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Second Sunday of Advent • Holy Eucharist Rite II

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Prelude *Wachet auf!*, BWV 645

J.S.Bach

The Word of God

Processional Hymn #76 On Jordan's bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we -
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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

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(sung in unison three times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Mighty - y,
 Ho - ly Immortal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Mighty - y,
 Ho - ly Immortal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Mighty - y,
 Ho - ly Immortal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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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 Lessons

Reader A Reading from Isaiah (11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
 and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
 the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and
his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

Congregation sings the verses in bold type

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 **That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, ***
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 **He shall defend the needy among the people;** *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, ***
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! ***
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Reader A Reading from Romans 15: (4-13)

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might

confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn #75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying (vss. 1-2 only)

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a____
2. O____ Zi - on, that bring-est good tid - ings, get thee
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
high - way, a high - way for our God! The____
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they____ per - ish, the
lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
plan - ces where the Lord our____ God____ may go!
na - tions shall____ pass like a dream____ a - way;

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Sequence **Hymn #75** *There's a voice in the wilderness crying (vs. 3 only)*

3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall
feed his flock like a shep - herd, the
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



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Sermon Aaron L. Ross, *Seminarian*

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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 man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

The Prayers of the of the People Form III

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Reader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People *That we all may be one.*

Reader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Reader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People *That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

Reader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Reader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those listed on our prayer list on pg. 16.
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We give thanks for the birth of Sage Elizabeth Pehrsson Russo, daughter of Erica Pehrsson and Alex Russo.

The people may add their own thanksgivings.

Reader We pray for the safety of our deployed troops. We pray for all who are displaced, fearful, hungry and wounded. We pray for all who have perished.

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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*Most merciful God,
 we confess that we have sinned against you
 in thought, word, and deed,
 by what we have done,
 and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
 have mercy on us and forgive us;
 that we may delight in your will,
 and walk in your ways,
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Celebrant 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

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

Announcements

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *This is the record of John, Gibbons*

Anne Derbes, contralto

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

The Doxology *Hymn #380 (v. 3 only)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus (*sung in unison*)

The people stand or kneel.

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-cr 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.

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Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

Celebrant and People

*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.*

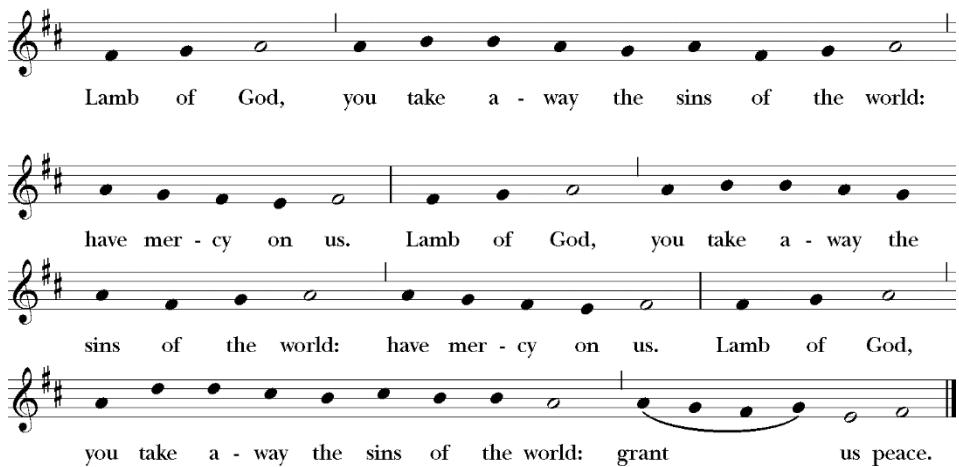
The Breaking of the Bread

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The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Agnus Dei Hymn #161



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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Celebrant The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitation

In the Episcopal tradition, all are welcomed to the Table; simply come to the altar rail and kneel to receive if you are able, or you may stand. If you are unable to come to the rail, please indicate to an usher that you would like communion brought to you.

All baptized Christians may receive communion, or you may cross your arms over your chest and simply receive a blessing. We have returned to Communion in Both Kinds (both bread and wine). Because of ongoing health concerns, the Celebrant will intinct (dip) the edge of the bread in the Common Cup for you, then drop the bread gently into your outstretched hands. If you prefer to receive only bread, simply cross one arm across your chest as you hold out your hand for bread.

Communion Hymn#54 Savior of the nations, come!

1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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Communion LEVAS #9 On Jordan's stormy banks

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
 And cast a wishful eye
 To Canaan's fair and happy land
 Where my possessions lie

I am bound for the promised land
 I am bound for the promised land
 Oh, who will come and go with me?
 I am bound for the promised land.

All o'er those wide extended plains
 Shines one eternal day
 There God the Son forever reigns
 And scatters night away

I am bound for the promised land
 I am bound for the promised land
 Oh, who will come and go with me?
 I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
 Can reach that healthful shore
 Sickness, sorrow, pain and death
 Are felt and feared no more

I am bound for the promised land
I am bound for the promised land
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His bosom rest?

I am bound for the promised land
I am bound for the promised land
Oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.

Songwriters: Christopher Miner.

Celebrant Let us pray. *(in unison)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn #67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

Music score for "The Shepherd's Bush" featuring two staves of music with lyrics. The lyrics are:

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to ken
 and her war fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Dismissal

Celebrant (*Sentence of dismissal*)

People *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude *Choral Song*

S. S. Wesley

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Those Who Serve

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Preacher	Aaron L. Ross, <i>Seminarian</i>
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Shepherd	Mr. and Mrs. Krajack
Acolytes	Elizabeth Krajack, Kyle Johnson, Anderson Bontrager, Rosemarie Schavland
Ushers	Pehr Pehrsson and Bill Bland
Altar Guild	Marsico Team
Docent	Helen and Jeff Parker
Digital Ministry	Marc Abrams, Chris Brown, Adelaide Hoffman, Sage Hoffman, Erin Kamran, Cristy Larkin, Doug Smith, and John Wooten

For your home prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings:

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for Kristy Girten, Joan Parsons, Anne Cannon, Craig Floyd, D'Andrea Wooten, Jehl Palvado, Skip Schultz, John Hishta, Harry Petrie, Caleb Caesar, Robert Scott, Janet Morgan, John Slater, Haydee Sparks, Patricia DeYoung, Chuck Tonkin, Bill Hosp, Jim Murphy, Patricia Scott, the Uribe, Edgemon, Billingsley, and Nelson families, Katherine Alley Borden, Bruce Baird, Wren Norwood, and Victoria Albert.

We pray for all the blessings of this life, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Diana Bland, Lauren Hamilton, Brooke Hamilton, Jennifer Wyllie, Tope Ayorinde, Nancy Bireley, Drew Brooks, Marc Abrams, Sean Franklin, Tom Jacobus, Kurt Schwoppe, Micheyl Bartholomew, Judy Byrne, Brandi Hood, Margie Prados, Lynn Rodriguez, and Jane Rolander. We give thanks for the birth of Sage Elizabeth Pehrsson Russo, daughter of Erica Pehrsson and Alex Russo.

We pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Ukraine, and for the safety of our deployed troops. We pray for all who are displaced, fearful, hungry, and wounded. We pray for all who have perished.

We pray for our members who serve our country, particularly those overseas, and their families: Arch Wilson, Ryan Moatta, Rick Church, Katie Weber, Jesse Grimm, and Kyle Gibson.

We pray for Christians and others around the world, especially those in Burma, China, Nigeria, and North Korea, who continue to face persecution for their faith.

We pray for peace in the Middle East, especially in Afghanistan, and for the Church in Syria, Iraq, Egypt, and Israel.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Grace, Bremo Bluff; Meade Memorial, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; and Varina, Varina.

We pray also for our newly consecrated Bishop of Virginia, the Rt. Rev. Mark Stevenson.



Announcements

The flowers on the Altar are given in sxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

----Ayorinde

- **Welcome newcomers!** Our services are open to an unlimited number of worshippers. The wearing of masks is optional. We encourage all to be vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, we trust you to wear a mask and practice distancing. Nursery Care is available from 7:45 am to 11:45 am.
- **Stewardship Pledges.** If you have not sent in your pledge card, there are extras in the pews and in the office. Please complete a card and either drop it in the offering or send it to the Pohick office. Thank you to all who have given so generously already! **Please mark calendars for the Stewardship Forum, Sunday Dec. 18, in Common Room, during Christian Education Hour (while the children are in Church School and the nursery).**
- **Christian Formation** (online at www.pohick.org).

Children's Christian Education:

- **Sunday School students: TODAY:** Rehearsals during Church School on the Fairgrounds.
- **The Pohick Annual Live Nativity** is Saturday Dec 10 at 2 pm on the Fairgrounds. Invite the community! Bring your family and neighbors out to watch Pohick's Sunday School performance. Sing along, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and take photos with the live animals. Don't forget your folding chairs!
- **Children's Chapel** for preschoolers through 2nd grade is held in classrooms E and F. Parents should drop off their children between 10:20 and 10:30 am. The children will join their parents in church during the Peace.
- **Church School** classes are from 9:25 to 10:20. Parents of preschool through fourth grade are asked to pick up their children at the door of the classrooms. There are four Church School classes this year:
 - Godly Play for preschool to 1st grade
 - Godly Play for 2nd to 4th grade;
 - Weaving God's Promises for 5th to 8th grade;
 - and Faith and Justice for our High School students.

Adult Christian Education:

- **New Advent Study at 9:15 today:** "Hope through the Lens of the Female Doctors of the Church". A reflective 3-week study on Saints Therese of Lisieux, Teresa of Ávila, Catherine of Siena and Hildegard of Bingen.
- **Community of the Widowed** meets **Tuesdays at 10:30 am in Classroom C**. Contact Marleen McCabe for information.
- **The Kiki Coderre Prayer Group** meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. Contact Carolyn Cockroft for information.

- **Being Community** offers an ongoing bible study, led by Amy Bontrager. Contact Amy at Amy.L.Bontrager@gmail.com for the website registration link.
- **Education for Ministry (EFM)** will continue with weekly Monday classes, 7-9 pm. Students will meet in person, with virtual component as needed. Please contact Denise McHugh at 410-300-9867 or dmchugh@umd.edu, or John Egan: 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net, for information or to register.
- **Blue Christmas, Healing Eucharist Candlelight Remembrance for all those who are grieving a loss during this Advent and Christmas season. Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at 7pm in the Church.** All are welcome to this quiet, contemplative healing Eucharist sponsored by the Community of Hope. *There will be no Compline that night.*
- **The Right Reverend Susan Goff (Bishop) has appointed Rev. Lynn as Dean of the Potomac Region.** Her honorific is now “The Very Reverend Lynn Ronaldi”, as of Diocesan Convention. The Potomac Region consists of 9 area churches whose Rectors and lay delegates gather regularly for fellowship, prayer, vision and mission in the Region. Scott Sweetser is Pohick’s lay delegate for the Potomac Region. Rev. Lynn will convene the Region’s Cleriucs (Clergy gathering) as well.
- **Common Room Christmas Event is TODAY!** The Golden Dove gift shop comes to you from 9AM-Noon. Shop for Christmas decor, olive wood ornaments, gem stones by Grant, books for kids, Pohick items, and more.
- Do your Christmas shopping at **Ann Mason’s table** of gently worn and vintage jewelry at **coffee hours TODAY** in the Common Room. Proceeds support our outreach projects.
- **The Pohick Annual Live Nativity** is Saturday Dec 10 at 2 pm on the Fairgrounds. Invite the community! Bring your family and neighbors out to watch Pohick’s Sunday School performance. Sing along, enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, and take photos with the live animals. Don’t forget your folding chairs!
- **Annual Parish-wide Christmas Open House at the Rectory!** Rev. Lynn and Tom will open their house to parishioners of all ages. Mark your calendars for **Friday December 16, 6 pm to 8:30 pm.**
- **Youth Mission Trip:** Join your peers in an amazing service opportunity to support the elderly, disabled, low-income and veteran residents in the Appalachia community of East Bank, West Virginia. We will start our trip at Shrine Mont on Saturday for an afternoon of fun before we depart on Sunday for West Virginia. The cost this year is \$650 with many opportunities to fundraise. Deposit was due October 31 and final balance due by May 1.
- **Christmas Flower dedication forms** can be found in your church box or in the office. Please return your Forms and donations to the office by **Thursday Dec. 15.**

- **Advent/Christmas Calendar:**

- **Second Sunday in Advent is today!**
- **Live Nativity on Fairgrounds** for parish and community is Saturday, December 10, at 2 pm.
- **Blue Christmas Healing Service** for all parishioners Wednesday, December 14, at 7 pm.
- **Christmas Open House** Come-N-Go at the Rectory Friday, December 16, 6-9 pm. Newcomers welcome!
- **Lessons and Carols Sunday**, December 18, at 10:30 am (and 8:00 am Rite I Eucharist). Adult Forum between services.
- **Christmas Eve** services at 6 pm (Family Eucharist) and 10:30 pm (Festival Eucharist with Carols).
- **Christmas Day** service at 10 am.
- **New Years Day** service at 8 am and 10:30 am, with coffee hour after 8 am service only.

Music Ministry:

- **Cherubs Music** is our new early childhood music class for ages 4 to 7. This interactive music theory class is for parent and child together. The children learn their treble clef notes by name both on the staff and keyboard and basic rhythms using games, singing, movement and fun! **Try-it classes going on now, call the office to sign-up for a try-it class.** Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- Does your child like to sing? They may be interested in our **Children's Choir or our Try-it class.** Contact Dan Catalanotto, our music minister, for more information at 301-661-9294.
- **New Teen Choral Ensemble.** Conducted by Sarah Markovits in Parish House Music Room. **Begins immediately after Church today at 11:45 am.**
- **Weekly rehearsals in the Parish House Music Room:**
 1. Cherubs Choir Tuesdays 4:30 pm
 2. Chime Choir Tuesdays 5:20 pm
 3. Junior Choir Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:30 pm
 4. Bell Choir Thursdays 6:15 – 7:15 pm
 5. Choir of Pohick Thursdays 7:30 pm – 9 pm
 6. Teen Choral Ensemble Sundays 11:45 am
- **Volunteers needed for hosting Fellowship Coffee Hours**—we will now hold Coffee Hour after the 8 am and after the 10:30 am Church services every Sunday. See the signup sheet in the Common Room for the details. Contact Connie Myers: 703-201-2204 or jetskiing@hotmail.com with any questions.
- **Wear your name tags to welcome newcomers!** If you need a name tag, contact Jane Thurston: fuzzyandjane@gmail.com or 703-339-1301.
- Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you can add Pohick Church to **Amazon Smile Charitable program** so that a small donation is made to our church from Amazon from your shopping.

- **New Security Cameras** Improve Our Security. You may have noticed security cameras at the main entrance to the Parish House and at the Common Room door. You will find others in the Church and inside the Parish House. We now can see inside the Church during visiting hours and at night. The security cameras at the doors will support new doors that were recently installed.
- **Dominion Virginia Moving Power Underground.** Over the next two weeks Dominion Virginia will move overhead power lines along Route 1, Old Colchester Road, and on Church property. Poles without other utility lines will come down.
- **Golden Dove Gift Shop** Hours: Sundays 9-10:30 am, 1st Saturday Docent tours-1-3 pm, and special events. See new olive wood items from Bethlehem, Pohick grocery bags, books, lovely jewelry, including handmade gemstone pendants made by “our own” Grant Hodges, fall items and a clearance corner. All proceeds go toward Pohick and community outreach.
- Pohick Church welcomes the **Down By the Riverside Group of AA, Tuesdays at 8 pm** in the Annex room. Contact the Parish office for information.
- **Docent tours!** Guided Tours by members of the Docent Guild are available each Sunday after the 10:30 am service. Guided Tours are also available on the first Saturday of every month from 1 pm to 3 pm. Please meet the Docent at the Great Font for a tour. Self-guided tours are always available when the church is open, weekdays 9 am to 4 pm.
- **Group and special tours can be scheduled** by contacting Nancy Sage: nbsage@aol.com, or John Egan: 703-973-5038 or jjegan3@netscape.net. Pohick historical questions? Contact Dick Hamly: 703-928-8184 or dickhamly@aol.com.
- Many thanks to our Pohick family for your expressions of sympathy, cards, texts, emails, flowers, food for the family, love, support and prayers during this very difficult time as I, and my family, grieve the sudden passing of my dear father. God bless you. Pamela Steele-Nelson

*We warmly welcome all newcomers and visitors and hope you'll introduce yourselves,
 receive a gift from our Invite Welcome Connect ministry,
 and join us for Fellowship Hour after both the 8 am and 10:30 am services in the Parish House.*

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