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## The First Sunday in Advent

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**Color of the Day:** BLUE-the color of the sky-helps convey that powerful message. Our Christian faith rests on the hope that Christ, who came in history assuming our flesh, will also return on the last day of time from that same blue sky he ascended long ago. Advent, a preparatory time of waiting and watching, communicates the message of hope.



**Opening Hymn** ..... #351 - Creator of the Stars of Night

**Confession and Absolution** ..... Page 184

### ✠ ✠ ✠ Service of the Word ✠ ✠ ✠

**Introit** ..... Page 186

*Ps 89:6, 14-16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.*

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Who in the skies can be compared | to the LORD?\*

Who among the heavenly beings is | like the LORD?

Righteousness and justice are the foundation | of your throne;\*  
steadfast love and faithfulness go be- | fore you.

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,\*  
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day\*  
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

For our shield belongs | to the LORD,\*  
our king to the Holy One of | Israel.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**Kyrie** ..... Page 186

**Hymn of Praise (OMITTED DURING ADVENT)** ..... Page 187

**Salutation & Collect of the Day** ..... Page 189

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Old Testament Reading** ..... Page 190

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

<sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

**Gradual** ..... Page 190

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.\*

Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.

Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.\*  
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

**Epistle Reading** ..... Page 190

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

<sup>9</sup> What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

**Alleluia & Verse** ..... Page 190

**Holy Gospel** ..... Page 190

*Luke 19:28-40*

<sup>28</sup>When he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The

Lord has need of it.”<sup>32</sup> So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them.<sup>33</sup> And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”<sup>34</sup> And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”<sup>35</sup> And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.<sup>36</sup> And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road.<sup>37</sup> As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen,<sup>38</sup> saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”<sup>39</sup> And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.”<sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

**Creed** ..... Page 191/192

**Children’s Message**

**Hymn of the Day** ..... #332 – *Savior of the Nations, Come*

**The Sermon**

*Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>*

**Introduction**

This morning we are reminded of the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Today is the First Sunday in \_\_\_\_\_ .

**One View of the Future**

One view of the future is \_\_\_\_\_ .

According to our human nature \_\_\_\_\_ .

Apart from Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ .

Our text says \_\_\_\_\_ .

**A Christian View of the Future**

As Christians \_\_\_\_\_ .

We take refuge in \_\_\_\_\_ .

**But We Have God’s Promise**

We have God’s promise \_\_\_\_\_ .

God Word \_\_\_\_\_ .

We ask \_\_\_\_\_ ?

We look with joy and \_\_\_\_\_ .

**The Advent of Our King**

We begin Advent talking about the end times because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ,  
because \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
and because \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Other Notes or Questions for Pastor:**

**Offertory** ..... Page 192

**Offering & Prayer of the Church** ..... Page 193

*Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.*

✠ ✠ ✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠ ✠ ✠

**Preface** ..... Page 194

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** ..... Page 195

**Lord’s Prayer** ..... Page 196

**The Words of Our Lord & Pax Domini.** ..... Page 197

**Agnus Dei** ..... Page 198

**Distribution** ..... Page 199

*Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.*

**Distribution Hymns.** ..... #353 – *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*  
#897 – *O Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly*  
#508 – *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

**Nunc Dimittis** ..... Page 199

**Thanksgiving** ..... Page 200

**Salutation & Benedicamus** ..... Page 201

**Benediction** ..... Page 202

**Closing Hymn** . . . . #348 - *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*