

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Second Sunday of Advent



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey*

6 December, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

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Prelude *Voluntary*

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 3 & 4)*

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

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant: Come and save us, * O Lord God of hosts.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People: **O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

The Advent Candle is now lit.

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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

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

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. *All:* **Amen.**

**Trisagion* S-102

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: 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. *All: Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,

O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his
arms, and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *(To be read alternating by whole verse)*

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will

be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #75 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying* ASCENSION

***The Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:1-8

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

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 III**

BCP, p. 387

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader: For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, Donald our President, and Joe our President-elect; We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.
People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession - Minister and People

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.*

Absolution

BCP, p. 360

***The Peace** (*All stand*)

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

***Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C**

BCP, p. 369

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: ***By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.***

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus and Benedictus (All)

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

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for

strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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

Celebrant: *Alleluia*, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Currently, our diocesan guidelines allow us to offer the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. The Bread is offered and Wine is placed on the altar for adoration.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Stand or kneel)*

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.*

***Blessing**

***Hymn #71** *Hark! The Glad Sound (vs. 1,2&4)*

BRISTOL

***Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List - Week of December 6, 2020

*If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 9th**.*

Barry	Beth C.	Bob
Cathy Bentivegna	Theresa Bray	Marie Bregler
Rich & Rosemarie Catrano	Joan Connolly	Joan Cunningham
Judy Contreras	Joe Corbin	Mary Ann Crewdson
Michael Reed Davis	Dcn. Judy	Donald Deacon
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Elizabeth Ann	Emma	Faye & Ed
Fran	Frank	Katy Gallaher
Hinderliter Family	Timothy Michael Holt	Janet
Jeanne, John & Caitlyn	Jeannine	Warren Lamon
Larry	Diane Lee	Lily
Locke Family	Cecily Lovas	Maryann
Kurt Martin	Scott Mitchell	Evelyn Nancy
Virginia Nicholas	Lucien Picard	Suzette Reese
Carol Ann Renzland	Kathy Rice	Ronnie & Harry
Rosemary	Gregory & Ray Schwartz	Lara Sparks
Jerry South	Rits	Robert Thomas
Javy Vargas	Colin Walker	Peter Wall
Ann White	Kate White	Ruth Wolf

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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Birthdays: Ruth McLaughlin (12/10)

Anniversaries: Thomas & Gail Jacobsen (12/09)

Altar Greens: Today's Altar Greens are given by Thomas & Gail Jacobsen in celebration of their anniversary and also to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 6th – December 13th

06 - Sunday	<i>Diocese of NJ Lessons & Carols (YouTube)</i>	6:00 PM
07 - Monday	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
08 - Tuesday	Sung EP	6:00 PM
09 - Wednesday	Choir Meeting	
10 - Thursday	Bible Study	2:00 PM
	Compline	9:00 PM
11 - Friday	Kids Korner	7:00 PM
	<i>Lessons & Carols (live-streamed Facebook)</i>	7:00 PM
12 - Saturday	Praying through the Psalms	7:00 PM
13 - Sunday	<i>NJ Chamber Singers (live-streamed YouTube)</i>	4:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to wipe down pews and items after the 9:30 service.

PASTORAL CARE - Please call Mother Caroline+ at 504-390-5331
and Deacon Judy Krom at (732) 330-4949

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports for all ministries will be due to the office by
December 17, 2020. Please adjust your reports to reflect **all**
activities during the pandemic.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Each Sunday in Advent, please bring canned or boxed
non-perishable items and/or personal products and deposit them into
Box A or Box B. This drive will benefit St. Francis Community Center. Fresh
hams, turkeys, or vegetables may be delivered to St. Francis on Tuesday,
December 22nd between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM.

THE GIVING TREE

Please see Maggie Aftanis for details. Select your gift tag (in Martin Hall.)
The deadline is December 13th.

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation
toward Christmas Flowers, kindly mail your donation to the church office, give to
Lisa directly or use the office drop box.. Forms are available in today's bulletin,
December 13th & December 20th and also in the weekly E-Pistle.

Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note
"Altar Guild-Christmas" in the check memo.

All donations must be in the office by Tuesday, December 22nd.

Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey Lessons & Carols

TONIGHT at 6:00 PM on the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey YouTube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/c/EpiscopalDioceseofNewJersey/>

LESSONS & CAROLS

This coming FRIDAY, December 11th at 7:00 PM, streamed on our Facebook Page

NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS

December 13th at 4:00 PM on our YouTube Channel

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