

The Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021

# The Service of the Word

**Prelude:** Noah Klauss (cello)

**Opening Voluntary:** Holy Cross Academy of

Music Students

Opening Hymn: "Here I Am to Worship"

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Open my eyes, let me see Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

Refrain:

So 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 (Refrain)

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

### 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

<u>CHILDREN'S CHAPEL</u> \*\*\* (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.

**Song of Praise 410:** "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King! The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: 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 (read responsively by whole verse)
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.

**Sequence Hymn:** "Wait For the Lord" Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Reader 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.""

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon "The Time of Design"

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

(\*"catholic" means universal)

### **Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. (Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. (Silence)

For this community during this season of Advent, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son; *That he may dwell in us and us in him. (Silence)* 

For the United States of America and for the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace (Silence)

For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression. (Silence)

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy. (Silence)

We pray for those on our church's prayer list; and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. – (Pray aloud or silently for your own needs and concerns).

We pray for all who have died and for those who miss them. – Silence - Comfort and sustain them. Fill their lives with the healing power of your loving Spirit. (Silence)

We will exalt you, O God our King; *And praise your Name for ever and ever.* 

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

# The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

# 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. <u>All baptized Christians</u> 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.

**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)

The Lord be with you. Celebrant People And also with you. Lift up your hearts. Celebrant 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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: Celebrant

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again..

**Communion Hymn:** "You Are My Hiding Place"

You are my hiding place

You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance

Whenever I am afraid I will trust in You

I will trust in You Let the weak say,

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord"

# Communion Hymn: "What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning One with God the Lord Most High Your hidden glory in creation Now revealed in You our Christ

Refrain:

What a beautiful Name it is What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus Christ my King

What a beautiful Name it is Nothing compares to this What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us So Jesus, You brought heaven down My sin was great, Your love was greater What could separate us now (Refrain)

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You You silenced the boast of sin and grave The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal Now and forever, God, You reign Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory Yours is the Name above all names (Refrain)

Communion Hymn 76: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

### 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 65: "Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.

### Refrain:

Oh, blest is Christ that came *In God's most holy name.* 

He brings God's rule, O Zion; He comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, And justice, truth, and love. *Lift high your praise resounding* Fir grace and joy abounding. (Refrain)

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; Your Savior's rule embrace. His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before him, Their voices will adore him. (Refrain)

# Flower Dedications





# Your Sermon Notes

# <u>Prayer List</u>

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

# Requested Prayer

Ashley, Axel, Barbara, C., Barbara N., Bet, Betty, Bob, Bobby, Brenda B., Brenna, Curtis, Dale, David I., Debra, Deonne, Don D., Don I., Ede, Fr. Chris, Garrick, Gordon, Heather, Ina, Jackie, Jane, Jean, John, Joseph, Joy, Kathy, LaKeisha, Laura, Lorraine, Mabel, Marayah Lee, Mrs. Ratliff, Pamela, Paula H., Ralph, Regina, Ron, Shane, Sherry Jo, Susan B., Susan K., Theresa, Tom, Tony, Trinity, Trish, Tyler, Vickie, Wade, William B.

#### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Capt. Bruce Gough, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerdt

### **Prayers for Discernment**

Leanne Whalen Ted Kirchharr

#### Repose of the Soul

William Peter Anna III Jerome Brault, Jr. All Who Have Died from Covid-19

#### Clergy

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