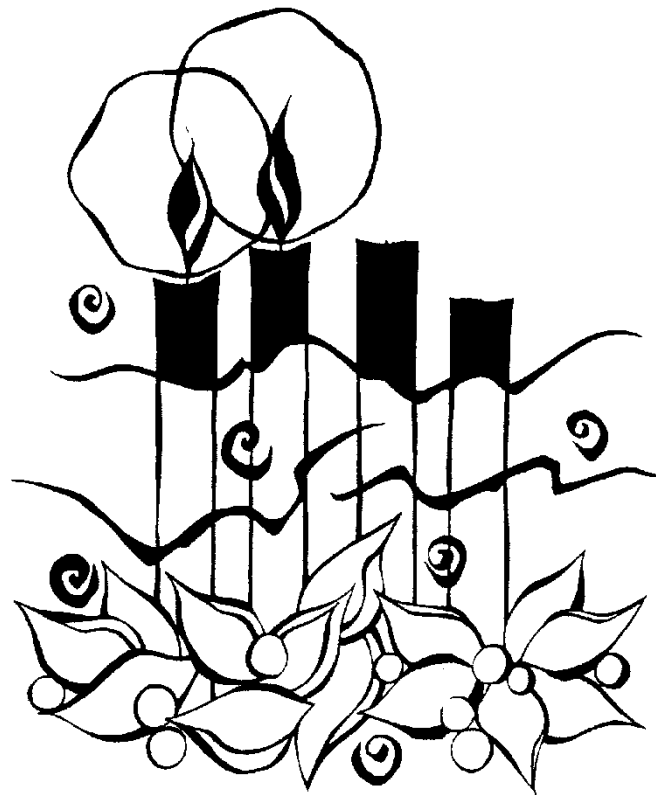


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

10:00 am



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*During these weeks of Advent, we keep silence prior to the start of the liturgy.
Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.*

The Word of God

The Prelude

Come, Saviour of the Nations

A. Vetter

The Opening Hymn 59 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

A reading from the book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Song of Zechariah



1 Blessed be the Lord, the God of / **Israel**; *
he has come to his people and / **set them free**.
2 He has raised up for us a mighty / **savior**, *
born of the house of his / **servant David**.
3 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our / **enemies**, *
from the hands of / **all who hate us**.
4 He promised to show mercy to our / **fathers** *
and to remember his holy / **covenant**.
5 This was the oath he swore to our father / **Abraham**, *
to set us free from the hands of our / **enemies**,
6 Free to worship him with/ **out fear**, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days / **of our life**.
7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the / **Most High**, *
for you will go before the Lord to pre/ **pare his way**,
8 To give his people knowledge of sal/ **vation** *
by the forgiveness / **of their sins**.
9 In the tender compassion of our / **God** *
the dawn from on high shall / **break upon us**,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / **death**, *
and to guide our feet into the / **way of peace**.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3-11)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and gospel.

The Sequence Hymn 75 There's a voice in the wilderness

Ascension

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

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Anne Koehler

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God, responding “hear our prayer.”

Silence

O Prince of Peace, rouse us from the sleep of indifference and preoccupation that we may be more attentive to your presence and power.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we may discern your word in every sound, your power in every human embrace and your love in every gesture of kindness.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That we may hold fast to the hope that your power to transform and to heal is at work in a world broken by sin and violence and ancient hatreds, and that your Advent heralds peace. We pray for healing from violence in our own nation and across your world in any region torn apart by war and civil unrest: Ukraine and Russia, Gaza, The West Bank, Israel and Lebanon, Haiti and Sudan.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Sean our presiding bishop, and Julia and Carol our bishops; and for all people whose ministries show forth your love and healing power. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for: St. Paul’s Church, Bedford; All Saints’ Church, Belmont; St. Mark’s Church, Burlington; The Officers of the Diocese and Racial Justice Commission.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially those who have asked for our prayers: Gerry Ainslie, Elizabeth Beattie, Robert Blanchet, Terese Brown, Ginny Dolan, Sally Drew, Jay Haun, Richard O’Hara, Joan Payne, Jennifer Peters, Henry Shepherd, Barbara and Philip Sousa, Linda Staab, Meg Zaks, Brant, Carole, Claudette, David, Dilys, Kathy, Lauren, Linnea, Maggie, Marcos, Pat, Sarah Jane. And those we name before you now.

Silence

The People add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. For families, friends, and neighbors, and for all worshipping with us today, here and in their own homes. In our parish cycle of prayer, we offer thanks for our usher team. And we give you thanks for all we name before you now.

Silence

The People add their own thanksgivings silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember those we name before you now.

Silence

The People add their own petitions silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Silence may be kept.

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen

Please stand as you are able.

The Absolution

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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

arr. J. Hunnicutt

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king.
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone,
By thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound!

Richmond



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come



pro - mised long; let ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal ar - ches ring with



ev - ery voice a song.
thy be - lov - ed Name.

As the offering is presented, please stand as you are able.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3 from *Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

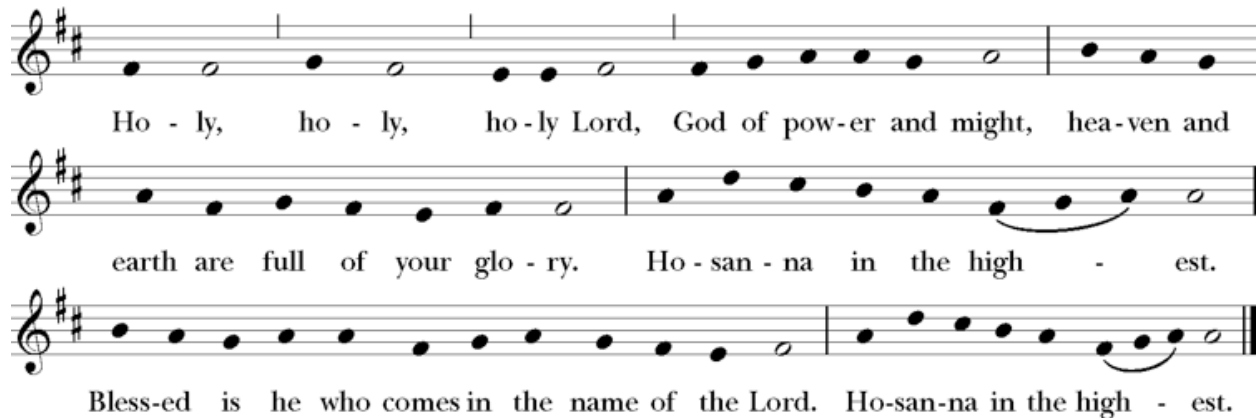
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing together:

Sanctus S-124

Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us. Through Jesus Christ, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory intended for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

S-154 Christ our Passover Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Creator and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.

The Communion Hymn

Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanuel

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Sending *(when lay eucharistic visitors are scheduled to make home or hospital visits)*

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup.**

Advent Blessing

May the God who stoops to become incarnate grant us the grace to remember that the world is too broken for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love. **Amen.**

May God take our minds and think through them, take our lips and speak through them, and take our hands and work through them. **Amen.**

May God stir our hearts with yearning for the coming kingdom and open our ears to the voices of the prophets. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains us, be upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

The Sung Dismissal

Palestrina/Ledger

Celebrant Judah and Jerusalem, fear not nor be dismayed...

Choir Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you. *(refrain)*

Celebrant Stand ye still and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord... *(refrain)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost... *(refrain)*

The Postlude

My Heart Prepares a Welcome

J.C. Bach

Celebrant and Preacher

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