

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10:30 am • December 8, 2024

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Buxtehude

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 65. Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden väg för Herran*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355 | CG 3

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

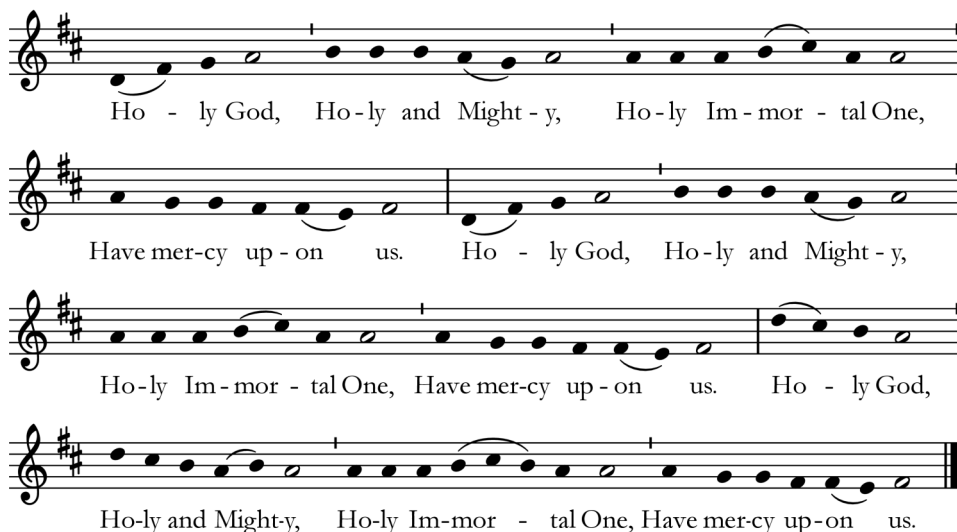
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Trisagion

BCP 356 | CG 5

8:30 Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

10:30 S 100 *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One,
Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (10:30)

After the lighting, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

Leader We light this candle to remember God's gift of peace. The Gospel of Luke tells us John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way for the Lord's peace.

People **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

HYMN: There was a good bishop

St. Denio



1. There was a good bish - op who lived long a - go, his mem - ory is
2. He is Fa - ther Christ - mas, and San - ta Claus too. He helped man - y



glor - ious, his leg - ends are bold. We call him Saint Nich - las, a
peo - ple, the stor - ies are true. At Christ - mas he calls to us,



ser - vant of Christ, who loved lit - tle chil - dren and taught what was right.
both young and old, To see that the stor - y of Je - sus is told.

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*

8:30 *We will recite the canticle antiphonally by whole verse.*

10:30 *The canticle will be sung by the choir. Chant: William Bradley Roberts*

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.

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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: WLP 889. Blessed be the God of Israel *Shepherd's Pipes*



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2. With prom-ised mer-cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as pro-phet of the Lord you will pre-pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da-vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra-ham; from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo-ple they are saved from sin's e - ter-nal sway.



So have the prophets long de-clared that with his mighty arm
that we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease,



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and right-eous-ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Celebrant 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.'"

[John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.]

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This Advent season, we pray expectantly for the return of Christ, waiting patiently in the darkness for a great light to lead us, guide us, and show us the way. Let us pray.

Root of Jesse, we remember that the Church has its roots in you. We pray for all believers around the world today, remembering that we are all branches off of a common tree, with common ancestors and a common story. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Bright morning star, we give thanks for the gift of light today. We lift up caregivers, parents, teachers, community leaders, and all those who bring light to the world. May we similarly turn from darkness and the shadows of night and seek to walk in the light of Christ together. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Holy Spirit, Wisdom from on high, help us to order our common life to direct our attention towards you. In this season of renewal, help us to pare down the distractions, distortions and despair that pull us away from you, and instead prepare the way for us. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

Emmanuel, God with us, we ask that you be with those who are held captive in this day—those who mourn, those in exile, those struggling with addiction, loneliness, pain or hurt of any kind. We especially lift up those in our church community: Alice, Becky, Betty, Bill, Carl, Diane, Ilia, Jan, Jane, Karen, Liz, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Michelle, Nancy, Norris, Randy, Robin, Roy, and Steve. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

We also remember our families, friends, and neighbors, especially Bev, Brittany, Charles, Danielle, Diane, Evonne, Fori, Florence, Gemma, Gina, Jane, Jeff, John, John, Kate, Ken, Kerry, Licia, Lily, Michael, Michelle, Pam, Richard, Ron, Roy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah Lou, Shannon, and Valeria. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

O Key of David, open wide the doors for those who have died and are seeking a way towards our heavenly home. Make safe the path for them and comfort their rest at the last. We remember especially Andrew Wanhue, Kerry Coleman Wilke, Susan Smoley, Terry Mazzoni, and Linwood Hedgpehth. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

O come, O King of nations, and bind in one the hearts of all mankind. Bid all our sad divisions cease and be to us and to all people our King of Peace. **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.**

The People may add their own petitions, after which the Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: People, look east

arr. Malcolm Archer

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. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there: give up 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. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ 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.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: Savior the Nations, v. 2

2. Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child of the Vir - gin un - de - filed!

Might - y God and Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

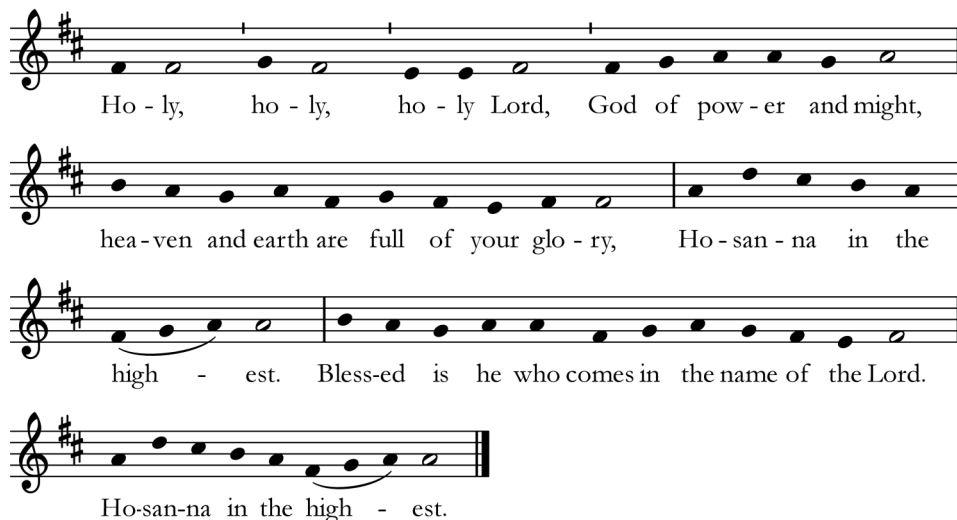
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Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al-so with you. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

10:30 S 124 *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: Traditional Version

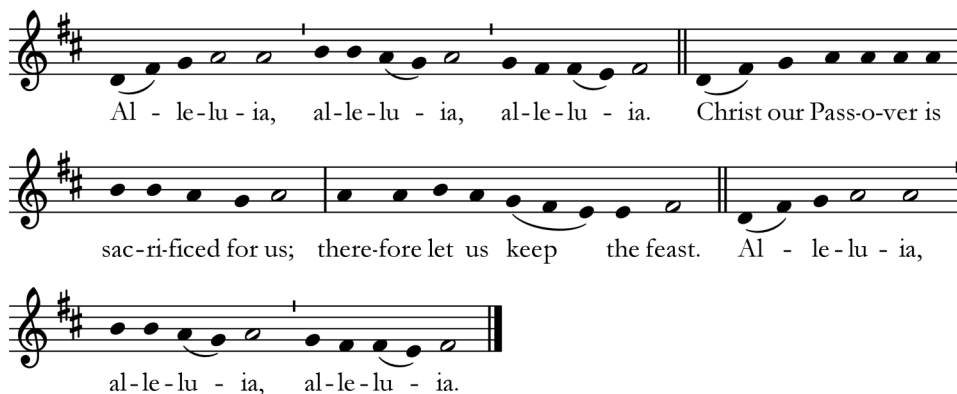
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FRACTION ANTHEM: Christ our Passover

BCP 364 | CG 47

8:30 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

10:30 S 1544 *New Plainsong*, David Hurd



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia,
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MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: Communion Propers for Advent II Adam Bartlett

Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high; and behold the joy that shall come to you from your God. O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord! O Sion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. He established peace on your borders; he gives you your fill of finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command. He hurls down hailstones like crumbs; before such cold, who can stand? He sends forth his word and it melts them; at the blowing of his breath the waters flow. He reveals his word to Jacob; to Israel, his decrees and judgments. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his judgments.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN:

75. There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Christian Friedrich Witt



CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2024

Wardens George Douglas (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	Jeremy Clos, FSJ
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Bradley Burgess, Organist & Choirmaster The Nativity Choir
LECTORS	Tom Schuler (8:30) Viola Baldwin, Marcia Perry (10:30)
LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Helen Armstrong (8:30) David Nason, Harlan Hagge (10:30)
ACOLYTES (10:30)	Beatrice Tarry, Liam Clay
ALTAR GUILD	Susan Jordan, Paula Valeria, Brian Fentress
ALTAR FLOWERS	Robin Rhaney
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Alfred Christensen
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Roy Immelman

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