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## MANUAL OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

### First Sunday in Advent.

THE CHRIST OR MESSIAH.

	1st year.	2d year.	3d year.
Lectures.....	* Mark i. 1-9	Gen. iii. 1-16	Luke i. 5-26
Text.....	John i. 18	Gen. iii. 16	Luke iii. 16

PORTION OF CHURCH CATECHISM.

[To be recited without comment.]

*From the beginning to "people of God,"*

#### § 1. The Christian Year.

*What is meant by the Christian or Church year?*

The Christian year is the arrangement of the natural year into sacred seasons, festivals and fasts.

*Give some examples of such divisions. (See table of Sunday Lessons in Prayer Book.)*

*What were the three chief festivals of God's ancient Church?*

The Passover (or Feast of Unleavened Bread), Pentecost (or the Feast of Weeks) and the Feast of Tabernacles (Deut. xvi. 16).

*What are the three chief festivals of the Christian Church?*

Easter (or the Passover), Whitsunday (or Pentecost) and Christmas (when Christ "dwelt," literally "tabernacled," among men. John i. 14; Rev. xxi. 18).

*Have these days always been observed in the Church?*

Yes, from the very beginning (1 Cor. v. 7, 8; Acts ii. 1; xx. 16; 1 Cor. xvi. 8).

#### § 2. The Christ.

*What is the first season of the Christian or Church year?*

\* Mark i. 1-9 means 1 to 9, that is, the first 9 verses; and so in all other references. The Prayer Book Version of the Psalms is that referred to throughout.

*What does Advent mean?*

Coming, that is, Christ's coming.

*Why then is Christ's Advent or coming put first?*

Because to know Christ truly is to possess all Christian knowledge (Col. ii. 3).

*How many years ago did Christ come?*

*Where do we learn about Christ?*

*Of how many parts do the Holy Scriptures consist?*

*What is the chief thing taught us in the Old Testament?*

That Christ should come (Acts xxvi. 22, 23. See Synopsis at end of book).

*What is the chief thing taught us in the New Testament?*

That "Christ is come" (1 John iv. 2. See Synopsis).

*Who is Christ?*

The only Son of God.

*What is He besides?*

He is true man.

*How did He come into the world?*

By being born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*What is His name as man?*

Jesus.

*What does the word Christ mean?*

It means Anointed—the Anointed One.

*What is it to be anointed?*

To be set apart to a sacred office by the pouring of oil or ointment upon the head.

*To what was our Lord anointed or consecrated?*

To be a prophet, a priest and a king.

### § 3. Christ a Prophet.

*What is the office or work of a prophet?*

To declare with authority the will of God to men; sometimes also to foretell future events.

*Is it strange that our Heavenly Father should make Himself and His will known to His children?*

No; it would be strange and unnatural if He did not (John iii. 16).

*Whom did God send for this purpose?*

His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Where does Christ declare to us God's will?*

In the New Testament, especially in the four Gospels.

*Does Christ ever exercise His office of a prophet through others?*

Yes; through His ministers in apostolic succession.

#### § 4. Christ a Priest.

*To what office besides that of a prophet was our Lord anointed at his Baptism?*

*In what respect does the office of a priest differ from that of a prophet?*

The prophet speaks and acts for God to men, while the priest speaks and acts for men to God.

*Is our Lord a priest still?*

Heb. vii. 21.

*In what way is Christ a Priest now?*

He never ceases to plead the one sacrifice offered on the Cross.

*In what other way is Christ now a Priest?*

As a Priest He still blesses His people.

*Does our Lord ever bless His people through others?*

Yes; He blesses them through His ministers on earth.

*Are His ministers then sent as priests?*

Yes; because Christ was sent as a Priest.

*But is not Christ the only true Priest?*

Yes; just as He is the only true Shepherd. But just as He has sent His ministers as under-shepherds to "feed the flock of God" (John xxi. 15, 16; 1 Peter v. 2) in His Name, so He has sent them as under-priests to intercede in His Name (Luke xxii. 19; James v. 14).

#### § 5. Christ a King.

*To what other office besides those of a prophet and a priest is our Lord anointed?*

John i. 49; Rev. xix. 16.

*How must we chiefly honour Christ as our King?*

By resisting His enemies and by doing His will.

*How besides?*

By offering Him tribute and free-will offerings of our substance.



*How besides?*

By obeying those whom Christ has appointed over His Church as "rulers" and "ambassadors" (Heb. xiii. 7, 17; 2 Cor. v. 20).

*In what particular words has our Lord committed to His ministers a share of His kingly power?*

Matt. xvi. 19; John xx. 23.

*If we are to serve Christ truly where must He reign?*

1 Pet. iii. 15.

## Second Sunday in Advent.

HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE.

	1st year.	2d year.	3d year.
Lesson.....	Matt. xxv. 1-14	Gen. xix. 12-29	Mtt. xxv. 14-31
Text.....	Matt. xxv. 15	Ps. xcvi. 13	2 Cor. v. 10

PORTION OF CHURCH CATECHISM.

*From "You said that your" to "anything that is his."*

### § 1. Christ's Second Coming.

*What other article of the Creed does Advent remind us of?*

*Who is this who will come?*

The same Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who "was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary," etc.

*Whence will Christ come?*

From God's right hand where He now is.

*Will He come in lowliness as He came the first time?*

Luke ix. 26.

*When will our Lord Jesus Christ come again to this earth?*

*Can we tell when that will be?*

Matt. xxiv. 36.

*Did our Lord ever warn men of His second coming?*

*To what especially does He liken it?*

Matt. xxiv. 27, 43, 44; Luke xii. 39, 40.

*What does all this show ?*

The secret approach and suddenness of the Second Advent.

*What then is our especial duty with respect to the second coming of Christ ?*

We are to be watching for it, or rather for Him.

*What parable of our Lord shows the necessity of watching ?*

Matt. xxv. 1-14.

*If we are constantly looking for our Lord's second coming what will we do ?*

1 John iii. 8.

## § 2. Christ our Judge.

*What does the creed teach us in regard to the purpose of Christ's coming ?*

*What is meant by the "quick" ?*

The living, those who are alive on the earth when our Lord comes.

*Can any one be certain then that he will ever die ?*

No ; "we shall not all sleep (or die) but we shall all be changed" (1 Cor. xv. 51. See 2d S. a. Easter, § 2).

*What will happen to all who are in their graves ?*

John v. 28, 29.

*Whom will our Lord judge ?*

Matt. xxv. 32.

*What does Holy Scripture teach us about the nature of Christ's Judgment of men ?*

It teaches us that Christ will judge every man according to "the things done in his body" (2 Cor. v. 10).

*Will our words be remembered and judged ?*

Matt. xii. 36, 37.

*Will those actions only which are seen by the world be brought into judgment ?*

Ecc. xii. 14.

*How then can we alone escape condemnation in the Day of Judgment ?*

By sincerely repenting of our sins.

*What will be the character of our Lord's Judgment ?*

It will be most just and yet most merciful (Ps. lxxii. 12 ; Acts xvii. 31).

*What confidence and comfort have we in the thought that the Lord Jesus will be our Judge?*

Heb. iv. 15.

*What familiar prayer may we use in view of such a Judgment?*

The words of the Te Deum, "We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge," etc.

## Third Sunday in Advent.

### THE CHRISTIAN NAME.

	1st year.	2d year.	3d year.
Lecture.....	Matt. i. 18 to end	Gen. xvii. 1-15	Luke i. 59-67
Text.....	John x. 2, 3	Prov. xxii. 1	Rev. iii. 5

#### PORTION OF CHURCH CATECHISM.

*From "What dost thou chiefly" to "please God to call me."*

### § 1. The Christian Name.

*How many names have you?*

*What is your last name called?*

My surname or family name.

*Why is your first name called a Christian name?*

*When were you made a Christian?*

When I was baptized.

### § 2. Why given in Baptism.

*Why should you receive a new name in Baptism?*

Because I was then made partaker of a new nature (2 Pet. i. 4).

*What nature and name alone did you have before you were baptized?*

I had only the nature of the first and sinful Adam, and the name of my earthly parents.

*What nature and name did you receive at your baptism?*

I was "born again" into the family of Jesus the Second Adam, and received His name (Eph. iii. 15).