

# The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

## Vision Statement

To be a welcoming, inclusive Christian community growing in faith through worship, prayer, study, and social action.

## Our Mission Priority

Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.

## St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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# Holy Eucharist

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**Prelude** *Prelude on "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland"*  
*(Savior of the nations, come!)*

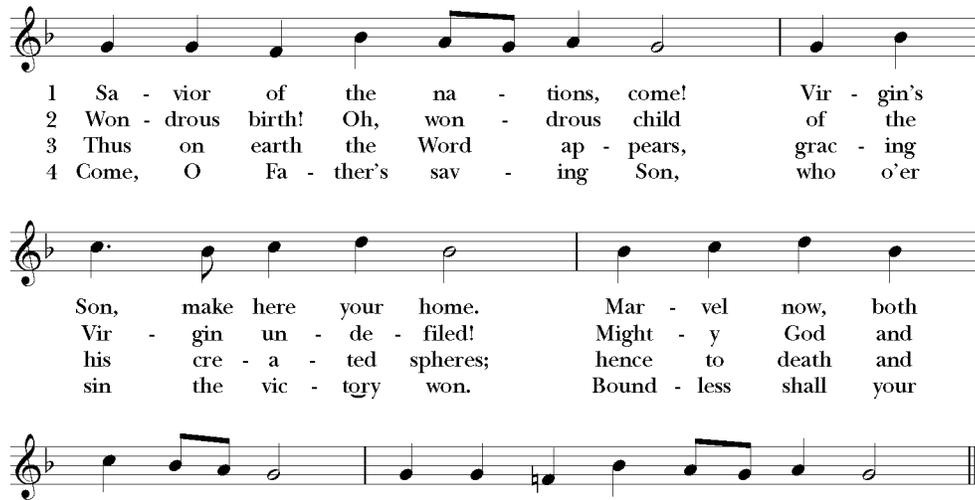
Lionel Rogg (b. 1936)

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

**Celebrant** 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.

**All** Amen.

## Hymn 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The person appointed will light the Advent Wreath.*

**Celebrant** For the Darkness of waiting, of not knowing what is to come, of staying ready and quiet and attentive, we praise you, O God:

**People** For the darkness and the light are both alike to you. *from a poem by Janet Morley*

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** 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.

**People** Amen.

## Kyrie eleison

Organ All

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_ have

mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a 4-measure organ introduction. The first line of music is for the organ, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.' The second line is for the choir, with lyrics 'Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.' The third line is for the organ, with lyrics 'Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy.' The fourth line is for the organ, with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_ have'. The fifth line is for the organ, with lyrics 'mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_'.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The 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.

*Lector*  
*People*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Let us pray this portion of Psalm 80 together.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
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 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 those at your right hand, \*  
those whom you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 So we may never turn away from you, \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

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  
People

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 56

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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.”

Deacon  
People

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Jamie Barnett

*A moment of silent reflection is observed.*

The Creed

1 O we be - lieve in God al - might - y,  
2 O we be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered,  
3 O we be - lieve in God's own Spi - rit,

au - thor of all things that be, The mak - er of the  
scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied; was tak - en from the  
bond - ing all the saints with - in one church, cath' - lic

earth and heavens, the keep - er of the sky and sea.  
cross, was bur - ied— True Life there had tru - ly died.  
and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;

We be - lieve in God's son, Je - sus, now for us both  
We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up  
in the bo - dy's re - sur - rec - tion, for the break - ing

Lord and Christ, of the Spirit and of Mary  
 from the grave, then as-cend - ed to God's right hand. He  
 of death's chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing.

born will to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 come to judge and save.  
 This the faith that we have claimed.

## The Prayers of the People

- Leader* Waiting and watching for our sure and certain hope, let us pray for the world redeemed, the church reformed, and for all people restored in the coming one.
- Leader* O Wisdom from on high, you come and dwell among us, granting strength and sustenance for all. Feed the flock of your whole creation, that the ends of the earth may rejoice in your abundant supply. Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O Key of David, you unlock your gates of glory and splendor, and even the trees of the field clap their hands and the mountains and hills ring out their joy. Strengthen our commitment to care for your whole creation that it may continue to sing your praises. Lord in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O Lord of might, you stir up your power and come, revealing yourself to us in lowliness and service. Inspire all who serve your church as bishops, priests, and deacons that they may serve faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O Branch of Jesse, your arms reach out with healing and wholeness. Grant this healing to all nations, that violence and destruction would give way to peace and harmony among all peoples of the earth. We offer thanksgiving for our many ministries and outreach partners. We especially pray for the work of the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, the Episcopal Public Policy Network, and all the parishes and missions of the Diocese of Los Angeles. Are there other thanksgivings? (pause), Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O Dayspring from on high, your presence spills over like a fountain, bringing light for all in any darkness. Comfort those for whom the burden of anxiety and depression is heavy, that they may see your light and know your love. We pray for those who have asked for our prayers, especially Khia and the Bautista Family, Katie Davis, Rhett Dupke & the Dupke Family, Jared Lipscomb, Mike Mason, Marian, James & Kathleen Quinlan, Joe Kennedy, Amador Rondilla, Archie Sunga, Matthew Weatherman, Dee Dee Weisner, and those who have asked for our prayers but prefer to remain anonymous. We also pray for those on our long-term prayer list. Please add those in your own prayers, (pause), Lord, in your mercy,
- People* **Hear our prayer.**
- Leader* O Emmanuel, you are with us, offering comfort for our sorrows and healing for our souls. We bless you for our beloved dead who are now at rest in you. Today we remember Marj Carhart, Bill Jacobson, and Raymond Riebs. Please add those in your own prayers,

(pause), Keep us one with them in the blessed hope of the resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* Hear our prayer.

*Leader* Alert and on guard for the coming of the Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting all things to your never-failing love in Jesus Christ our Savior.

*People* Amen.

*Leader* Let us pray for all those affected by the coronavirus.

*People* O Most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee to you for comfort. Deliver us, we pray, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use for their cure, and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts to that heavenly wisdom which leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*We make our common confession, praying together*

**M**ost merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* Amen.

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### Hymn 617

*Unison or harmony*

1 E - ter - nal Ru - ler of the cease - less round  
2 We would be one in ha - tred of all wrong,  
3 Oh, clothe us with thy heaven - ly ar - mor, Lord,  
of cir - cling plan - ets sing - ing on their way,  
one in the love of all things sweet and fair,  
thy trust - y shield, thy word of love di - vine;

guide of the na - tions from the night pro - found  
 one with the joy that break - eth in - to song,  
 our in - spi - ra - tion be thy con - stant word,

in - to the glo - ry of the per - fect day;  
 one with the grief that trem - bleth in - to prayer;  
 we ask no vic - to - ries that are not thine;

rule in our hearts, that we may ev - er be  
 one in the power that makes thy chil - dren free  
 give or with - hold, let pain or plea - sure be;

guid - ed and strength - ened and up - held by thee.  
 to fol - low truth, and thus to fol - low thee.  
 e - nough to know that we are serv - ing thee.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* Glory to you for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* By your will they were created and have their being.

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

*Celebrant*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People*

**By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est.

*The People may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues*

**A**nd so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People* We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers;  
God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the  
presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only,  
and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit  
in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People* Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to  
whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from  
generation to generation.

*All* Amen.

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All* **O**ur 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 Fraction

*A period of silence is kept, during which the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

Choir

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

All

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

**M**ay the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People*

Amen.

**Hymn 57**

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** *Prelude on “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland”, BWV 661*  
*(Savior of the nations, come!)* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

## Long-Term Parish Prayer List

St. Michael's Parish renews its long-term prayer list every six months. All names not requested to be continued are removed at the end of February and August, and new names posted as we are made known of them. Of course, names may be continued from one period to the next. Contact the office at (818.763.9193) or e-mail (administrator@stmikessc.org) and we will be glad to join our prayers with yours.

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Grayson Arroyo	James Hathaway	Suzanne Kuenzig	Sara Olsher
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Danielle Boutin	Marti Heil	Linda Lutz	Jonathan Yanga
Digna Fajardo	Marion Heyn	Jibralta Merrill	Elizabeth
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