



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 5 December 2021 @ 9 AM

*Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.
Listening devices to assist with hearing are available in the Narthex.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

Gathering Music *(Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am)*

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord"



1 Be still, for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2 Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round;
3 Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place;



Come, bow be - fore him now, with re - ver - ence and fear.
he burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor he is crowned.
he comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter his grace.



In him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our ra - diant King of Light!
No work too hard for him, in faith re - ceive from him.



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Hymn 66: Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart



1 Come thou long ex - pec - ted Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Almighty God, we light these two candles of Advent as a symbol of the king who is coming into our world. Help us to be rescued from our sins and repent in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 56: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (sts. 3—4)

Veni, veni Emmanuel

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - - - se's tree, free them from
tribes on Si - - - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's ty - - - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe. *Re - joice! Re - joice!*
save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
Em - man - - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

The Collect of the Day

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 Reading: Malachi 3:1—4

(NRSV, p. 874)

Commentary

The name Malachi means 'my messenger' and the prophet's message to the discouraged people of his day exhorted them to turn from sin, pursue holiness and remember God's promise of future blessing. The prophecy in this passage concerns Messiah's forerunner who would clear the way for the coming of the Lord, anticipating the time when all sins and impurities will be purged from God's people.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The word of the Lord.

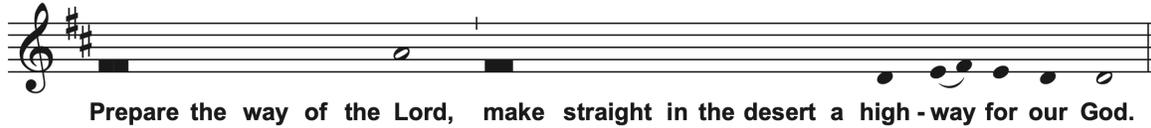
People: Thanks be to God.

At this time the children leave for Children's Chapel.

After the piano introduces the theme,
the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.



Verse



All repeat the Alleluias.

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

People: **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.' "

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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.**

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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 Priest stands and says

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

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

The Holy Communion

(Gluten-free wafers available at main altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem

Eleanor Farjeon

People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen God for fledging time has chosen.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Presentation Hymn: *(stanza 3 of Hymn 380)*

Old 100th

*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: Eucharist Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

Sanctus:

Resignation

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are
 full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

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

Fraction Anthem (S152):

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.**

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn 325: "Let us break bread together on our knees"

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,
 Let us break bread together on our knees.
*When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees...
Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees...
Refrain

Surely it is God who saves me; trusting him, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.
 So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring;
 In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.

Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell you his exalted Name.
 Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim.
 Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,
 In your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
 in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
 the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
 That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
 is in such friendship better known: we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
 and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
 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



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!____
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.____
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.____



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.____
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.____
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.____



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sac - red sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy__ a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will__ a - dore__him.



Oh, blest is Christ__ that__ came____ in God's most ho - ly name.____



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.*

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., DEC. 6-10

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | PCJ on S. 17th Street

LIVING WELL IN ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9

CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SJDS ST. NICHOLAS EVENT
8:00-11:30 AM | St. James lawn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:00 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

YOUTH GROUP- WRAP'N'YAP
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

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