

# **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

## **DECEMBER 10, 2023**



John the Baptist—Albrecht Dürer

# **The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

**10:00 am**



**ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**BAY SHORE, NEW YORK**



## WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S BY-THE-SEA EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. If you do not already have a church home, please feel welcome to join this Parish family.*

*In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcomed to the table to receive Holy Communion.*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES.

### — PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK —

**We pray for those who have asked our prayers:** Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Chris, Corey, Diane, Donna, Douglas, Elinor, Felix, Gary, Greg, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Rodney, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Joy, Sue, Susan, Thomas, Tom, Tom, Tyler, Vincent;

**We pray for those who have died,** remembering especially Michael Shimskie; and all those grieving the death of a loved one, that they may they find comfort and peace;

**We pray for those in military service,** and especially for Erik, John, Matt, Robert, and Stephen;

**We pray for** the unemployed and underemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who suffer chronic illness, and for all caregivers;

**We pray for** our companion diocese of Torit in the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; and for mercy, peace, and justice among all peoples, especially those whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters, terrorism, war, gun violence, famine, tyranny, or injustice; praying especially for the innocent in Israel and in Palestine;

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St. Mark's, Westhampton Beach; Centro Franciscano; St. Paul's, Woodside; Christ Church, Bay Ridge; Christ Church, Bellport; St. Ann and the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn; St. James the Less, Jamaica; St. James', St. James;

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer this week** we pray for The Church of Pakistan (United); and these Dioceses of Churches of the Anglican Communion Worldwide: Bathurst (Australia); Bauchi (Nigeria); Belize (SWest Indies); Bendigo (Australia); Beni (Congo); Benin (Nigeria).

### — CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S —

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Blue Christmas Service—6PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Holy Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Advent—10AM

Family Eucharist for the Eve of Christmas  
with the Christmas Pageant—4PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Holy Eucharist for Christmas Day—10AM

## — PARISH NOTICES —

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN: CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, 19 DECEMBER, 12 NOON, LOUNGE.** Reservations may be made by calling Linda Brady at 631-665-8330 before Friday, 15 December—no exceptions. In the spirit of giving and Christmas, we will collect an unwrapped bath towel and wash cloth from each member to benefit the women taking refuge in the battered women's shelter via Anne Perry. There will be a "Grab Bag" with a \$5 value, a Christmas trivia and carol singing. Join us for an afternoon of Christmas cheer. ECW wishes everyone at St. Peter's a Blessed Christmas.

**"SOCKS FOR SAINTS" ECW** is again collecting socks, hats, gloves, mittens for less fortunate men, women and children in the community. A collection box is located in the narthex for your convenience. We will be collecting until Sunday, 17 December. Please be as generous as in the past as the needs have become greater. Thank you for your participation.

**OUR ANGEL TREE** will once again be helping to provide Christmas cheer to individuals and families from New Hour, Inc. New Hour is a non profit located on the grounds of the Sisters of St Joseph, and their primary focus is supporting individuals whose lives have been impacted by incarceration. We will be generating a list of people and their needs by the first week in Advent and are asking those who are interested to please "adopt" a person and shop for them. If you are unable to shop we will gladly accept donations and shop for you. We are asking all gifts to be wrapped, labeled and delivered to the 10am service on Sunday Dec 17th so they can be distributed to New Hour for their Christmas party. Thank you for your support! Any questions or concerns, please contact Anne Perry @631-894-7806 or [aunt-ieani@aol.com](mailto:aunt-ieani@aol.com)

**THE BABYLON CHORALE** presents: **JOY!** Ring in the winter season with a concert of holiday music, featuring 4-hand piano accompaniment. today, Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm. St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. Advance Sale: \$20 / Adults; \$14 / Students & Seniors 60+; Door Sale: \$25 / Adults, \$19 / Students & Seniors 60+; \$10 / Children 10 and under at all times/ To purchase tickets online or for further information, visit our website at [www.babylonchorale.org](http://www.babylonchorale.org) or email [info@babylonchorale.org](mailto:info@babylonchorale.org)

ALSO, THE BABYLON CHORALE will hold auditions on Monday evening, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 starting with rehearsal at 7:30pm at Sisters of St. Joseph Brentwood Campus. All voice parts are welcomed. For further information, use either of the two electronic media sources noted above.





**You are invited** to our Blue Christmas Service on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 pm – Reception following in Lounge. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

This type of service has several names: Blue Christmas/Longest Night/When Christmas Hurts, Contemplative Christmas, among others. In some instances, this celebration is placed on or near December 21. Following this date, daylight seems to be returning for more and more of each day.

This is the time of the Winter Solstice, the shortest day and longest night of the year, when memories of past experiences and the pain of present reality can become overwhelming. Recognizing that this is not a season of joy for everyone, in this service we will be invited to reflect on the pain, the loneliness, and the sorrow we may feel, and offer it all to our great sign of hope, the Holy Child of Bethlehem.

We invite you to come, to listen, to pray, to sing, and to meditate upon the pain and anguish you may carry. We invite you to offer your pain to the Holy One. We pray that all of us will find hope and comfort in knowing that we are not alone. We will worship together, acknowledge our brokenness, and celebrate the healing power and hope of Christ.

“Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God”. *Isaiah 40:1*

The service begins in silence so all may participate in a time of reflection.

*Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service.*

We look forward to welcoming you to visit our community and share this special service with us.

Mother Doyle+, Priest  
St. Peter's by-the-Sea  
500 W. Montauk Highway, Bay Shore





My family of origin is where I learned about love, respect and compassion, these values were the foundation of my familial relationships. When our family immigrated and there were constraints in our family situation, my mother worked in a factory and brought home “piece work” to sew (at 5 cents per zipper) for income. Regardless of those challenges I felt secure in her love and protection. As our situation improved and were blessed with more opportunities, my mother served as a source of hope for those that immigrated and those that did not. I was fortunate to grow up witnessing daily examples of love, respect, compassion, and solidarity.

With the passing of my mother’s generation including aunts and uncles, I have found that scripture has become more important in my life. In particular, my prayer group, friends and colleagues that strive for the beloved community are a source of strength and grounding; especially during these times when hard fought rights are being taken back as though universal rights somehow have to be rationed.



#### Questions for Reflection:

Often those with limited means show great generosity and solidarity, why do you think this is?

Through my reading of the book of Genesis, creation is the very essence of possibility and abundance. God, the source of abundance, makes it available to us because of His infinite love for us, his children. Because this belief is an integral part of my faith, I feel fortunate to be rooted in abundance, to feel loved, to have options.

To be rooted in abundance suggests that gratitude and generosity are a natural consequence of a loving environment, a space where possibility, generosity, and abundance thrive. Without love for God, self and others, you risk being trapped in an environment of scarcity. | [teen.org](https://www.teen.org)



*Dora Currea belongs to the Washington National Cathedral congregation where she is a Co-Chair of the Sanctuary Ministry advocating and supporting immigrants in partnership with diocesan and other faith groups in the DC area as well as the Church’s Episcopal Migration Ministries. Dora currently serves the diocese as Chair of the Commission on Ministry.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Voluntary Chorale Prelude on “Savior of the nations, come”

J. S. Bach

## Announcements

### Hymn at the Procession

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

*The Hymnal 1982, #76*

*Winchester New*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalisches Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

## The Collect for Purity

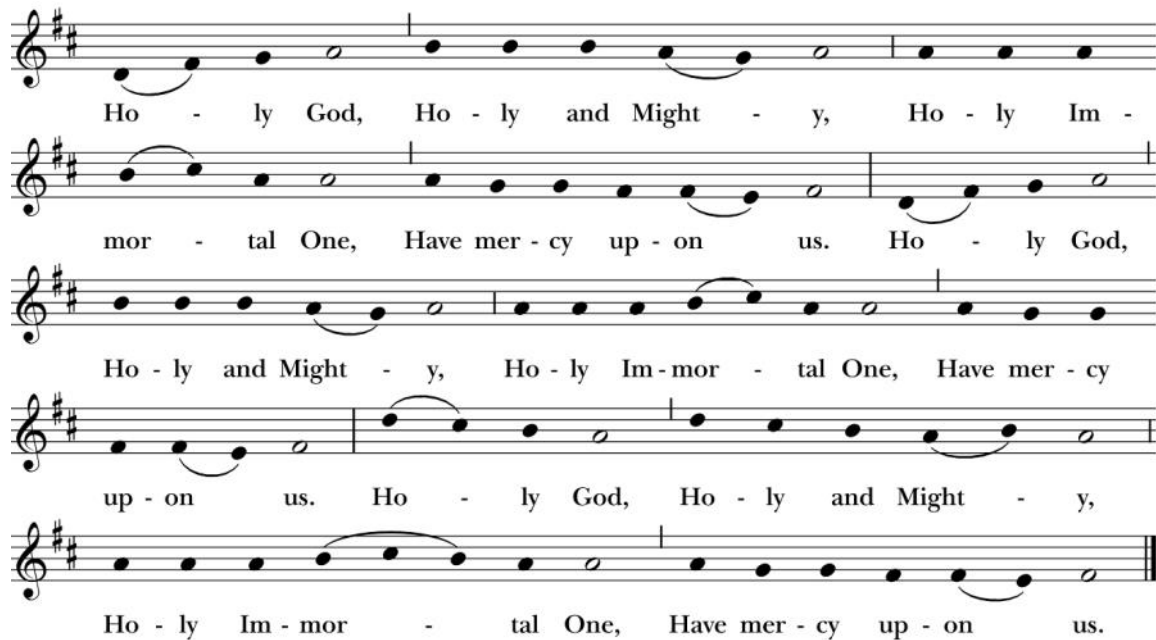
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Song of Praise

*The Hymnal 1982, S 100*

Trisagion (*New Plainsong*)

David Hurd



Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

## 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.**

## The Lessons

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 40:1-11

*Lector* A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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

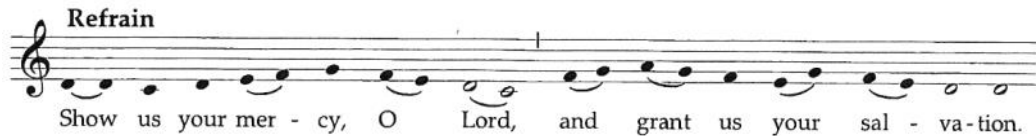
field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** (*The choir sings the refrain, all repeat it, then it is sung as indicated*)

Plainsong, Tone 1



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.

**REFRAIN**

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.

**REFRAIN**

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.

**REFRAIN**

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.

**REFRAIN**

**The Epistle:** 2 Peter 3:8-15a

*Lector* A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.



## The Anthem

Robert Edward Smith

Comfort, comfort ye, my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God. Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. And speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits fore them. Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare is now over. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, bidding all men to repentance since the kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God always. Let the valleys rise to greet him, and the hills bow down to greet him. Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken. Amen.

*The congregation stands after the anthem. The Alleluia is sung by the choir, then repeated by all.  
It is repeated following the verse.*

## Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lk 3: 4, 6

Pre - pare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; and all flesh

shall see the sal - va - tion of our God.

## The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

*Celebrant* 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."

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

## The Sermon

The Reverend Doyle Dietz Allen

## The Nicene Creed

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

### *Intercessor*

As we heed the call to prepare the way of the Lord, let us prepare our hearts in prayer, saying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

We pray for those who work to prepare the way of the Lord, especially those in the Church. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops Lawrence, Daniel, William, and Geralyn; for our priest, Doyle and our lay leaders, and for all those who serve God’s people.

May your Church strive to be a vessel of peace, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We pray for our president, the members of Congress and the Supreme Court, and for all those in positions of power, that they may seek to work for justice and peace in every place, leveling mountains of fear and raising valleys of hopelessness, that your will may be known on earth.

May you guide and govern us, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We pray for nations torn by war, strife, and violence. We pray for all those in harm's way. We pray for those who hunger and those who suffer for the sake of conscience. We pray for those who seek refuge far from home.

May they find consolation and strength in the face of your Son Jesus, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We pray for all those who struggle and suffer. We pray for the poor, the sick, the oppressed and those in prison. We pray for all victims of violent crimes and their families. We pray for those who mourn and for those who have known bitterness. We pray all those with any need, especially Abigail, Angie, Annette, Autumn, Betty, Caroline, Chris, Chris, Corey, Diane, Donna, Douglas, Elinor, Felix, Gary, Greg, Jean, Jill, Jim, Joel, Joy, June, Kamryn, Laura, Liz, Matthew, Melvin, Michelle, Muriel, Rodney, Roger, Rosalie, Sarah Grace, Scott, Joy, Sue, Susan, Thomas, Tom, Tom, Tyler, Vincent; and for any others you might name silently or aloud. *(Silence)*

Shine the light of your Christ into our broken world, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We pray for this community of faith, that, like John the Baptizer, we may bear witness that God is coming into the world in our own lives.

Give us hope and strength, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We praise you for the manifold gifts of our lives. We give thanks for all the blessings of our lives, including those that you would like to name now, silently or aloud. *(Silence)*

We pray that you may fill us with your grace, that we may be truly thankful, O God, and hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

We pray for those who have died. We pray that we may join with them, with the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John the Baptizer, and all the saints in the fellowship of the Church Triumphant.

O God, hear our prayer:

***Come, Lord Jesus.***

*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.***

## **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*Celebrant*

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.**

### *Celebrant*

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**

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

### **The Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* where *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Hymn at the Offering**

*The Hymnal 1982, #57*

Lo! he comes with clouds descending

*Helmsley*

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - every eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on  
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the  
saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine  
train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Helmsley*, melody Thomas Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.



## The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

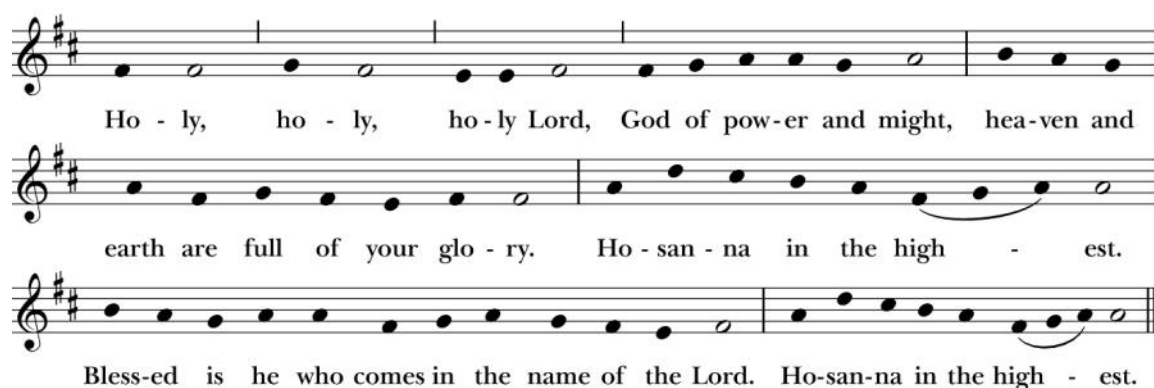
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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*Then the Celebrant continues*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,**  
    hallowed be your Name,  
    your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
        on earth as in heaven.  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
    as we forgive those  
        who sin against us.  
**Save us from the time of trial,**  
    and deliver us from evil.  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
    and the glory are yours,  
    now and for ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

### The Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, S 161*

Lamb of God (*New Plainsong*)

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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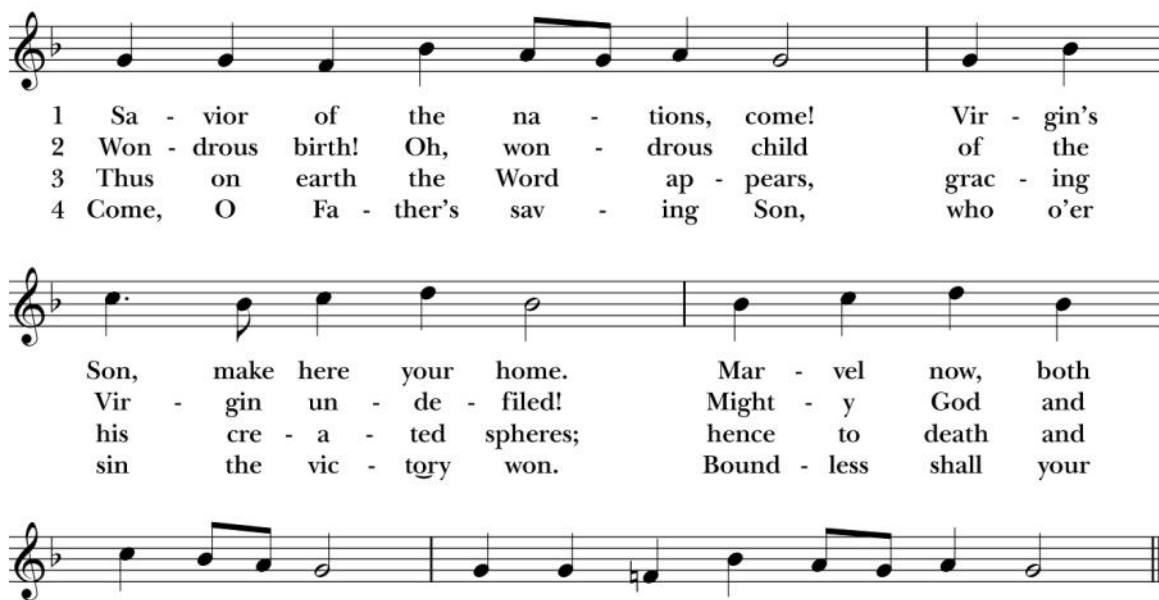
*Celebrant*      The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*In the Episcopal Church, all Baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. It may be taken by receiving only the wafer or the wine, or by taking the host then drinking from the Common Cup. Intinction (dipping the host in the wine) is not allowed. Gluten-free hosts are also available. Simply ask the priest at the distribution of Holy Communion.*

## The Hymn at the Communion

Savior, of the nations, come

*The Hymnal 1982, #54  
Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938). Sts. 3-4 Copyright © 1982, James Waring McCrady. Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524; harm. Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616).

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*All say together*

**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.**

*The congregation is seated. Those persons desiring Unction should move to the Lady Chapel.  
The following hymn is sung by all.*

## The Hymn

What is the crying at Jordan?

*The Hymnal 1982, #66*

*St. Mark's, Berkeley*



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who  
 2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -  
 3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to  
 4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in

hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the  
 pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in  
 see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -  
 joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -

sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.  
 dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.  
 mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.  
 self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

Words: Carol Christopher Drake (b. 1933), alt. Copyright © 1971, Carol C. Stone. Music: *St. Mark's, Berkeley*, Irish melody from *Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern*; harm. Norman Mealy (1923-1987).


*At the conclusion of the healing, the congregation stands to sing the closing hymn.*

## The Closing Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

*The Hymnal 1982, #66*

*Stuttgart*



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmody Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.



## The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility,  
sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

***Amen.***

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await,  
make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

***Amen.***

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer,  
at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

***Amen.***

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

**The Closing Voluntary** Toccata in B Minor

Gaston Bélier

## — FOR THE SERVICE —

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Altar Guild - Kathy Birch, Joan Derle, Laura McLaughlin



## BULLETIN INSERTS

**December 3, 2023 – Advent 1 (B)**

**First Week of Advent: Saying “Yes” to the Journey**

As Advent begins this week, we invite you to orient yourself to the coming of Jesus at Christmas through the practices of *Journeying the Way of Love*. This journey begins by saying “yes” to God’s call to birth new life into the world—a call that is both powerful and gentle, a call that will, if fully embraced, grow beyond our imaginations, spilling out of ourselves and into our family, friends, community, and the whole world. Over the course of this holy season, we invite you to respond to that call using these daily practices, and encourage you to offer them to your friends, family, and neighbors.

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit [episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove](https://episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove). There, you’ll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

**Sunday, December 3**

### **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 21:25-36. How do the symbols of the Advent season help you understand the story of Jesus? Where do you see them in your worship today?

**Monday, December 4**

### **TURN**

Read Isaiah 58. How does this reading challenge you to think about feasts and festivals differently? How might this lesson change the way you celebrate or recognize this holy season?

**Tuesday, December 5**

### **LEARN**

Read Matthew 4:18-22. How do these verses from Matthew inspire you to read Scripture with new eyes? Try reading several different translations of this passage. See how the language might change your reading of it.

**Wednesday, December 6**

### **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent I, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. Set a timer for three minutes to sit in silence and hear what God might be saying back to you.

**Thursday, December 7**

### **BLESS**

Call or write a letter to a family member with whom you would like to have a closer relationship. Make plans in the new year to chat on the phone or meet over Zoom or in person. Let them know how much you love them and look forward to knowing them better.

**Friday, December 8**

### **GO**

Read or watch your local news. Ask God to open your heart and eyes to ways you can promote reconciliation and healing in your community.

**Saturday, December 9**

### **REST**

Spend at least 45 minutes outside today, without doing yard work or fixing lights or redoing bows on the garland. Take some time to just sit outside and let the air wash over you, taking away the stress and worry of the moment. Read Psalm 100 before and after your outside time. See how this psalm may help you rest and recharge your spirit.



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*



## BULLETIN INSERTS

**December 10, 2023 – Advent 2 (B)**

**Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends**

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

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**Sunday, December 10**

### **WORSHIP**

Read Luke 3:1-6. How does the story of John the Baptist fill your heart with hope?

**Monday, December 11**

### **TURN**

Turn away from the busyness of the world right now. Turn your heart and mind toward giving thanks for this time of reflection, refreshment, and renewal.

**Tuesday, December 12**

### **LEARN**

Read Luke 1:45. Share your faith story with one new person this week. It can be someone you have known for a while who has not heard the faith part of your story.

**Wednesday, December 13**

### **PRAY**

Pray along with the Collect for Advent 2, found on page 211 of The Book of Common Prayer. As you are out and about for the rest of this week, notice the people you pass. Ask God to bless them in their lives and work. See how this changes the way you go about your week.

**Thursday, December 14**

### **BLESS**

Spend a significant amount of time today discerning if there is a special blessing or gift you can share with your church, a local ministry, or with your community. Ask God to inspire and equip you with the fortitude and tools to make this gift something truly memorable and heartfelt.

**Friday, December 15**

### **GO**

Go out of your way to have a conversation with someone you might not normally visit with today. Ask God to open your heart to hear this person as God does.

**Saturday, December 16**

### **REST**

Put your phone on airplane mode and leave it in a dresser drawer for an hour or two. Whatever happens in that time, you can handle later. Give this time to yourself and Jesus, to rest and recharge for the week ahead.



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### Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family  
by serving our parish and community  
through prayer, music, education, and outreach.*