

Second Sunday before Advent

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **449** *New English Hymnal*

In the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon ✠ and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you

alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.

All remain standing for the COLLECT.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Dan 12.1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel.

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 16

℟. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

(All repeat)

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you;
I say to the Lord, 'You are my God.
O Lord it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' ℟.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight;
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
R. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. *R.*

O Lord you will show me the path of life;
the fullness of joy in your presence,
and at your right hand
are pleasures for evermore. *R.*

SECOND READING *Heb 10.11–14,19–25*
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Alleluia.

Be watchful and remain constant in prayer:
that you may stand with confidence before
the Son of Man.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Mk 13.1–8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no-one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

A SERMON *may follow.*

All stand to recite 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, *(all bow)* was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. *(all rise)* 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:
 V. Lord, hear us. R. Lord, graciously hear us.
 or V. Lord, in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:
 V. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord;
 R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:
 Merciful Father,
 Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN

1. Church of God, elect and glorious,
 Holy nation, chosen race,
 People for God's own possession,
 Royal priests and heirs of grace:
 Know the purpose of your calling;
 Show to all his mighty deeds;
 Tell of love that knows no limits,
 Grace that meets all human needs.
2. God has called you out of darkness
 Into his most marvellous light,
 Brought his truth to life within you,
 Turned your blindness into sight.
 Let your light so shine around you
 That God's name is glorified,
 And all find fresh hope and purpose
 In Christ Jesus crucified.
3. Once you were an alien people,
 Strangers to God's heart of love;
 But he brought you home in mercy,
 Citizens of heav'n above.
 Let his love flow out to others;
 Let them feel a Father's care,
 That they too may know his welcome
 And his countless blessings share.
4. Church of God, elect and holy,
 Be the people he intends:
 Strong in faith and swift to answer
 Each command your master sends.
 Royal priests, fulfil your calling
 Through your sacrifice and prayer;
 Give your lives in joyful service—
 Sing his praise, his love declare.

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.
 Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
 May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.
 Lord, grant that the offering we make to you may help us to grow in holiness and bring us to eternal life in heaven; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.**
**Blessed is he ✠ who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:
Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:
... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.
**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, the power and
the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: have mercy on us. (x 2)**
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world: grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.
Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is distributed.

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.
Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you
give substance to our hope: bring us at the
last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

... The blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.
∩. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:
℞. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∩. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
℞. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary ...

∩. And the Word was made flesh:
℞. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary ...

∩. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:
℞. **That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,
was made known by the message of an angel,
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**