

Sunday December 10, 2023 10:00 A.M.
Second of Advent
A Service of Peace & The Feast of St. Nicholas

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

GREETING:

HYMN # O God of Every Longing
(See Insert)

We light this candle for all
who seek peace in a troubled world.
Holy One, as we wait for your promise,
Give light, give peace

Hope is a Star
vs 1, 2 & 4 (See Insert)

The Collect
Merciful God, as we wait for the
Incarnate One who became one with us:
Inspire us by the stories of your
faithful servants through the ages.
May the devotion of Nicholas of Myra
prompt us to give without thought of our own gain
and promote in us a yearning for the spiritual riches of life,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading: 1 John 4: 7-14
Reader: Helen Barry
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Psalm 78
Reader: Helen Barry

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known,
and what our ancestors have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of GOD,
who has done wonderful works.
God gave a decree to Jacob and established a law for Israel,
commanding them to teach their children;
that the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
so that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget those mighty deeds,
but keep the commandments;

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN: God be the Love
(See insert)

The Story of St. Nicholas

The Children are invited to go downstairs for crafts

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Mark
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 13-16
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon –*The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Elizabeth McLennan*

Invitation and Peace (The children rejoin their families)

OFFERTORY HYMN # 145 Good King Wenceslas
Vs 1, 2, 3 & 5 (*Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: You are worthy of blessing and praise, ….
… join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest x2

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: On the night before his suffering and death…
…One God, now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Meditation on the Lord's Prayer
In awe we come to You again,
You, whose name remains
beyond all naming.
May your will be our will,
Your peace be peace on earth,
and what is broken in our lives
be forgiven and made right.
Grant us today the bread of Your fields.
From the labour of our days
may Your love be the yield.
For You are, have been, and
always will be, our source,
our end, our soul's delight. Amen *Juleta Severson-Baker*

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn # 94 Wait for the Lord, Whose Day is Near
(Blue Book)

THE COMMUNION

Hymn: Holy Child Within the Manger
(See insert)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 107 Prepare the Way of the Lord
(Blue Book)

The Dismissal

