

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord and clear a path for the one who comes as the light of the world. And so bless this Advent Wreath that it may remind us to prepare for the coming of Jesus by being merciful to those who are poor and needy.

(Two purple candles are lighted)

Leader: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

✠ Thanks be to God.

✠ The Processional

Hark, a thrilling voice is sounded

Hymnal 59

The Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

✠ And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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 Trisagion

The Congregation sings the Trisagion three times.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

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 Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

✠ Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

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.
 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.
 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.
 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 his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins.
 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.

The Second Reading

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.
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal 67

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

✠ **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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Nan N. Kennedy

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 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 People

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering. and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays:

Silence

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, all first responders, and all who labor for justice and peace in the world.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The presider adds a concluding collect

The Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✠ **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.**

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

Every Valley

Parish Choir

✠ The Presentation

Hymnal 65

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

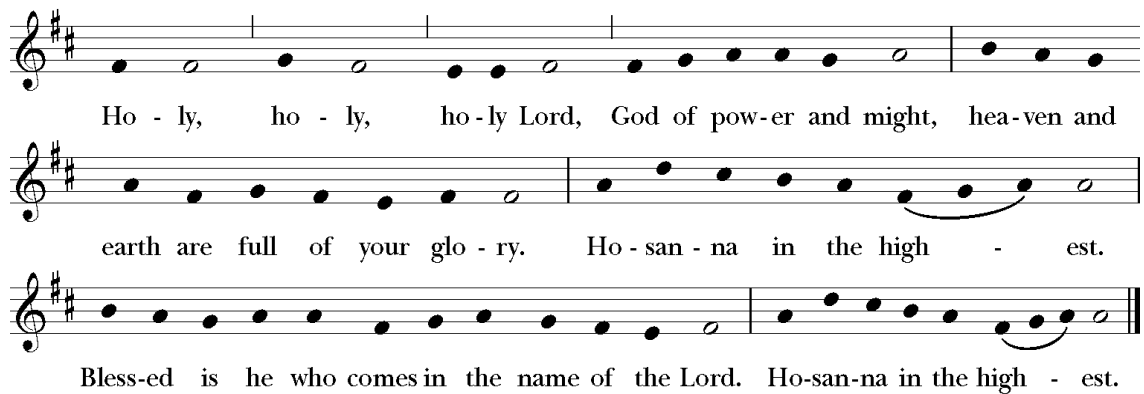
✠ **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

✠The Sanctus



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

✠Christ has died.

✠Christ is risen.

✠Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

✠ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

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.

The Communion Hymn

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger

1. I'm just a poor way-far-ing stran-ger, I'm trav'-ling through this world be -
 2. I know dark clouds will gath-er o'er me, I know my path - way's rough and
 3. I want to sing sal - va-tions sto-ry, In con-cert with the blood-washed
 4. I'll soon be free from ev-ery tri-al, This form will rest be - neath the

1. low; There is no sick - ness, toil, nor dan-ger, In that bright
 2. steep; But gold-en fields lie out be - fore me, Where wea - ry
 3. band; I want to wear a crown of glo-ry, When I get
 4. sod; I'll drop the cross of self - de - ni - al, And en - ter

1. world to which I go, I'm go-ing there to see my
 2. eyes no more shall weep, I'm go-ing there to see my
 3. home to that good land, I'm go-ing there to see my
 4. in my home with God, I'm go-ing there to see my

1. fa - ther, I'm go - ing there no more to roam;
 2. mo - ther, She said she'd meet me when I come; I'm just a
 3. bro - thers, They passed be - fore me one by one;
 4. Sav-ior, Who shed for me His pre - cious blood;

go - ing o-ver Jor - dan, I'm just a go - ing o-ver home.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Those worshiping virtually are invited to say the following prayer while communion is being distributed to the in-person gathering:

✠ Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. Loving you above all things, we long to be united to you in love. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.
(Adapted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

✠ Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal 76

The Dismissal

The Priest announces the dismissal, after which the congregation responds.

✠ Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 15	5:00 PM	Blue Christmas ~ service of Readings, Psalms, Music & Prayers
December 19	11:30 AM	Greening of the Church following the 10:30 AM service
Christmas Eve	3:00 PM	Christmas Eve HE ~ Courtyard
	5:00 PM	Christmas Eve HE ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 PM	Christmas Eve HE ~ Sanctuary
Christmas Day	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>(One Service Only)</i>
December 26	8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I & Carol Sing
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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, December 5

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30 AM Children's Chapel

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist
(Nursery Care Available)

10:30AM Livestream Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 7

9:00 AM Worship in the Courtyard
with Holy Communion