



# Celtic Evensong and Communion Advent I

3 December 2017 5:00 pm

*We are so happy you are here.*

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.  
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.  
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

*Please remember to silence all devices*

## Opening Musical Meditation

*Creator of the Stars at Night*

*Plainsong*

## Opening

Go slowly  
Consent to it  
But don't wallow in it  
Know it as a place of germination  
And growth  
Remember the light  
Take an outstretched hand if you find one  
Exercise unused senses  
Find the path by walking in it  
Practice trust  
Watch for dawn.

*- Marilyn Chandler McEntyre from What To Do in the Darkness*

## Confession

**Most Holy God,**

**In the midst of this season of new life, we confess:**

**We have resisted the light of your love; we have not fully shared the gifts entrusted to us;  
and we have not treasured the gifts of others around us.**

**We stand in need of your love.**

**Holy Creator, make us holy**

**Holy Jesus, make us holy.**

**Holy Spirit, make us holy.**

**Holy God, make us whole. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

God forgives us and loves us, and invites us to continue the journey.

As a woman is delivered from the pain of her labor to the joy of cradling her child,  
**so we are delivered into God's grace.**

## Hymn #73

*O come, o come, Emmanuel vs. 1, 6, 8*

*Plainsong*

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## Evening Prayer

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.**

### The Reading

Mark 13:24-37

*Lector* Listen now to the Word of God

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 door-keeper 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."

*Lector* For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us and for the Word of God within us

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Silence

*During the silence, let the reading speak to you*

### Reflection

**Kathleen Tone**

*Two minutes of silence follows.*

### Music for Meditation

*Manx Carol*

*Celtic Tune*

### Prayers

O Holy One, you come to us anew this day. Prepare our hearts and reawaken our love as we, your Church, cast out the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. We offer prayers for the Episcopal Church's work of justice. *(People may offer prayers silently or aloud).*

And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
*And their spears into pruning books.*

Merciful God of peace, you call us from the exile of our sin with the good news of restoration; assist us in deeds of reconciliation, so that we may become one beloved community of God. We offer prayers for the nations of the world, that they may strive for unity and peace. *(People may offer prayers silently or aloud).*

And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
*And their spears into pruning books.*

Wise and loving God, you bear us for joy. In humility, show us wisdom. Awaken within us the desire to know rightly and the will to live justly, with grace and generosity. We offer prayers for those on our Parish Prayer List, and for those in any kind of need or danger. *(People may offer prayers silently or aloud).*

And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
*And their spears into pruning books.*

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God of hope, your word, spoken by the prophets, restores your people's life and dreams: Fill our hearts with the joy of your saving grace, that we may hold fast to your great goodness and proclaim your loving kindness. We offer prayers of hope for the world. *(People may offer prayers silently or aloud).*

And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
*And their spears into pruning hooks.*

*Leader* Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

*From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come for light prayers and healing.  
There are votive candles at the Lady Altar and at the table near the back.  
The healing station is near the door at the back of the Chapel.  
Please feel free to move about as the Spirit leads you.*

**Music during Prayers** *Huron Carol* *Celtic Tune*

**Hymn during Prayers #74** *Comfort, comfort ye my people* *Plainsong*

### **The Grace**

Holy One, whose coming we await, we lift our hearts to you: may we set down the tasks of the day so that we may arise renewed, to love and serve you. **Amen**

**The Peace** The peace of our Lord be always with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Please feel free to exchange the peace in any way you feel comfortable.*

## **The Holy Communion**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing "Glory" and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
 God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
 - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*Celebrant* We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit's love and a woman's body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth's darkest places.

We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

*People* **"Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."**

*Celebrant* After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:

*People* **"This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus., As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever.  
**AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

O Lamb of God, our Lord most ho - ly, who re - deems us from our  
sin. Have mer - cy on us, meek and low - ly, make us clean and pure with -  
in, grant us your peace we hum - bly pray, as we who wor - ship you to - day re - ceive your  
bo - dy and your blood, re - newed in faith by heav'n - ly food.

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### The Invitation

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### Communion

*All are invited to come and feast at God's table.*

*You may receive the bread in your hand, and if you wish, drink from the cup.*

### Music during Communion

*Voluntary*

### Concluding Prayer

**God, whose holy name defies our definition but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed:  
Make us one with all who cry for justice, that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Concluding Hymn #6

*Gather us in*

*New Celtic Tune*

### Concluding Blessing

May the Holy One come this night and open our hearts to the brightness of Love. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with us all evermore. Amen.

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## Dismissal

*Celebrant* God's bright glory will shine,  
*All* and everyone shall see it.

## Concluding Meditation

*Bring a torch*

*French Carol*

*May God's blessings be upon you and all whom you love.  
Please leave quietly.*

## Participants

Celebrant	The Reverend Manny Faria
Musician	Ryan Patten, keyboard,
Opening and Lesson	Kathleen Tone
Meditation	Kathleen Tone
Prayers	Priscilla Lemons
Chalice	Priscilla Leomns
Assisting at the Healing Station	Jane Stewart
Greeter	Jane Stewart

## Visitor Information

**Welcome to those of you here for the first time.** Please feel free to move about the space during the service, lighting candles or receiving the laying on of hands.

**All are welcome by God to the heavenly banquet.** The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

**Please join in the singing!** The songs are printed either in the leaflet or in our Celtic Hymnal.

**We are a self-supporting congregation,** so when you pass the plate at the back of the chapel, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

**When coming to communion,** please note that the bread is **gluten free**.

**We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church.** If you want more information, our web address is [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org). Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes can also be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

**We hope you find the service meaningful** and the community's hospitality inviting.

*Thank you for praying with us today.*

## Celtic Evensong and Communion: The Longest Night

On Sunday, December 17, we will offer a service called, "The Longest Night/A Blue Christmas." This is a time to pray with those who mourn or struggle during this season. This service accepts us where we really are, and holds out healing and hope. If you or anyone you know needs an hour of prayer in this sacred space, please be encouraged to come to the Celtic Service this week and bring others along.

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## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Debbie is leading pilgrims from The Diocese of Massachusetts on a trip to the Holy Land leaving this Friday. Two of these pilgrims are parishioners Joanne Moar and Eric Wagner. They will return on Thursday.

While they are away, all issues and concerns should be directed to the Junior Warden, David Ashton, at 617-216-4146. If there is a pastoral concern, he will contact The Rev. Manny Faria, Rector of St. Peter's, Beverly.

Charles Dickens'

# A Christmas Carol

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## Our Prayers are offered for

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