



## ADVENT I

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC  
November 29, 2020

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Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "An Advent Meditation", setting by David Lasky

### Acclamation

Presider Blessed is our God, now and forever, unto the ages of ages.  
People **Amen! Glory to God! Glory to God!**

### 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 Holy Gospel** Mark 13:24-37

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "But 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."

People            The Gospel of the Lord.  
                    **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

## **The Homily**

**Musical Interlude** "Watchman, tell us of the night", setting by Healey Willan

**The Prayers** (For individual use or with a family)

*At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.*

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may come to recognize in our assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who are sick may find comfort especially: **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Dave Bowman, Lucas Sams, Missy Sams, Justin Sams, Maggie Dusenbery, Jeff Glutz, Sarah Erickson and Ron Aycock,** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those celebrating birthdays may be renewed in spirit and hope: **Ron Aycock (30<sup>th</sup>); Margaret Apps (6<sup>th</sup>),** let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That those who have died from the Coronavirus and those who have died in the peace of Christ may see the Light of all lights, (*Silence*) let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

### **The Advent Blessing**

The people stand.

May 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. **Amen.**

**Voluntary** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", setting by Chuck Marohnic

### **Notes**



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