

Come, Lord Jesus: SSP Holy Communion in Advent

Opening Rites

Opening Song and Procession

On the first Sunday, the Rector explains

We are starting another new calendar year in the Christian world this morning. The first season of the calendar is called the Advent Season and today is the first Sunday of Advent. For four Sundays before Christmas, we take this chance to be reminded of the advent of Christ's return.

To help us with this, we embark on a special Advent Liturgy to keep our eyes on the hope of Christ's return.

As Luke 21:28 says, "Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Let us join our hearts in praying "Come, Lord Jesus" this season. Let us rise for the opening song.

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

"美妙主耶穌"

美妙主耶穌, 萬物祢在看顧,
祢是上帝成做世人;
主我所仰望, 主我所尊崇,
我歡喜主做我君王.

青翠的草埔, 花草上的甘露,
春天美麗樹木香花;
主更加聖潔, 主更加清香,
憂傷的靈會得釋放.

Fair is the sunshine fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast
Amen.

日頭照全地, 暗暝月亮美麗,
天上星辰閃耀不停;
主更加榮耀, 主更加光明,
天地無物會可比併. 阿們.

Prayers of Penitence

Celebrant

Let us kneel and pray.

1st Week

Celebrant

Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In His light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins using the Confession of Sin.

All

Most 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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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. *Amen.*

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading(s)

Acts 4:1-22

1 Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: 9 If we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a [a]notable miracle has been done through them is evident[b] to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. 17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.” 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. 22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

After each reading

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Advent Lighting

Celebrant

As it is the Advent Season again, we carry on with our tradition of lighting the Advent Candles during the Sunday services leading to Christmas Day.

Each Sunday of Advent recalls for us one specific virtue that is rightly associated with the first coming and the return of Christ. These virtues recall to us how we are to conduct ourselves as we wait for the return of Christ.

Our first virtue this week is HOPE and we have invited the family of Bro. Jun Yu to do the honors of reading for us the Advent lesson and lighting the first candle.

(Show video)

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (cf Isaiah 40.3–5)

The holy Gospel of our coming King, according to **Luke 21:25-31**

All Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Luke 21:25-31

25 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; 26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

29 Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. 30 When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. 31 So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praises be to Thee, O Christ.

Sermon (<https://youtu.be/vys7CXgaYFE>)

Affirmation of Faith

This, or a creed or other authorized Affirmation of Faith is used

We say together in faith:

All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

All for by His will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

All for with His blood, He purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Extemporaneous or other forms of prayers may be used in place of below.

The Leader and People pray responsively

O God, our King, we Your children are being attacked on every side. As the world seeks to deceive us, consume us, and persecute us...

Father, we pray for Your holy catholic Church;

That we may be one.

There is nothing better, nothing more purposeful, than to fulfill Your will for our lives. And so we pray...

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve You;

That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

Protect the shepherds of Your church, Father, that we may be shielded from anything that will dishonor Your name...

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of Your Word and Sacraments.

As we continue to battle this pandemic and the many evils of this world, we lift up to You our government and...

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lord, we have so much good to share to the world but we are so often caught up by the sinfulness of our hearts. We need You to enable us.

Give us grace to do Your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in Your sight.

As we approach the Christmas season, we know of so many who are in need of joy during this time.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise You for Your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in Your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

The celebrant concludes with this prayer

Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve You with joy for ever. Amen.

The Peace

The Celebrant may use either one of the following introductions

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another the sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Offertory

During the Offertory, a hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung.

One of the following, or some other appropriate sentence of Scripture, may be used

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

A song will be sung in place of the actual offertory.

“Take My Life And Let It Be”

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Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Verse 2

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee

Verse 4

Take my silver and my gold
Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose
Amen

“我的生命獻給祢”

我的生命獻給祢，
做祢差用到一世，
時時刻刻獻給主，
歸榮光祢萬年久. (2x)

我的手從祢命令，
獻給我主做差用，
我足也要為祢獻，
常常替祢行不倦. (2x)

我的聲音給祢用，
歡喜讚美主無停，
我獻口舌來宣揚，
播傳福音愛救人. (2x)

我的金銀獻給祢，
不敢完全為自己，
我的才幹祢賞賜，
甘願還祢做器具. 阿們.

The Great Thanksgiving

We now proceed with the Remembrance of the Eucharist as we anticipate the day when we can share in the one bread and one cup once again.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give 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.

Because You sent Your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of everlasting life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing.

Therefore, we praise You, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Glory be to Thee, O Lord Most High. Amen.

The people kneel or stand.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: in Your infinite love You made us in Your image; and when we fell into sin and became subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for all mankind, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

In the absence of a priest, the Celebrant may skip this portion.

On the night He was betrayed, 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, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We remember our redemption, O Father, in observing these things. We recall His death, resurrection, and ascension, and we align ourselves anew.

Sanctify us, we pray, that we may faithfully serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ. All honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, Son, Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

Celebrant

Let us take this time to tell God our thoughts in reflection of what Christ has done.

Moment of Silence

These words may be said

Our Lord says, I am coming soon.

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

May the Lord, when He comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet Him when He comes in glory.

And the blessing of God Almighty: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all now and forever. Amen.

Announcements

1. 3rd Official Announcement of Vestry Candidates

i. Names

1. 洪鴻榮 Ang, Arthur
2. 吳文勝 Chavez, Charles
3. 徐展庚 Chee, Fitzgerald
4. 潘麗蘭 Chua, Lilan
5. 梁瑛慈 Poh Leung, Angie
6. 呂良煌 Lu, Arthur
7. 謝興明 Ong, Christian
8. 呂伊尺 Rubio, Ervin
9. 許文龍 Tacuboy, Sydney
10. 鄭靜如 Ty, Janet
11. 楊志盛 Yu, Edward

ii. Eligibility to vote:

1. 21 years old
 2. Confirmed or Received members of the Parish
2. We would like to remind everyone again that the election will be next week.
- a. For those who will vote online, watch out for your links by 7am in your emails and mobile phones.

- b. For those who are voting via drop box, you can drop by starting this Wednesday from 8am to 5pm to submit your ballots. We will only accept ballots until next week, Sunday at 5pm.
- 3. We also have good news. We will be resuming our services on December 12—that's two weeks from now. There will be only one service for now at 9am. Livestream will still be available same time and can still be accessed on our website and YouTube channel after the service.
 - a. Only fully vaccinated people will be accommodated so that's 12yo and even those who are past 65 years of age. We would be asking you to show your vaccination cards upon arrival.
 - b. For now, we will only accommodate up to 50% capacity, that's around 312 people and everyone will still be required to register to ensure you will have a seat.
 - c. Walk-ins will still be allowed but note that we can only accommodate you if seats will still be available.
 - d. Face shields are optional.
 - e. We are also still observing other health protocols like temperature check and making sure you only come if you are not exposed and have no symptoms. Contact tracing protocols will still also be in place so please be guided by our servers as we will still have a seating arrangement.
 - f. Watch out for our updated video soon to be reminded of our other safety protocols.
 - g. Hope to see everyone as we look forward to a merrier Christmas this year.
- 4. Lastly, we know that worshipping online has been difficult for some and there will be more who still cannot make it back on December 12. To encourage you to keep on and maximize our online services, our Nurture and Discipleship Committee has prepared testimonials from different members on how the online services have helped them throughout the quarantine period. You may vide the testimonies on our Facebook page and also on our website.

Closing Song

“Lead Me To Some Souls Today”

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Lead me to some soul today
O teach me Lord just what to say
Friends of mine are lost in sin
And cannot find their way
Few there are who seem to care
And few there are who pray
Melt my heart and fill my life
Give me one soul today

“求主今日引導我”

求主今日引導我，
請教導我傳揚真理；
有親友罪中失喪，
無法找到正路。
沒有人關心照顧，
沒有人替伊祈禱；
熔我心，充滿我靈，
使我領人歸祢。