



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

Traditional Service, 11:15 am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Due to ongoing restrictions on congregational singing, the choir alone will offer all sung portions of today's liturgy. At these moments, we encourage you to pray the texts as the choir sings praises on your behalf.

Mass Setting: *Mass of the Quiet Hour* by George Oldroyd (1886–1951)

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit: *Populus Sion*

OPEOPLE of Sion, behold, the LORD is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. *Ps.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Hymn 61

“Sleepers wake!” A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

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

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

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

Sung by the choir

*Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy*

The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

BLESSED Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 22:8–10; 23:1–3

HILKIAH the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, “I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD.” And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the secretary came to the king, and reported to the king, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.” Then Shaphan the secretary told the king, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it before the king. Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great; and he read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes, with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book; and all the people joined in the covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1–6

Sung by the choir to a chant by R. Langdon.

THE LORD, even the most mighty God, hath spoken, *
and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
Out of Sion hath God appeared *
in perfect beauty.
Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; *
there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
He shall call the heaven from above, *
and the earth, that he may judge his people.
Gather my saints together unto me; *
those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; *
for God is Judge himself.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

WHATEVER was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles, and sing to thy name”; and again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and further Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 73

The King shall come when morning dawns

St. Stephen

The Gospel

Luke 21:25–33

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS said, “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Bishop Anthony Burton

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

Each petition concludes

Deacon We pray to thee, O Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude in this way

Deacon Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

PEACE be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

Based on Revelation 22

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by the choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

Communion Devotions

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

Celebrant and People say the Lord's Prayer.

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

Sung by the choir

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, inebriate me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me;
Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
O good Jesus, hear me;
Within thy wounds hide me;
Suffer me not to be separated from thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me;
In the hour of my death call me,
And bid me come to thee.
That with thy Saints I may praise thee
For ever and ever. Amen.

Motet

Otto Goldschmidt (1829–1907)

A TENDER shoot hath started
Up from a root of grace,
As ancient seers imparted,
From Jesse's holy race,
It blooms without blight,
Blooms in the cold bleak winter
Turning darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us
From Jesse's root should spring,
The Virgin Mary brought us
The branch of which we sing,
Our God of endless might,
Gave her this child to save us
Thus turning darkness into light.

Anon., 16th cent.; tr. William Bartholomew (1793–1867)

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 57

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

Altar Arrangements
Are given to the glory of God...

In loving memory of Floyd Ricker

Choral Evensong

Webcast and in-person at 5 pm | This evening's music will be:

Voluntary: *Benedictus*, Alec Rowley
Responses: Richard Ayleward
Psalms 114 & 115: Tonus Peregrinus, adapt. D. Willcocks and G. Knight
Canticles: *Third Service*, Philip Moore
Motet: *Alma redemptoris mater*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Voluntary: *Meditation on 'Conditor alme siderum'*, Alec Rowley



COMMUNITY ADVENT NIGHT

This Evening at 6 pm

Join us for worship, treats, & specially
curated Advent resources for families in the
Main Campus, North Parking Lot!



ANGEL TREE GIFT DROP-OFF NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
NORTH PARKING LOT

DRIVE THROUGH DROP-OFF

From 5:30 to 7 pm for last names A to M.
From 7 to 8:30 pm for last names N to Z.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS
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Uptown worship

ALBUM RELEASE CONCERT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM

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A FESTIVAL OF NINE

Lessons

&

Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

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WEEKLY ENEWS

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WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 936, Week of 2 Advent.

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CONTACT ME. THE BEST TIME IS: _____

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ACT:

*Thank someone who
volunteers at your church.*

An expression of gratitude for others around you is an example of generosity. Write a note, make a call, or send an email to someone who you appreciate for giving of their time and talent to the work of the Church. When we are generous, our lives reflect the heart of God.

Developing a habit of generosity takes time and practice. We hope these acts give you ideas to begin exploring generosity in everyday life with your friends and family.

ACTS OF Generosity

BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

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