

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

December 5, 2021

10:30 a.m.

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The People enter, maintaining physical distance. Silence is kept.

Prelude

Opening Hymn: Herald, sound the note of judgment Hymnal # 70

1. Herald, sound the note of judgment,
warning us of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness
till once more we sing the song.

Chorus

Sound the trumpet! Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2. Herald, sound the note of gladness;
tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.

Chorus

3. Herald, sound the note of pardon-
those repenting are forgiven;
God receives his wayward children,
and to them new life is given.

Chorus

4. Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife.

Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

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. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

Lord, of the wilderness way,
whose word scours our smooth evasions:
take us on the unbending road
to the raw centre of our world
with a cry of invitation
and the call of sudden grace;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

Trisagion Hymnal # S102

The Celebrant and the People, led by the Choristers, sing three times:

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

People: Have mercy upon us.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

- 1 Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction,
O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from
God.
- 2 Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

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- 3 for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
- 4 For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.
- 5 Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west
and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has
remembered them.
- 6 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.
- 7 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.
- 8 The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's
command.
- 9 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.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 126

The Cantor or Choir chants the psalm.

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'

3 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

5 May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

6 Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

The New Testament Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying
with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your

sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I 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. ⁷It 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 defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

LEM: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: There's a voice in the wilderness crying vs. 1-2
Hymnal # 75

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as 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.
⁵ 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;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gradual Hymn continued: There’s a voice in the wilderness crying
vs. 3 Hymnal # 75**

3. but the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

The Sermon: In the Wilderness, a Word

The Creed

Led by the LEM, the People say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
The 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
human.

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

The LEM or Reader says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

Silence

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

Silence

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession of Sin

The LEM or Minister appointed says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept. The People stand or kneel.

The LEM or Minister leads the People in saying

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

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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 alone 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.*

*An LEM or other Minister using the preceding form shall substitute "us" for "you"
and "our" for "your."*

The Peace

The People stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another.¹

Choral Anthem: People Look East, *French carol*

The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.

The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.

Offertory: O Come, O come Emmanuel vv. 3-4 Hymnal # 56

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

¹ Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

Refrain:

The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in hope of everlasting life; that when he shall come again to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

The Sanctus

Hymnal #S124

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one 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 your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

The People, led by the LEM, say

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, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them 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 to live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N.] and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. *AMEN.* ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

The People, led by the LEM, 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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The
Celebrant continues*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God - Agnus Dei Hymnal # S161

The People, led by the Choristers, sing:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn: Come with us, O blessed Jesus
Hymnal # 336

1. Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
with us evermore to be;
and now leaving thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee,
Be thou one with us forever,
in our life thy love divine
our own flesh and blood has taken,
and to us thou givest thine.

2. Come with us, O mighty Savior,
God from God, and Light from Light
thou are God, thy glory veiling,
so that we may bear the sight,
Now we go to seek and serve thee,
through our work as through our prayer:
grant us light and to see and know thee,
in thy people everywhere.

3. Come with us, O King of glory,
by angelic voices praised;
in our hearts as in thy heaven,
be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever sing its glad exultant songs;
let its hymn be heard forever
peace for which creation longs.

The People consume their gifts in place, or come forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM leads the People in the following prayer:*

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth 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

Announcements, if any, are made here.

Blessing

The Celebrant says

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

Withdrawal Hymn: Prepare the way, O Zion Hymnal # 65

1. Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for every grace and joy
abounding.

Refrain:

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion, your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.

Refrain:

The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.

Dismissal

The LEM says

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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Postlude

The Flowers on the altar were given today by Mala & Jess Rowland in Thanksgiving for Jess' Birthday.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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The Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 19, 2021 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Once again, the Altar Guild cordially invites you to join us to prepare the church for Christmas! **Light refreshments will be provided.**

We will:

- Hang the evergreen roping above the narthex doors and on the choir balcony
- Hang the large wreath on the choir balcony
- Place the Christmas Flowers around the church, including in the windows and elsewhere.

We have a lot to do, but with help from many hands we can get it done in a short amount of time. When we've been able to do this in the past it's been a fun experience for everyone, and we intend this year to be the same.

So please join us, and thanks!

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED

Contributions toward greens, window arrangements and poinsettias are also needed. To help, please complete the form below and place it, with your check attached (payable to *St. Mark's Church*) in the collection plate, or mail it to St. Mark's, 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD, 20904.

It must be received in the office by Monday, December 20, 2021 (with or without a monetary gift) to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

* I am sponsoring the greening for \$ _____

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