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Vision: "God loves everyone in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit."

Mission: "The church on the hill, providing a spiritual home
for people to grow in faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
and sharing this faith with the community and the world."



**The Second Sunday of Advent, Year C
December 8, 2024**

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

The Lighting of the Advent Candle – 2nd Sunday of Advent

Priest: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE. The second candle is PEACE. (*The candles are lit.*)

Scripture: Colossians 3:15 “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.”

Prayer: (Said in unison) **Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us Grace to seek peace in our lives; peace in this community; and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace. AMEN.**

Processional Hymn: *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”* Hymnal, #65

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought 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

Kyrie: *Missa Emmanual*

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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Collect: (Said by all) **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: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--

indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Lesson: 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 This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: ***“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 4-6)*** Hymnal, #56

The Holy 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Will Reller

The Nicene Creed (said by all)

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: Form IV (BCP page 388)

Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

Priest: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy... **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession

Priest 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.

Priest 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

The Peace *(all stand) Please No Hugging, Peace sign is appropriate*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also, with you.**



The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

“People, Look East”

- 1. People, look east, the time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there.
Give of your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.**
- 3. Stars, keep the watch when night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as the sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**
- 4. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

Doxology: Hymnal, #380 (Verse 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

The Holy Communion: Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP, page 361)

The Great Thanksgiving *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Priest: 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: (Sung by all) Missa Emmanuel

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: 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:

Memorial Acclamation: *Missa Emmanuel*

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest: 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 forever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

"The Lord's Prayer" Malotte

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 debt, 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Litany at the Breaking of the Bread: *Missa Emmanuel* *(insert)*

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**
Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn: *"We are Waiting"* *(insert)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Said by 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

Priest: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. AMEN.

Recessional Hymn: *“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”* Hymnal, #67

The Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia! Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Birthdays to Celebrate!

Jean Taylor, Dec 14

*When it's hard to look back, and you're too afraid to look ahead;
Look beside you and I will be there.*

Prayers

"Heavenly Father, I come before you with a heavy heart, seeking hope and strength in times of uncertainty. Help me to trust in your plan and find peace in your presence. Fill us with hope and courage to face each day with faith and perseverance. Amen."

Terry and Mary Hinton, Drake Hinton, Donna Contraraz-Wetherbee, Judy Sadar, Marlys Harsh, The Reeves Family, Donna Travis, Jay Dewey, Preston Lewis and his mother Wanda Lewis, Crystal Blochler, Tom & Katie Branch, Sally Aigner, Pat Muller, Tim & Carolyn Ohlrogge, Chuck & Rose Hinton, Julia Kouris, Noel & Nina Schloegel, Jim & Donna Potter, Hank Jones, Amie & Connie Navarre, Peggy Supplee, Stephen Nye, Sophie & Diana Zakhem, Melanie Christopher, Ruth Ann Rowley-Manro, Jim & Kathy McKinna, The Hernandez family.

Serving Today

Celebrant:	Rev. Will Reller	Open church:	Steve O'Donnell
Close church:	Steve O'Donnell	Usher:	Steve O'Donnell
Crucifer/Acolyte:	Sally Aigner	Lector:	Sally Aigner
Chalice Minister:	Sally Aigner & Rae Garrett	Audio/Visual:	Mike Fields & David Deng
Altar Guild:	Joanna Pask	Music:	Stephen Nye

Thank you all for your time and effort. You are truly appreciated!

Mark your Calendars

Wednesday, December 11, 1:00 PM – Lectio Divina

Sunday, December 15, 10:30 AM – Holy Eucharist with Fr. Albert Daviou



Because of Jesus

We have Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7

Peace
with
God



Peace
with
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