



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019

The Service of the Word

Opening Voluntary: "Savior of the Nation's Come"
Holy Cross Chancel Choir

Entrance Hymn 488: "Be Thou My Vision"

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 you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Kyrie S-96: "Lord, Have Mercy"

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord have mercy, have mercy.*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";
and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";
and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19: (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon
shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Sequence Hymn 76: (vs 1, 2 & 5) "On Jordan's Bank
the Baptist's Cry"

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you Lord Christ.***

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

Sermon

"The Mandalorian"
The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*

Prayers of the People

Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love.
Fill your Church with your grace and goodness,
that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality,
that we may reach out in mission and love,
that we may reveal your light and your glory.
Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those who need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade; may vulnerable peoples be freed from oppression and abuse. May we all have compassion and concern for the poor.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence or abuse. We also pray for friends and loved ones who are ill, especially those on our Church's Prayer list. Bless all who seek to rescue and restore those who are in need or distress.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom, especially _____.

We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

Lord, show us your way;
and teach us your paths.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome, Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversaries



The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. If you wish to receive a **gluten-free** wafer, please simply request one from the priest while at the rail.*

Offertory: “Lo How a Rose E’er Blooming”
Holy Cross Chancel Choir

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
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 (p. 361 BCP)
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.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus: S-130 (in front section of blue hymnal)
*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven
and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna
in the highest.*

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again..**

Communion Hymn: “Emmanuel”
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel. His name is called Emmanuel
God with us revealed in us.
His name is called Emmanuel.*

Communion Hymn: “I Could Sing Of Your Love
Forever”
*Over the mountains and the seas,
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart and
Let the healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth,
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of
When your love came down, yeah.*

*Chorus
I could sing of your love forever
I could sing of your love forever (x2)

Oh I feel like dancing,
And it's foolishness I know
But when the world has seen the light
They will dance with joy like we're dancing now*

Communion Hymn: “Here I Am to Worship”
*Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with you*

*Chorus
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

*King of all days
Oh, so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor*

*Chorus
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me*

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)
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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 66: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: Holy Cross Academy of Music
Students

Flower Dedications

In Memory of Charles Clark & In Thanksgiving for the Birthdays of Eddie & Paula.

Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer:

Adam, Ariel, Andy, Barbara, Bob, Bonnie, Catherine, Cecil, Chris, Cindy, Dan D., Dan S., Debbie, Destinee, Don, Elsie, Fr. Glenn, Fr. George, Frances, Fred, Grace, Jason, Jennifer, Jim, Judy F., Judy G., Julie, Karen, Kathy, Kelly, Ken, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Lana, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Matthew, Melissa, Mike, Neta, Pat, Polly, Ron, Russell, Sarah, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Steve, Teresa, Teresa L., Susan, Terry, The Fanion Family, The Fouts Family, The Hansen Family, The Hardcastle Family, The Tarrant Family, The White Family, Tif, Tom.

Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathy Jensen, Kevin Kahl, Lance Breeding, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Bill Fouts

The Victims from NAS and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard

Military

Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase and Morgan Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau,

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