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Deacon's Mass

The 2nd Sunday in Advent
Sunday Dec. 5, 2021

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM
Office Hours: 8:10am until 2:30pm Mon., Wed. & Thu.

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DEACON'S MASS

Announcements

The Prelude

I will exalt in the Lord

Lani Smith

Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Introit:

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymn 56 v 1 & 2

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God Appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel! O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Lighting of the Advent Candles

The Gathering Hymn *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

Hymn 59 v 1-2, 5

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

***People:* His mercy endures forever.**

Collect for Purity

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Trisagion

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Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have mercy upon us.

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 First Lesson: 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Response: Cantic 16 The Song of Zechariah *Luke 1: 68-79*

**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.**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen!

The Epistle: Philippians 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Sequence Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn 67

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ

Luke 3:1-6

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 Iturea 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

The Homily
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

Intercessor As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God, who will lead us with joy, as we wait for the day of Jesus Christ, saying, *Come, O Holy One, and save us.*

For the Church, especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin, our bishop, Liz, our Deacon and the local clergy who support us, Charles and Melinda, that we may embrace a new

vision for our lives and courageously live as disciples who bring good news and compassion to others. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For this Parish Family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may make ready a way for the Lord in our time and make a straight path for God in our hearts, our families, and workplaces. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the gift of hope, that we may long for the fulfillment of God's saving work that will defeat evil and heal the brokenness in the human family. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all who live daily in the shadow of war and violence, that they may find courage in the Gospel message, and strength to continue to love. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all those experiencing a rough place in their lives, remembering especially,, that God will smooth their pathways, and renew their spirits. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those who have died, remembering especially,, that they may be found pure and blameless in the day of Jesus Christ. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the God-bearer, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Celebrant O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, Son of righteousness, hear our prayers and make straight your path in our hearts, that we may celebrate with devoted faith the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for evermore.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE RESERVED SACREMENT

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory	<i>There's a voice in the wilderness crying</i>	Hymn 75
The Doxology:	<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i>	Hymn 380, v3

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 Lord's Prayer

***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 Communion

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

The Hymn during Communion

The Post Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

**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 Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Parting Hymn

People, Look East

WLP724 v 1-3

The Postlude

People, Look East

Traditional Carol arr. Dale Wood

Altar Flowers this week are from Barbara & Tom Undercoffler In Memory of our mothers Mary & Kathryn.

Our Ministers Today:

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski, Deacon

Organist: Cathy Hammons

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher, Barb Undercoffler & Betty Smith

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: Cathy Hammons