

The Second Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish

8am
December 8, 2024



The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome The Rev. Andrew Rutledge

All stand, as you are able, or adopt a reverent posture of praise

Celebrant We wait in the darkness, O God, for the coming of your Christ

People A light no darkness can overcome

Celebrant We long, O God, for the coming of your reign

People Let us walk in the light of your promise

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. - Isaiah 9:2

Celebrant As we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath,
we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world.
Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again.

Trisagion *(recite three times)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The celebrant says to the people

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

A Reading from 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 *Please read responsively alternating by whole verse. The Lector will begin.*

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 without 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 prepare his way,
- ⁸ To give his people knowledge of salvation *
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.

The Epistle

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Phillipians 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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1-6

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 Ituræa 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. Andrew Rutledge

As you are able, please stand, or adopt a posture of reverent praise

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

- Leader* Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim:
Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return.
- Leader* Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free:
Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth.
- Leader* O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind.
Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace.
- Leader* Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress,
especially those we now name:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need)
Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding.
- Leader* Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer,
especially those we now name:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died)
May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.
- Leader* With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy,
let us name the blessings of our lives:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving)
You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways.
- Celebrant* Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people,
who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever.
- People* Amen.

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Offertory

- As the Offering is presented at the altar, the Celebrant says,*
All things come of thee, O Lord
People And of thine own have we given thee

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us to bear your image in the world. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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. 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God.

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion or to receive a blessing.
Gluten-free wafers are available.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, saying:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!



All Saints Parish

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(Note: The years given above reflect the anticipated last full calendar year of service by the Elected Vestry Person; however, Vestry persons' terms continue until the Annual Parish Meeting of the following year when successors are elected.)

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If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please fill out a leaflet found on the back of the pew and place it in the Offering plate, hand it to Fr. Andrew or to an usher

Ushers 8am: Julie Schardt, Jim Blaine, Michelle Crosby & Nate Pope

10:30am: Rick Myllenbeck, Joe Endy, Malane Silver & Carl Horn

Worship Leaders 8am Barbara Brown & Kip At Lee *10:30am:* Amy Rose, Ryan Horn & Cheryl Thompson

During the 10:30 service a staffed Nursery for young children is available in the Parish Hall.

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall

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