

# The Anglican Parish of French Village

The First Sunday in Advent  
December 2, 2018

## *Service of Holy Communion according to the Rite of the Book of Common Prayer*

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**Processional Hymn#88** ..... *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*  
**Lord's Prayer & Collect for Purity** .....page 67  
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**Collect**

*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. Amen.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson**                      *A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 33:14-16*

*Lord, when I will fulfil 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."*

*The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

**Psalm# 25:1-9**



*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.*

*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. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.*

*Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. 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.*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.*

*Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. 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.*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.*

*Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

*To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul, to you, I lift my soul.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson**                    *A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:9–13*

*How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

*The word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God*

**Gradual Hymn#114** ..... *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending*  
**Gospel**

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Luke 21:25–36  
Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

*Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”*

*The Gospel of Christ.  
Praise be to thee, O Christ*

**The Nicene Creed**.....pages 71-72  
**The Sermon**

