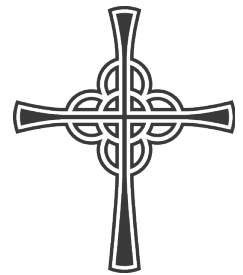


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659..... Johann Sebastian Bach

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #76 - On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*) Janet Hall

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 for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL - Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David. [*Refrain*]

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant. [*Refrain*]

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. [*Refrain*]

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins. [*Refrain*]

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. [*Refrain*]

THE SECOND LESSON - Philippians 1:3-11

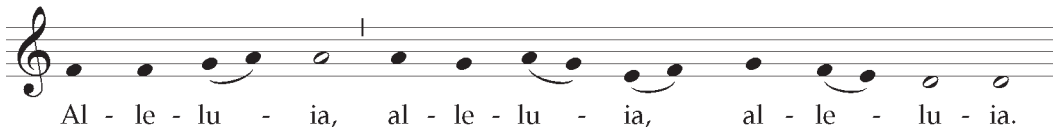
I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

Prayer Book, Page 387

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

People, look East, The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,
guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen,
He for fledging time has chosen.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the bird is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who commeth from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: Besançon Carol Tune, Arranged by Philip Dietterich

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #59 ~ Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*Merton*

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

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.

(*Standing or Kneeling*)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*said by all*)

We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.
It blooms without a blight, It blooms without a blight,
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.
The virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.
Our God of endless might, our God of endless might,
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (19th cent.)
Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

Please join in singing

HYMN #65 ~ Prepare the way, O Zion.....*Bereden väg för Herran*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #54 ~ Savior of the nations, come! *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Nun komm der Heidan Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 661 J.S. Bach

Please join us for Coffee Hour in Stuart Hall. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral and follow the crowd. Stuart Hall is at the end of the hallway on the right. All (especially guests) are invited to attend.

Save the Dates

- December 15 - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - 4:00 PM
- December 19 - Lyrica Baroque Holiday Concert - 7:00 PM

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to make a contribution toward the Christmas Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a Christmas Flower envelope and return it to the Cathedral office by Friday, December 13. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets.

Hospitality Committee - Please considerer contributing a snack of your choice for Coffee Hour every now and then. Suggestions include cookies, cheese and crackers or a small cake. Items that can be frozen are especially helpful to enable the size of the spread to match the size of the crowd.



A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM



Lyrica Baroque in Concert
Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

Watch the Sunday 10:00 Eucharist webcast



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If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact use via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

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BULLETIN INSERTS

December 8, 2024 – Advent 2 (C) Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.



Sunday, December 8 **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

Monday, December 9 **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

Tuesday, December 10 **TURN**

Do you have amends or apologies or adjustments you need to make? Ask God to open your heart and mind to those opportunities for reconciliation and growth. Thank God for the gifts of mercy and love, and the courage to make the changes necessary. And then do your best, with God’s help, to make those changes.

Wednesday, December 11 **BLESS**

We know that angels are God’s special messengers to us, and that Gabriel spent intentional time with

Mary, helping her to understand her part in God’s story. Who has shared an important lesson or their presence with you this week? Thank them today with a call or note.

Thursday, December 12 **REST**

Set aside 30 minutes to spend in silence with your best friend today. Sure, it may feel a little weird to be silent on the phone or while sitting next to each other on the couch or across the table. Just give it a try. Make sure to set aside time after your silence to pray for each other and to say thanks for the time of rest.

Friday, December 13 **GO**

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

Saturday, December 14 **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
- 11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

- 9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Property Committee Meeting (Dean's Parlor)
- 7:00 PM Voices Of New Orleans (VONO) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)
- 4:30 PM Education for Ministry (EfM), Dean's Parlor
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 8:00 AM Trinity Loaves & Fishes (Kitchen)
- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

FRIDAY

- 12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

- 12:00 PM New Neighbor Project (ESL Class)
- 4:00 PM Camp Able Christmas Party

SUNDAY

The Third Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour with Advent Wreath-making
- 11:30 AM Adult Theological Forum (Dean's Parlor)
- 3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)
- 4:00 PM A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
- 6:00 PM Real Presence

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