Reflecting Christ’s Image Through Inclusive Relationships, Unconditional Love, and Joyful Service

First Sunday in Advent
November 29, 2020

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Cor 12:26
RINGING OF THE CHIMES

*For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.*

**PROCESSION**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  

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**WELCOME**

The Great Litany

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.  

**Spare us, good Lord.**
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**
We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way, 

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the President-Elect, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.
That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou gives us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word, 

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*
That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Joseph The Worker, Blessed Francis of Assisi, the Blessed Saints of Calvary and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
**Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,
**Grant us thy peace.**

O Christ, hear us.
**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.
The 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 Reading from the Book of 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Response

Psalm 80:1-7,16-18

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
    Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
    O Lord God of hosts,
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
    Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
    And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
    Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
A Reading from 1 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: 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 the Lord.

**People**: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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: 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 (s)he is worshipped and glorified. (S)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.

**+ Passing the Peace**

You are invited to share a socially distanced sign of God's Peace in sign language.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
**People:** And also with you.

**Announcements**

Celebrant: Are there any announcements on behalf of the community?

**The Holy Communion**

For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

**OFFERTORY**  
*We Plow the Fields and Scatter*  

The people’s offerings are collected and brought forward to the altar. As we offer all these gifts to God’s work, we pray (please stand):

\[\text{Text of the prayer goes here.}\]
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Presider: All things come of thee, O Lord.
People: And thine own have you given thee.

+ Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
    Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues
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;

The Celebrant continues
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 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,

> **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, then says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. All are welcome at God’s table.

**Please be seated.**

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**We welcome all God’s people, regardless of church affiliation,**
**to receive the Body of Christ at God’s table.**

*Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to your pew.*

**Gluten-free wafers are available.**

*Please let the communion minister know before they hand you bread.*
For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

**COMMUNION**

*Humbly I Adore Thee*

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After all have received communion, the people kneel or sit as we pray:

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

When birthdays and anniversaries are celebrated:

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Sending Forth into the World**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

For those worshipping in-person, please remember to sing in your heart and not out loud.

**RECESSIONAL**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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KEEP AWAKE - Mark 13:24-37

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come.
Prayer Requests

CALVARY MEMBERS
Jan B., Gwen, John H, Brynn, Kelly, Callie, Lynn L., PK (Elizabeth), Angelo, Amauri, Jayne (Kellan), Janis Family, Carol Halla, Dirk (Schuurmann), Nancy Casper, Bill Kendall, Sally McC., Lee Davis, Eileen, Alex (Castle), Kyle (Castle), Rocky, Harrison, Crystal Hacker, Alyssa, Lynda Neely, Bruce Schuurmann, Gloria, Jim N., Audrey, Marge, Carol, Kelly, Harrison

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, IN NEED, OR EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP
Leah (Sally), Carolyn (Hansen) Kat, Mic (Neely) Tuskey family, Maeann, Kari, Rich (Jensbys), Trever, Bev Madsen (DOK), Abby & Family (Carla), Rina (Carol), Kathleen, Jack, Kathy, Gwen, Lisa, Mike, Sheldon (Gwen), Ruben Calvillo (Alyssa), Al Thompson (Morrice Family), Richard Sr. (Nolans), Wayne (Gladys Smith), Nancy (Gladys Smith), Ashlee Neely, Brian Herbert (Liz), Larry (Tony S.), Janice Berrier, Tom Murphy (Liz), Emily Hennings (Suzanne), Paul & Jayne, Sy & Eddie (Tanisha), Michael, Anthony & Gabrielle Olson (Hock), Jim Shannon, Bett Wood, and Nicholas Carl (A. Pruitt)

MISSIONARIES
Alpha & Yakha Traore, Rev. Pat in Guinea West Africa with Connecting with Love, Fr. Russ & Heidi Smith

CANDIDATES FOR THE 13th BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO
The Reverend Canon Paula Clark
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The Reverend Winnie Varghese

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HOME BOUND
Jim H.

FOR THOSE IN PRISON
Gary

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES/FIRST RESPONDERS
Alyssa Elliott, Edgar Arellano (Cortesi), Cdr. Eric M. Casper, USCG, Clint (Pardue), Michael Jancaric

FOR THOSE INVOLVED AT MAGDALENE HOUSE MINISTRY
Gwen O’L. & Ada C.

COLLEGE STUDENTS
Austin Nolan, Hannah Dakis, Phoebe Ceplecha, Kyle Castle, Benjamin Dakis, Ryan Hentrich
Immigrant Solidarity DuPage needs our continued help! We have committed to collecting diapers and wipes for ISD to distribute to families in need.

Every Saturday morning, ISD hosts a food distribution and they can always use more volunteers! If you are interested, please arrive at 8am.
St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 155 N. Prince Crossing Rd., West Chicago

**Supporting our Youth**
Alyssa Elliott has been serving in the middle east with the Army National Guard for over 6 months. She would love to hear from her family at Calvary! Please feel free to write her a note or card. Additionally, Michael Jancaric is currently in basic training! Feel free to send him a card as well:

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**Daily Devotions**

**Tuesday Morning Devotional on Facebook Live**
Join Marilyn Stein and members of your church family for prayer, devotion and reflection. We will be using Forward Day by Day for our daily inspiration.

**Pledge Commitment for 2021**
Please remember to return your pledge card if you haven’t already done so. The executive committee will begin working on the budget for 2021, and pledges are imperative to creating an accurate budget. Thank you for your continued generosity.

“Showing God’s Love
Through Prayer and Service”
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