person worship service registration website [HERE](#). Please register by 2:00 p.m. on Friday for that Sunday's service.

Safety precautions will need to be maintained, which currently includes: social distancing, masks, no-touch/electronic bulletins (that will be posted on our website) and group leaders will keep attendance records of those who attend. Our virtual gatherings for Morning Prayer and Coffee Hour will also continue on Sundays!

If the air quality in your location exceeds 100 Air Quality Index (AQI). We will inform registered participants via email one hour before the event to let them know the event must be cancelled.

2020 VIRTUAL GIVING TREE

We are excited to invite your participation in a virtual Giving Tree this year, to provide either fleece jackets or towel sets to over 70 residents of a supportive housing program of the Episcopal Community Services. Get all the details [HERE](#), including a link to select the wrapped gift you will provide. There are LOTS of drop off options between November 22 and December 6th. Don't wait! Choose your gift and get it back to us in time to continue the strong St. Mary's tradition of making

someone's Christmas a more joyful one through the Giving Tree.

ADVENT TREASURES FOR 2020

As we prepare for a very different Christmas season in 2020, here are some tools to help you and your family dive deeper into Advent - our time of preparation.

Families with children will enjoy our special St. Mary's Advent Calendar introduced by Nancy Clark; or The Way of Love Advent Calendar offered by our Presiding Bishop; our list of favorite Children's Bibles which are all linked [here](#).

We also offer adults many ways to engage with the beautifully illustrated collection of daily meditations in [The Via Advent](#) which we are offering free of charge. This includes daily 3-5 minute video reflections by The Rev. David Erickson. LOTS of Advent treasures to explore this year!

THE VIA ADVENT: ADVENT DAILY MEDITATION READINGS (STARTING NOV. 27)

St. Mary's is excited to invite all parishioners to join in a parish wide Advent journey through the book, The Via Advent, by Shawn Small. The Via Advent is a celebration both of the birth of Christ and of those individuals whose faithfulness, patient supplication, and obedience to the high calling of God was so wonderfully rewarded. Presented to us in the context of their history and in the fullness of their humanity, the author

invites the reader to participate in the discovery of the Messiah through the lens of those whose lives intersected so dramatically with the great unveiling.

We have 100 copies of the book available at no cost to those who wish to join us on this journey. Books will be available at our in-person worship gatherings starting Nov. 22nd. You may also email Ashley Ryan at ashley@smvsf.org to request a copy of the book and we will get one to you! The ebook version is also available on amazon.com and it best read on a color tablet.

We will be talking about our experience on the Via Advent at our coffee hour after our Advent services, and Rev. David is offering a daily 3-5 minute recorded reflection every day during Advent. To participate in Rev. David's daily reflections please click [HERE](#).

We hope you will join us in this communal discovery of God's graciousness in being born among us as one of us!

ON #GIVINGTUESDAY, GIVE TO ST. MARY'S

GivingTuesday, a global initiative, was created to set aside a day that encourages people to give, collaborate, celebrate generosity and to take part in strengthening our communities and the world. GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, this year on Tuesday, Dec. 1. What better day to make a financial gift to St. Mary's or to make that pledge to St. Mary's annual stewardship campaign that you have been

meaning to do? Donations may be made [HERE](#) or by contacting The Rev. David Erickson at david@smvsf.org. As the Gospel of Matthew says, "...freely you have received; freely give." Take part on Dec. 1 in this season of giving by expressing your response to God's bountiful grace through a donation to St. Mary's.

ARE THE HOLIDAYS A DIFFICULT TIME FOR YOU? STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE HERE FOR YOU

Are you finding yourself sad, in pain, depressed, or alone during the holidays? Are you bereaved with the memory of a loved one who is not here to share the joy of the season with you? There are many reasons that we might find the holiday season the most painful time of the year, especially *this* year. St. Mary's lay Stephen Ministers are here now and all year to walk with you and make sure that you are not alone. Stephen Ministers provide trained Christ-centered pastoral support to people in times of crisis. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from a Stephen Minister, contact either the Rev. David Erickson, the Rev. Marguerite Judson, or Stephen Ministry coordinator David Crosson.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE SCHOLARSHIP 2021-2022

The St. Mary Magdalene Scholarship Fund was created by a generous bequest of a long-time parishioner of St. Mary the Virgin. This gift funds college scholarships for young women from the parish.

Scholarships will be available to young women attending college for the 2021-2022 school year. More information and 2 application forms are available on the St. Mary's website [HERE](#). One form is for new applicants and there is a different form for previous applicants who received scholarships last year. Applications will be due March 1, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Tatum at ruth.tatum@gmail.com.

HOPE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT: ST. MARY'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2021

Even in the midst of these unprecedented times, The Holy Spirit is present sustaining us and inspiring us to be witnesses of Christ's hope for the world. Now, St. Mary's needs your partnership in continuing to be an Instrument of God's grace in the world. We humbly ask that you prayerfully consider making a meaningful pledge towards the 2021 annual campaign. Pledge packets were recently mailed out. If you did not receive one, or if you have any questions about pledging, please contact Rev. David at david@smvsf.org. Pledge cards may be returned to the church via the mail or you may make a pledge at <https://smvsf.org/donation>.

NOTE FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

The Finance Team requests that parishioners use the memo line on all checks to indicate the purpose of their donation -- for example 2020 pledge payment or 2021 pledge payment or any

other designation such as Altar Flowers, Christmas Donation or any other purpose. The Finance Team sincerely thanks everyone who has responded to the request to complete pledge payments before the December rush!

DEC.1 DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

The members of the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin in San Francisco raise money each year through a special Tidings of Comfort and Joy fundraiser. These funds are distributed to Bay Area based non-profit organizations that serve disadvantaged and under-served populations in the Bay Area. Special consideration is given to organizations with connections to St. Mary the Virgin Church and/or the Episcopal Diocese of California.

We generally fund specific projects where we can see that our grants will make a difference. Individual grants are typically between \$1,000- \$4,000 and will be distributed by the end of February.

Deadline to apply is December 1.

If you know of any organizations that wish to be considered, please go to smvsf.org, Community tab, Grant Application for more details and to apply. Please contact Laura Wharton at grantteam@smvsf.org with any questions.

ST. MARY'S OUTER COURTYARD OPEN FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION

The outer courtyard of St. Mary's is now open for private devotion from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone is welcome to spend time there in prayerful reflection. We ask that all people wear a mask and maintain at least 6 feet of distance between other individuals. No reservation is necessary.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIRTUAL WORSHIP DURING THE WEEK (WEDNESDAYS, AND SUNDAYS)

To see the full extent of our weekly opportunities, check out the schedule listed on our website and weekly Highlights!

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR SUNDAYS AT 10:45 A.M.

After Sunday morning's online worship service, grab a mug of your favorite morning quaff and join the St. Mary's community for online fellowship during a Virtual Coffee Hour! We will gather via Zoom on Sunday at 10:45 a.m. allowing us to virtually gather and informally check in, catch up and perhaps share experiences of sheltering-in-place.

Simply click on the link [HERE](#).

YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend **Zoom Youth Group** from 5-6pm! [Follow this link](#) to hang out with your friends, have some fun conversation, and play some games. See you there!

We Pray For...

PARISHIONERS, RELATIVES and FRIENDS

Sacred Ground Circles at St. Mary's
Sharon Hala
The Allmett Family
Forester Davis
Scott Hala
Kyle Hala
Steve Warinner
Suzanne
Margaret Beck

CONTINUING PRAYERS

*Prayers are offered for ongoing concerns during the
Wed. 12:10 service.*

André Diedrichs
June
Pat Okimoto
Dorris Howard
Kevin Teeney
The Community at the Heritage
The Community of St. Francis
San Francisco Night Ministry
Jane
Pete
Quinn Charles Fay
Erich
Tim Eland
Phyllis Shepherd
Simon

RECENTLY DECEASED

Dick Bohannon
Austin Stevenson
Roger Hala
Norbert Hala
William F. Long, Sr.
Julie Mathis
Gretchen Dewitt
Molly Burke
Carolyn Jean Broyles
Stewart Austin
Penelope Alexandra

GLOBAL CONCERNS

For the people of Ethiopia's embattled
Tigray region and those who are fleeing
their homeland to Sudan.

For those with HIV/AIDS in Africa,
especially adolescent women, unable to
receive necessary medication due to the
shortage of public hospitals.

THANKSGIVINGS

For the imagination and creativity of
scientists, medical researchers and others
who are committed to the development
and testing of vaccines for Covid-19 and
refining treatments for those living with
HIV.

For Saudi women, who have formed the
first women's soccer league, reversing
years of gender exclusion in Saudi Arabian
sports.

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