



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

The "BCP" is the red Book of Common Prayer, "Hymnal" is the blue Hymnal and "WLP" is the green Wonder, Love and Praise Hymnal all in the pew in front of you.

Voluntary: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. by Innes

The people stand as the procession begins.

Processional Hymn: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Hymnal #66

The Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

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

People: And blessed be God's 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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Trisagion Hymnal # S100

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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.**

The people are seated.

The Old Testament 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

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.

The New Testament

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.

Response: Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

The Sequence: *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Hymnal # 65

The Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

BCP p. 92

The Sermon

The Rev. John Porter-Acee

The people stand.

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.

ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gracious God, as we prepare for your coming again into our lives, we give thanks for your presence and the witness of the Church throughout the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Robert, our Bishop, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, pray for the Falkland Islands and in our Diocese, pray for St. Peter's by the Sea, Swansboro and Supply Priest serving the Diocese.

For the Universal Church we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Son of David, you call all leaders to God's justice and righteousness. We pray for Donald our President, Roy our Governor, and PJ our Mayor, the Congress, the Courts, and all in authority.

For justice and righteousness we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Wisdom from on high, you created and ordered the world in harmony and peace. Grant us wisdom that we may be faithful stewards of creation and peacemakers among all people.

For harmony and peace we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Lord of might, you are the protector and healer of all. May all those in peril, sickness, and any need know and feel your power to save. We pray for those in harm's way, especially those impacted by the fires in California and those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, including Roy, Wayne, Jimi, Jack, Julie Hamilton, Lincoln, and the Kahn family

For protection and healing we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Dayspring from on high, you fill our lives with infinite blessings. We pray for the expectant mothers in our parish and for those who long to have children. We give thanks for the birthdays and wedding anniversaries.

With grateful hearts we pray,

Come, Lord Jesus.

Risen Lord, you broke the power of death and opened to us the glory of eternal life. We give into your care all those who have died.

For the gift of eternal life we pray,
Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant says this concluding prayer:

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession BCP p.360

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.

The Absolution
Response: Amen.

The Peace BCP p. 360
Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.
People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem: *The Servant Song* Cursillo

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn: *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* Hymnal #59
(verse 1)

The Great Thanksgiving BCP p. 361

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is added here.

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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 kneel or remain standing.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

***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 Hymnal #S161
***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.***

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymns: *Savior of the Nations, Come!* Hymnal # 54

The Prayer after Communion BCP p. 366

***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 Recessional: *Hark! The Glad Sound!* Hymnal # 72

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Closing Voluntary: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* arr. by Lovelace

CARING AND SHARING

Clergy are always available for visits to the home or hospital, or to simply listen to problems and concerns. If you or someone you know needs **pastoral care**, please call or email the office.

Parents, please note the yellow "scribble paper" available in the pew. Activities for children may be found on the tree stands in the Narthex. Please remember to return them after each service.

Coffee Hour will be held immediately following this service. Thanks to **Stewardship Committee** for hosting today!



The mission of St. Timothy's is to grow closer to God and our neighbor through inspiring and empowering each other to follow Christ.

We are guided by our Core Values which are to remain:

Christ Centered: We are a community called by God to learn and practice the teachings of Jesus Christ and celebrate grace through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Inclusive: We are a parish that welcomes, notices, and meets the community where they are and invites them to grow, contribute, and participate with us.

Collaborative: We are called and empowered to work together as open-minded partners in the community by being receptive, respectful and mindful of the world around us.

Genuine: As followers of Jesus in our faith community, we strive to be honest, authentic, caring, and Christ-like in all we do, and recognize that others are trying to do the same.

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Sunday Services 8:00am and 10:15am
Sunday School for all ages at 9:15am
Child Care available at 9:00am

Today's worship leaders

Celebrant/ Preacher: The Rev. John Porter-Acee

Deacon: The Rev. Jack Robertson

Director of Music Ministry: Belinda Butler

Lectors: Bev Davis, Larrie Dombos

Intercessor: Becky Suggs LEM: David Geissler

Crucifer: Cameron Bowen

Torches: Lou Acee, Payton Sloan

Ushers: Bibb Baugh, Larry Dombos, Richard Moore, Mary Moore

Greeters: Martha George and Bitsie Harwell

Altar Guild: Lynn Forbes, Beverly Davis, Becky Suggs, Pat Mitchell, Judy Franks, Wendy Proctor, Liz Thiele