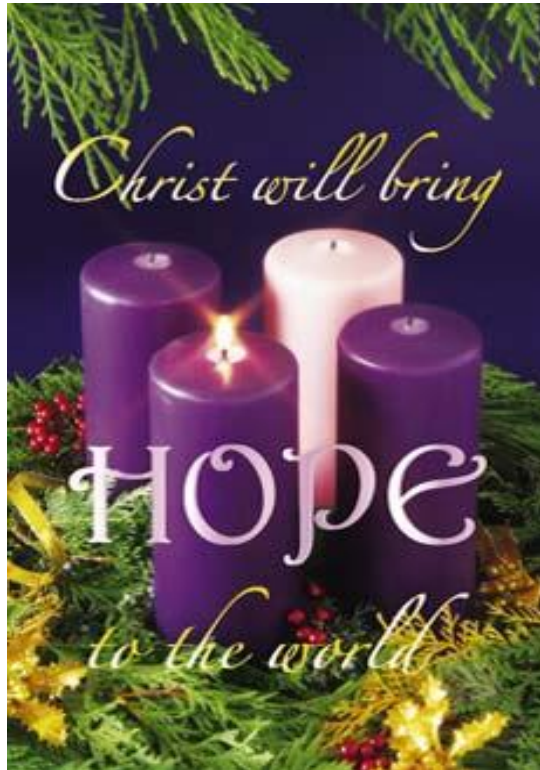


**Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury**  
**First Sunday in Advent**  
**December 2, 2018**



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**Sunday, December 2, 2018**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

**8:30 am – Lighting of the first Advent Candle & Holy Eucharist (BCP)**

See the Candle lighting below ...

Liturgy begins with the Collect, page 95

New Testament Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Psalm 25: 1-9, page 358

Gospel – St. Luke 21:25-36

Homily – Bishop Tom

**10:30 am – Lighting of the first Advent Candle, Choral Eucharist (BAS)with the  
Healing Ministry & Children’s Godly Play**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN - # 89** O Come, O Come, Emanuel

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun

***As we light the first candle, we are reminded of God’s promise of a Savior.***

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 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. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.” (Jeremiah 33:14-16)

***God’s promise of hope is for all people; together, we anticipate the day of his coming.***

Holy God, you have promised to bring salvation and justice to your creation. As we wait for the arrival of the Savior, may we live as those who have already been saved by your grace – and may we share that grace with others. Amen.

**Hymn**

**Spreading its light now, lighting our darkness,  
Candle of HOPE now Advent is here:  
Season of quiet, season of promise,  
Shining with HOPE as Christmas draws near.**

*Tune: Bunessan (Gaelic Traditional: “Morning Has Broken”)*

*(Children can now proceed to the Godly Play program)*

The Liturgy begins with the Collect, page 268

Collect of the Day, prayed together

***Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on 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.***

First Reading – Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: 25:1-9, page 733

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Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION # 708** Alleluia

The Holy Gospel – St. Luke 21:25-36

SERMON – Bishop Tom

Nicene Creed, page 188

Intercessions

**OFFERTORY HYMN # 101** Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Prayer over the Gifts, page 269 prayed together

***God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day and sustain us with the promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord***

Eucharistic Prayer 3, page 198 with Preface, page 223.

**SANCTUS # 689**

The Lord's Prayer, page 211

The Breaking of the Bread,

**COMMUNION HYMN # 48** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

DURING COMMUNION the healing Ministry is available in the Bell Tower Chapel

Prayer after Communion page 269 prayed together,  
***God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.***

Announcements

**RECESSIONAL HYMN # 560** God, Whose Almighty Word

TODAY is “New Year’s Day” in the Church year...the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is our liturgical season to anticipate the coming of Christ...a season of “attentive waiting” and “mindful preparation”. From ancient writings Advent was not a giddy season of festive parties and garish décor we have come to know. The more rooted Advent tradition was a preparation for the return of Christ, not a mere preparation for Christmas celebrations. While there was an element of festive joy, it is also a sober season (almost Lent-ish). Advent is also a time to reflect on the ancient names of Christ – Emmanuel! Wisdom! Dayspring! Majestic Lord! Root! Key! Desire of the Nations! On reflection Advent is a robust and spiritual season. We are encouraged to enter into the season quietly, penitently, patiently and expectantly.  
Ready yourself. Christ has come. He comes now. He will come again. Alleluia!

*From “Pilgrim Year - Advent” by Steve Bell*

A BIG THANK YOU: goes out to everyone who provided last Sunday’s beautiful Taizé worship, especially to Norm Blanchard and the ecumenical choir...and thanks to Brent & Mark Taylor for providing the turkey dinner, to Kym, Susan, Alice Mae & Peter and the members of the Fellowship Committee for hosting the dinner. After the bills were paid we realized \$1125 from the supper. It was an excellent day.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to contribute towards the Christmas Flowers should contact Ruth Amyot 705 – 566-1539, prior to December 17, 2018.