

The Second Sunday of Advent



December 5, 2021

8:15 a.m.



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

As the Ministers enter, all stand.

WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant 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.
All **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **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.
All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The People sit.

FIRST READING

Baruch 5:1-9

Lector A reading from Baruch.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

Lector A reading from Philippians.

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.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

Priest 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People sit.

HOMILY

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Common Worship*

Celebrant In joyful expectation, let us pray to Jesus.

Reader Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for this church and all churches in this diocese. We pray for Bonnie our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David our priests; and all who minister in your name. Give us a longing for your kingdom.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for the United States, especially for Joe our president, Gretchen our governor, and Michael our mayor. Before you, O Christ, rulers will stand in silence.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to us as our heart's desire. With angels who announce your coming, we celebrate those having birthdays this week, including *Jennifer Faust, Mary Keatts, Marisa Leney, Eileen MacDonald, Kathryn Treece, Steve Hughes*, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Lead us into the joys of love unknown.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray especially for: *Pat Ald, Ali, Gloria Atherton, Ismat Begum, Barbara Bergin, Cathy Berlage, Ed Beverly, Charlie Blank, Maura Campbell, Catherine, Baby Maggie, Miriam Costandi, Daniel, Jim Dickson, David Dieter, Dylan Doherty, Daniel Faust, Ronald Griffin, Peter Henning, Kelly, Lauren Keils, Nan Keils, Matthew Klein, Madelyn Lenhard Laurer, Martin, Arnold Matthews, Sue Ann Parkinson, Christine Rogers, Kathleen S., Gail Smith, John T., Mimi Van Scoter, Bob Vitolins, Megan White, Sherilyn Woods*, and those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Strengthen us whenever we struggle, and set us free to serve you.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to us as Shepherd of our souls. We pray for those who have died, especially Madisyn Baldwin, Tate Myre, Justin Shilling, Hana St. Juliana, and those we now name.
(*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Silence

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People share Christ's peace by touch-free gestures, and then are seated.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Celebrant sets the altar, as the Usher collects offerings and brings them forward.

AT THE PRESENTATION

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord;
People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

All stand as able.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

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

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.

If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.

The Sacrament is administered with the following or other words

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ABOUT TODAY'S LITURGICAL ART

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ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

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