



**Christ Church of Arlington
Order for the Worship of God
First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021**

* Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9

Leader: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries:

ALL: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Leader: Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

ALL: "Behold your God!"

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Waiting/Longing

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Confession of Sin

ALL: 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.

Silent Confession of Sin

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13, 14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

* Song of Adoration

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

* Please stand (if possible)

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading

John 10:1-21

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* Song of Preparation/Dedication

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Sermon

The Good Shepherd

Rev. Jimmy Choi

* Song of Response

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

* Advent Doxology

* Benediction

[†] Catholic in this sense means "universal, across all nations and cultures."

Sermon Notes

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