

# MORNING PRAYER

## ADVENT ONE

### NOVEMBER 29, 2020

PRELUDE: CHORALE PRELUDE ON *WACHET AUF! RUFT UNS DIE STIMME*  
(JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH)

#### OPENING SENTENCE

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

*Mark 13:35, 36*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

#### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

**R: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

***Alleluia***

#### THE VENITE

Our King and Saviour now draws nigh: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**Our King and Savoir now draws nigh: Come let us adore him.**

For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**Our King and Savoir now draws nigh: Come let us adore him.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**Our King and Savoir now draws nigh: Come let us adore him.**

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## THE PSALM APPOINTED

### Psalm 25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 ***Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.***
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 ***Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.***
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 ***Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.***
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 ***He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.***
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## THE LESSONS

## A READING FROM ISAIAH 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence-- as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## CANTICLE 9: THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH ECCE, DEUS

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.***

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

***And on that day you shall say, \****

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.***

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

## A READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to

the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## SEQUENCE HYMN #721: SIGNS OF ENDINGS ALL AROUND US

### A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 13:24-37

"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."

The Word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE SERMON

Peregrine Kavros

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
***the Father almighty,***  
***creator of heaven and earth.***  
***I believe in Jesus Christ,***  
***his only son, our Lord.***  
***He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit***  
***and born of the Virgin Mary.***  
***He suffered under Pontius Pilate,***  
***was crucified, died, and was buried.***  
***He descended to the dead.***  
***On the third day he rose again.***  
***He ascended into heaven,***

*and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.*

## THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us 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***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for The Anglican Communion. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to

prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN in their ministries of building relationships to increase the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for families unable to gather over the holidays.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, Bartow, Joseph, Robert, and Tricia & Don.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

***Hear our prayer.***

## COLLECT FOR 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.***

## CLOSING HYMN #57: LO! HE COMES, WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING (vv. 1,2,4)

Let us bless the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

### Sunday (11/29): Advent One

- **Sunday Morning Gathering for Worship & Formation including:**
  - **9:00** Gathering Together (Worship Zoom)
  - **9:10** Silence & Music
  - **9:15** Morning Prayer
  - **Faith Formation for the St. Matthew's Family** (Formation Zoom); 10:15am
- **Women's "Singing" Circle and Compline** (Worship Zoom) 7:00pm

### Monday (11/30):

- **Education for Ministry** (Formation Zoom); 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Tuesday (12/1):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Visio Divina** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **RJR Book Discussion** (Formation Zoom); 7:00 p.m.
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Wednesday (12/2):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **In-Person Outdoor Eucharist** (Memorial Garden); Noon
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5:00pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Thursday (12/3)

- **Drop off of Baked goods for the Surprise Boxes** (Fellowship Hall) 8:30-4:30

### Friday (12/4):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- **Drop off of Pre-Ordered Baked Goods** (Fellowship Hall) 9-5
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

### Saturday (12/5): FeST

**Pick-up from Noon until 2:00 from the lower parking lot**

### Sunday (12/6): Advent Two

- **Morning Gathering for Worship & Formation including:**
  - **9:00** Gathering (Worship Zoom)
  - **9:10** Silence & Music
  - **9:15** Morning Prayer
  - **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
  - **10:15 Sunday Forum (Worship Zoom)**
- **Youth Confirmation Class** (Formation Zoom); 4pm

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

### ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - NOVEMBER 29TH

On the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th) we will have our Family Faith Formation beginning at 10:15am on the Formation Channel. As part of our service, we will be making advent wreaths together. We invite all who attend this service to bring your own greenery from outside around your house, on your favorite walks, or from your local florist; Trader Joes also has greenery. **We will provide the advent wreaths, wire, and candles. If you do not have an advent wreath or advent candles, [sign up here](#).** The suggested donation is \$10. We will have them available for pickup in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, November 24th and Saturday, November 28th. If you are quarantined and/or otherwise cannot pick them up on either of those dates, please email Kim at [kim@stmatthewshillsborough.org](mailto:kim@stmatthewshillsborough.org)

### FeST INFORMATION

- DROP OFF FOR BAKED GOODS FOR THE SURPRISE BOXES: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 FROM 8:30-4:30. (FELLOWSHIP HALL)
- DROP OFF FOR PRE-ORDERED BAKED GOODS: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, FROM 9-5 (FELLOWSHIP HALL)

PICK-UP OF ALL FEST ITEMS: WREATHS, SURPRISE BOXES, AND PRE-ORDERED BAKED GOOD WILL BE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, FROM NOON TO 2:00PM. DRIVE IN THROUGH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PARKING LOT.

A special thank you to all who were able to contribute in any way to FeST this year....it's been a grand success and we are so grateful for the gifts and the generosity of this parish.

Several of you have offered to help with stuffing the FeST surprise boxes. Thank you for this offer! Sadly, because it's an indoor activity and Covid numbers are increasing, and in keeping with diocesan guidelines, we have to limit it to only the three organizers. But we appreciate the offers of help.

-Lisa, Kim, & Phyllis

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, OUTSIDE EUCHARIST IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY AT NOON. It'll be in the Memorial Garden where we can accommodate 24 easily. To sign up, first fill out the **[health screening form here](#)**. Masks are required and physical distancing must be observed. We expect to continue having Wednesday Eucharists for as long as the weather allows.

### VISIO DIVINA ON TUESDAYS THROUGH DECEMBER 22

This Advent, join me, Amy Peterson, for Visio Divina! We'll meet once a week to share artwork and images related to the week's lectionary texts, and we'll reflect together on the Scripture and what the art shows us about it. If you're interested, email Amy Peterson ([coamyp@gmail.com](mailto:coamyp@gmail.com)) for more details.

Tuesdays at 7pm

December 1 - reflecting on Advent 2

December 8 - reflecting on Advent 3

December 15 - reflecting on Advent 4

December 22 - reflecting on Christmas

### LADIES NIGHT OUT: COOKIE RECIPE SWAP

Since we won't be doing your yearly cookie swap at the home of Carolyn Carlson this year, we still want to connect with each other over cookies and have decided to do an email cookie recipe swap. So, anytime between now and December 1<sup>st</sup>, which would be the day of the cookie swap this year, just send along a cookie recipe, the story that goes with it (if there is one), and a sentence or two to let everyone know how you are doing. Use the following email, created just for Ladies Night Out: [stmatthews@stmatthewshillsborough.org](mailto:stmatthews@stmatthewshillsborough.org). The replies will be compiled, and at the end of the day on December 1, everyone will get another email containing the recipes, stories, and updates. It sure won't be the same, but it's a way to connect with each other until we can be together again in person.

"God bless Us, Every One,"

Ladies Night Out

### RACIAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION BOOK DISCUSSION TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 (FORMATION ZOOM)

The RJRC will be hosting a discussion of *To Free a Family: The Journey of Mary Walker* by Sydney Nathans on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 pm on the Formation Channel. Margaret Brill will lead the discussion. As you will see below, there is a connection to St. Matthew's in this true story.

Prior to the Civil War, thousands of African Americans escaped from slavery, but because few recorded their experiences, little is known about their efforts to forge new lives in freedom. Mary Walker, the focus of this study, was a light-skinned fugitive who escaped from a North Carolina planter (Duncan Cameron, owner of Stagville) when she accompanied them to Philadelphia in 1848. Her history, though unique in many ways, is illustrative of the hardships and challenges such migrants faced and the support they sometimes received from abolitionist networks. Her efforts to preserve her freedom, gain economic independence, and locate and purchase the freedom of her children still held as slaves is pieced together here by Nathans from the papers of Northern abolitionists and Southern slaveholders.

The paperback is available from Purple Crow Books on W. King St. for \$17.00 (book club rate), from Amazon for \$20.53 new or about \$8.00 used. For download on your Kindle it is \$12.60.

### ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. We hope that you will consider contributing to OCIM's Holiday meals both for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bring your donated items by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors.

# Holiday Donations

The pantry will begin accepting items on October 1st.  
Donations can be brought to OCIM's pantry Monday-Friday,  
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

\* Stuffing \* Pie Crust Mix  
\* Mashed Potato Flakes \* Canned Fruit Pie Filling  
\* Gravy (packets, jars, or cans) \* Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling  
\* Cranberry Sauce \* Evaporated Milk (5oz cans) \* Canned Vegetables  
\* Aluminum Turkey Pans  
\* Flour \* Clean Paper Grocery Bags  
\* Sugar \* Clean Reusable Grocery Bags  
\* Cooking Oil

For financial donations, visit [www.ocimnc.org](http://www.ocimnc.org) for PayPal OR  
mail to 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Bartow Culp, Joseph Riddick, Robert Fruehwirth, and Tricia & Don Hill.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, and Mary Beth.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for families facing separation during the holidays.