

# **The Second Sunday of Advent**

## **Sunday, December 5th, 2021**

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **Choral Introit**

*All stand as are able*

#### **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the coming of the light so that all might believe through him. ( John 1:6-7)

O God, help us to be ready for the coming of your Son, the light of all who love him, by making room for him in our hearts. Amen.

#### **Processional Hymn**

**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nation bind**

**In one the hearts of humankind**

**Bid thou our sad divisions cease,**

**And be thyself our King of Peace.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

#### **Hymn of Praise**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines Within Us**

Jacques Berthier

**Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.**

**Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.**

**Let my heart always welcome your love. (sung 3x)**

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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. Amen.

*Please be seated for the lessons*

### First Lesson

read by Tom Rigney

A reading from the book of 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.

*After the reading*

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah

sung by the Choir

*Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free  
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.  
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm  
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm*

*With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,  
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,  
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,  
In holiness and righteousness to service God all our days.*

*My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,  
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.  
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease  
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.*

## **Second Lesson**                      **read by Kallen Tsikalas**

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

*After the reading*

*Reader*            The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Gospel procession and reading*

## **Sequence Hymn:                      Signs of Ending All Around Us**

**Can it be that from our endings, new beginnings you create?**

**Life from death, and from our endings, realms of wholeness generate?**

**Take our fears, then Lord and turn them into hopes for life anew:**

**Fading light and dying season, sing their Glorias to you.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*Before the Gospel*

*Deacon*    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 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.'"

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*Please stand and say together*

### **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**

**led by Peter Saghir**

God of mystery and miracles,  
Your Word brings light into the dark places of our lives;  
Your presence gives us strength to endure  
when we are pushed beyond our own strength.

You find us in our lostness and,  
with love beyond our imagining,  
you lead us home.

All this you offer in and through Jesus Christ.  
Yet, we resist you.  
We resist loosening our tight grip on our lives.  
We hesitate to trust you  
for you may lead us where we do not want to go.

You know the places in our hearts  
and in our minds  
where we are well-defended  
against your intrusions.

In this season of longing, of awaiting, of looming darkness and coming joy,  
grant us grace to bring all that we are to you, O Christ  
— all the broken places  
— all the lost wanderings  
— all the weariness from trying to live lives that are pleasing to you.

Grant us grace to overcome our own weariness to respond with generosity and love to our neighbors:

Our neighbors we know, and those whose names we will never know;

Our neighbors who are hungry or homeless;

Our neighbors who are suffering from mental illness or addiction;

Our neighbors who are dying or sick;

Our neighbors who are lonely or grieving;

Our neighbors at PS 15.

Hold us all in the fullness of your love.

Then, be born in us,

that we may find our home,

our life,

our joy

in You, Lord of light and love.

Dear people of God I invite you to offer your prayers and thanksgivings.

*You are invited to speak your intercessions aloud or to type them in the chat.*

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

*Bishop* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

*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**

### **The Absolution**

#### **The Peace**

*Presider* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All* **And also with you!**

## The Holy Communion

*This is God's Table: all are welcome*

### Offertory Anthem

*Please stand*

#### Doxology

*Old Hundredth*

**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. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... 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:

*Presider and People sing together,*

**The Sanctus LEVAS II 255** (*Mass for a Soulful People*)

Grayson Warren Brown

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna in the highest**

*The Presider continues,*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People,*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues,*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.**

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS II 264**

A.H. Malotte

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Please remain standing and sing together*

**Fraction Anthem**

S. Shull

**We who are many, are one body,**

**For we all share in the one bread,**

**we all share in the one bread.**

*Please remain standing*

**Invitation to Communion**

These are the gifts for God for all of us, the people of God. Let us take them in remembrance that Christ died for us and feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Anthem**

**Taste and See**

James E. Moore, Jr

**[Refrain] Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**O Taste and see. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. God's praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me.
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name. I called the Lord and God answered me; from all my troubles God set me free.
3. Worship the Lord all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God is good; in God we need put all our trust.

*All stand, and say together*

**Post Communion Prayer**

**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**

**Recessional Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry** *Winchester*  
**On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.**

**Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.**

**For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.**

**Holiday Singalong**      **Chestnut Roasting On an Open Fire**  
**Chestnuts roasting on an open fire,  
Jack Frost nipping at your nose**  
**Yuletide carols being sung by the choir and folks dressed up like Eskimos**  
**Everybody knows, a turkey and some mistletoe**  
**will help to make the season bright**  
**Tiny tots with their eyes all aglow will find it hard to sleep tonight**  
**They know that Santa's on his way. He's loaded lots of toys and goodies on his sleigh,**  
**And every mother's child is gonna spy, to see reindeer really know how to fly**  
**And so, I'm offering this simple phrase, to kids from one to ninety-two**  
**Although it's been said many times, many ways**  
**Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas to you....**

**The Dismissal**

*Deacon*      Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People*      **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**



## **Weekly Announcements**

### **A prayer for Advent by Henri Nouwen**

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,  
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.  
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

**Help Fill the Church with Greens, Flowers and Music this Advent and Christmas!**