

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 6, 2015 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I — 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *Wachet auf (Wake, Awake)* J. S. Bach

INTROIT, COLLECT AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Rorate Coeli Plainchant

(Drop down, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain justice.

Let the earth awake and bring forth the Savior. // We have sinned and are unclean, and we fade like a leaf: our sins, like the wind, have taken us away; thou hast hidden thy face from us and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.)

(Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes following the lighting.)

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMNAL #59 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* MERTON

COLLECT FOR PURITY Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 323

KYRIE ELEISON **S 91** (*front section of hymnal*) Healey Willan
Lord, have mercy upon us (3 times). Christ have mercy upon us (3x).
Lord have mercy...(3x)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

FIRST READING **Baruch 5:1-9** (*seated*)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 4: The Song of Zechariah (*Benedictus Dominus Deus*)



1. *Solo* Blessed be the Lord God of / Ís-ra-el, *
- All* **for he hath visited and redeemed / hís peo-ple.**
2. **And hath raised up a mighty salvation / fór us,***
in the house of his ser-/ vánt David.
3. **As he spake by the mouth of his holy / pró-phets,***
which have been since the / wórld be-gan.
4. **That we should be saved from our / én-e-mies,***
and from the hand of all / thát hate us;
5. **to perform the mercy promised to our fore- / fá-thers,***
and to remember his ho-/ lý cov-(e)-nant;
6. **To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather / Á-bra-ham,***
that he / wóuld give us,
7. **that we being delivered out of the hand of our / é-ne-mies ***
might serve him / wíth-out fear,
8. **In holiness and righteousness be- / fóre him,* all the days / óf our life.**
9. **And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Hígh-est, ***
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to pre- / páre his ways;
10. **to give knowledge of salvation unto his / péo-ple ***
for the remission / óf their sins,
11. **Through the tender mercy of our / Gód, ***
whereby the dayspring from on high hath vis-/ ít-ed us;
12. **To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of / déath, ***
and to guide our feet into the / wáy of peace.

ANTHEM *King Jesus Hath a Garden* Dutch carol

SECOND READING **Philippians 1:3-11** (*remaining seated*)

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand, as able, for the Gospel sequence.)

Antiphon: first sung by cantor, then repeated by all before and after the verse:



Prepare ye the way of the / Lórd: * Make straight a highway / fór our God.

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL **Luke 3: 1-6** (*standing, if able*)

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.' "

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED (*standing, if able*) Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*standing or kneeling*) BCP p. 328

Reader . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Gracious God:

All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith, and show forth our service to you in our service to others; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

(Collect for St. John's)

CONFESSION *(kneeling or standing)* BCP p. 330

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *(standing, if able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common bread is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Michael Wise
(The text may be found at Isaiah 40:3-8 on p. 626 of the pew Bible.)

PRESENTATION *(sung by all, standing if able)* 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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II Book of Common Prayer, (BCP), p. 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right and our bounden duty ...
... evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS S 114 *(front of hymnal)* H. Willan
(sung by all, remaining standing, if able)

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, ...
By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**All 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

AGNUS DEI S 158 *(front of hymnal)* H. Willan

ANTHEM *Surely It Is God Who Saves Me* Arthur Rhea

HYMNAL #75 *There's a Voice In the Wilderness* ASCENSION

ADVENT CHANT *Prepare the Way* Jayson R. Engquist
(Congregation please sing with choir: "A voice is calling from the wilderness, voice calling...")

HYMNAL #54 *Savior of the Nations, Come!* NUN KOMM

HYMNAL #53 *Once He Came in Blessing* GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, kneeling or standing)*

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee
for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby
of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate
in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people;
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us
with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

PROCESSION OF THE CRÈCHE FIGURES *(seated)*

CAROL *Joseph lieber, Joseph mein* German carol
(Each week the figures will move closer to the manger in anticipation of Christmas.)

(Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.)

HYMNAL #67 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* FREU DICH SEHR

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Wachet auf (Wake, Awake)* arr. John Ferguson

(You are invited to move forward to the choir stalls for the final music.)

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Laurianne, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

ASSISTING IN BOTH SERVICES TODAY

PREACHER *The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*
DEACON *The Reverend Margaret Thor*
ALTAR GUILD *Dusty Mairs, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz,
Phillip Baird, Bill Sherfey*

ASSISTING IN THE 8AM SERVICE TODAY

VERGER *Phillip Baird*
READER *Craig Lindeke*

ASSISTING IN THE 10AM SERVICE TODAY

ADULT CHOIR *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music & Organist*
CHILDREN'S & YOUTH CHOIRS *Heather Hunt, Director*
INSTRUMENTALISTS *Chime ringers, Recorder Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble*
ACOLYTES *Matt Brooks, Charlie Docherty, Will Rinkoff, Thea Bishop*
READERS *Judy Southwick, Don Postema*
VERGER *Joan Potter*
USHERS & GREETERS *Barbara Lindeke, Suzanne McInroy, Judy Southwick,
Bob Bauman, Mary & Peter Gilbertson, Kathleen Hanson*

COFFEE HOUR

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