

Church of St. Aidan  
2020 Advent Order of Service  
Sundays / 9:30 AM / on Zoom

Solo hymn

Welcome and lighting of Advent candle

Prayer

Children's Song: *Light One Candle*

*Presider* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

Trisagion **Holy God, holy and mighty,  
holy immortal one, have mercy upon us. (x3)**

Collect of the Day

First reading, concluding with:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel reading:

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

*All* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Gospel is read, concluding with:

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Advent Affirmation of Faith:

*Priest* It is not true that creation and the human family  
are doomed to destruction, disease and loss –

*All* **This is true:**

**The sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.**

*Priest* It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination,  
hunger and poverty, death and destruction –

**All** This is true:  
Jesus said, "I have come that you may have abundant life."

*Priest* It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word,  
and that war and destruction will rule forever —

**All** This is true:  
Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called wonderful counsellor, mighty God,  
the Everlasting, the Prince of peace.

*Priest* It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil —

**All** This is true:  
Jesus said, "To me is given authority in heaven and on earth,  
and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

*Priest* It is not true that our hopes for justice, dignity and peace for all  
are not meant for this earth and for this history —

**All** This is true:  
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
The kingdom of heaven is among us.

*Priest* So let us enter Advent in hope,  
even hope against hope.

Let us see visions of love, healing and justice.

Let us affirm with humility, with joy, with faith, with courage:

**All** Jesus Christ — the Light of the world.

### Prayers of the People

Penitence and Absolution:

*Priest* God be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

*Priest* May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All** Christ, have mercy.

*Priest* You have made known your salvation,  
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All** Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,  
in Jesus Christ you have given us  
a peace that cannot be destroyed.  
Forgive us our sins,  
open our eyes to your truth,  
strengthen us to do your will  
and give us the joy of your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*All* **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.**

The Peace:

*Priest* The peace of Christ be with always with you.

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

Closing prayer

Advent Blessing:

*Priest* Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life. And the blessing of our gracious God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be among and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

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Dismissal and coffee-hour Zoom groups