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The Mission of Our Diocese

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission.

The Vision of Our Parish

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector

The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest

2 ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 2021

Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Leader: Alleluia! Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: O Come, Let us adore Him, Alleluia!

Leader: Come and save us, Lord God of Hosts.

People: Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Leader: O Lord, arise, help us; deliver us for your name's sake.

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

Leader: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our Fathers, who in former times spoke through the prophets, and who sent to us your own beloved Son to be our Messiah and Savior; as we now light this candle in remembrance of His first coming long ago, help us always to be His faithful witnesses and disciples until He comes again, in majesty And great glory, at the last day.

People: Amen, so be it.

Leader: Rejoice, believers! The Lord is at hand.

All: Amen, Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Kyrie

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

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.

First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

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 for ever. Amen.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 3:1-6

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Witness

Homily

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People—Form III

Confession, Absolution and Peace

Announcements and Blessings

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A

Salutation

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation of Communion (All baptized persons are invited)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Susan DiSabatino

The Rev. Raynald Bonoan

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 387

Prayer Book 360

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Prayer Book 365

DIOCESAN PRAYER: Gracious God, as we walk by faith the shared journey of choosing a bishop for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, nurture within us discerning hearts and minds hopeful for possibilities yet to be revealed. Send us a caring leader, we pray, who will uniquely delight in the diverse and abundant gifts of this diocese, which so richly reflect your unity in diversity. Equip our human eyes and ears with divine recognition for the chief pastor of this diocese whom you have chosen to lead us in the ever-unfolding mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions: (*Urgent needs this week*): **Dennis, Jerry, Allen, James, Sharon, Mimi, Glad, Avery, Cindy, Bishop Dabney, John, Felimon, Constante, Nida, Eden, Barbara, Becky, Ernie, Michelle, Ado, Sharon, Carole, William, Sonya, Gin, Joshua and family, all first responders and health care workers, all those who suffer from the Coronavirus and their families and friends, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines. Pray for Justice.**

We pray for those who have died, especially the victims of the coronavirus. Pray for their families and friends.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Samantha, Janine, Millie, Ken and Peggy, and Art and Stella.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! OR CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR GIVING ON-LINE.

"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE: DECEMBER 22, 7:00PM

(A time to acknowledge the "blue" feelings many may experience at Christmas time.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:00PM, WITH MUSIC AT 5:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00AM (NO MUSIC)