THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

DECEMBER 8, 2024 AT 10:15 AM

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

All Are Welcome Here

We are a welcoming, inclusive and affirming parish in the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina. We seek to meet and serve Christ in all people and to glorify God in our words and our actions.

Are You Visiting This Morning?

Know that you are most welcome, and we pray that you will return to worship with us again soon! Please do us the honor of filling out a Welcome Card, either by scanning the QR code to the right OR by filling out a physical card located in the pew rack and then placing it in the alms basin during the offertory or handing it to an usher or to a member of the clergy as you leave. Thank you!

Advent Lessons & Carols with Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

This service bulletin is designed for use with the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the blue Hymnal 1982, both of which are located in the pew rack in front of you.

Voluntary: Voluntary: Prelude for Advent Setting: Charles Callahan

(Veni, veni Emmanuel & Creator of the Stars of Night)

Helga Fasciano, flute

Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer Setting: Malcolm Archer

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever!

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us, your people, to walk in his light that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

Processional Hymn: 57, Lo! he comes with clouds descending *Helmsley*

Welcome and Bidding Prayer *The Book of Occasional Services*

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger…

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Kids & Invitation to Children's Chapel

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to the steps for a brief introduction to the day's liturgy or lessons. They then depart for Children's Chapel, returning for the Eucharist.

The First Lesson **Isaiah 11:1-9**

The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon the Holy One

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.

Here ends the lesson.

Anthem: Creation Will Be At Peace Setting: Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead, a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more, they will war no more; a child will lead them all.

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Youngest Members of The Raleigh Youth Choir

The Second Lesson **Isaiah 35:1-10**

The Prophet proclaims that God will come and save us

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Here ends the lesson.

Hymn: 75, There's a voice in the wilderness crying *Winchester New*

The Third Lesson **Isaiah 7: 10-15**

God's promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as 'God with us'

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Here ends the lesson.

Hymn: 56, O come, O come Emmanuel (verses 1, 4, 5, 7) *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

The Fourth Lesson **Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Here ends the lesson.

Anthem: There is no Rose of such Virtue Setting: Robert Powell

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space;
Res miranda.

By that rose we may well see
That he is God in persons three,
Pari forma.

The angels sungen the shepherds to:
Gloria in excelsis deo:
Gaudeamus.

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth;
Transeamus.

Alleluia, res miranda,
Pares forma, gaudeamus,
Transeamus.

Res miranda = Wondrous Thing
Pares Foma = of equal form
Gaudeamus = let us rejoice!
Transeamus = let us go across! (from worldly to heavenly things)

The Fifth Lesson **Matthew 1:19-23**

St. Matthew tells of the coming birth of the Savior

Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.

Here ends the lesson.

Anthem: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree Setting: Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit and always green;
The trees of nature fruitless be,
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,
By faith I know but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see,
In Jesus Christ the Appletree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the Appletree.

I'm weary with my former toil -
Here I will sit and rest awhile,
Under the shadow I will be,
Of Jesus Christ the Appletree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the Appletree.

The Sixth Lesson **Mark 1:1-15**

Jesus is baptized by John and proclaims

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Here ends the lesson.

Hymn: 65, Prepare the way, O Zion *Berenden väg för Herran*

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Here is the Little Door Herbert Howells

Here is the little door,
lift up the latch, oh lift!
We need not wander more,
but enter with our gift;
Our gift of finest gold.
Gold that was never bought or sold;
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;
Incense in clouds about His head;
All for the child that stirs not in His sleep,
But holy slumber hold with ass and sheep.

Bend low about His bed,
For each He has a gift;
See how His eyes awake,
Lift up your hands, O lift!
For gold, He gives a keen-edged sword.
(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
For incense, smoke of battle red,
Myrrh for the honored happy dead;
Gifts for His children, terrible and sweet;
Touched by such tiny hands,
and Oh such tiny feet.

Presentation Hymn: 56, O come, O come Emmanuel *(verse 6)*

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer D BCP, p. 372

Sanctus: S 114, Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues on p. 373 in the Book of Common Prayer

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S 158, *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Invitation and Communion

All are invited to come forward during the sharing of Holy Communion.

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by drinking from the common cup? *Please come to the left side (lectern side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs in the sacristy.*

Where can I go to receive bread and wine by intinction (having a minister dip the host in wine and place it in your hand)? *Please come to the right side (pulpit side) of the altar rail; return to your seat via the stairs by the baptismal font.*

Where can I go to receive only the bread? *Please come to either location and tell the server "only bread."*

Where can I go to receive gluten-free bread? *Please come to either location and ask for gluten free.*

Where can I go to receive a blessing? *Please come to either location and cross your arms over your chest.*

How can I ask for communion to be brought to me? *Please ask an usher to receive by intinction in your seat.*

Communion Anthem: O come, O come Emmanuel — Setting: Hal Hopson

Communion Hymns:

54, Savior of the nations, come! — *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

66, Come, thou long-expected Jesus — *Stuttgart*

Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors

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 **Because we who are many are one body in Christ. We share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer — BCP, p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 74, Blest be the King whose coming — *Valet will ich dir geben*

The Dismissal — BCP, p. 366

Closing Voluntary: Variation on *Valet will ich dir geben* — Setting: Hal Hopson

Please join us immediately following this service for fellowship and refreshments.

Serving Today

Ushers	Jean and Gregg Knepley
Verger	Evan Meade
Acolytes	Ashelyn Gilbert, Callin Fee, and Ryan Fee
Lectors	Ian Finley, Jason Hingerton, Harry Johnson, Julie Lowe, Susan Lewellen, and Phyllis Vail
Chalicist	Bethany Pergerson
Livestream & Sound	Jacob Ferguson and Sam DeShong
Flower Guild	Molly Propst

Today's Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by
Bob and Janet Gilliam in grateful thanksgiving for Sarah, Hannah, Jake, Nathan, and Jack
and for the love they pour out on their grandparents!

The Church of the Good Shepherd Prayer List

Roy Wright; Catherine and Bob Williams; Janet Gilliam; Ralph Sanders; Pete Taylor;
Martha Bailey; Peggy Hawks; Darrell Dennis; Janie Ward-Newton; William Short; Paul Hoch;
Brinley Harris; Don Caudill; Shirley Caudill; Larry Bledsoe; Jane Mayhew; Janet Watrous;
The students, faculty, and community of St. Augustine's University; Rebecca Lamb; Alan L.;
Bob Kirchgessner; Josephine Placa; Kathy Acton; Noah Cassion; Patricia Harris; Marilyn;
The Lawrence Family; The Tyson Family; The Rivers Family; The Owens Family;
The Byrd Family; The Davidson Family; the people of Israel, Palestine, and Lebanon;
the people of Ukraine and Russia; victims of gun violence; and those affected by drought, heat,
floods, and storms, especially those impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

And we pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom,
remembering especially Ginny Byrd and Gordon Davidson.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

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