

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent
9:00 Am Rite I



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THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

PRELUDE

THE OPENING HYMN **HYMNAL 76**
"On Jordan's Bank"

THE WORD OF GOD

THE SALUTATION **BCP 323**
Please stand, as you are able.

THE KYRIE **HYMNAL S-96**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit
Let us pray

Merciful God, who sent thy
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 liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE OLD TESTAMENT:
Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow
and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of
the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the
righteousness that comes from
God;
put on your head the diadem of
the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor
everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the
name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly
Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the
height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered
from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has
remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to
you,
carried in glory, as on a royal
throne.

For God has ordered that every
high mountain and the
everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to
make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in
the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's
command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and
righteousness that come from
him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: Canticle 16 BCP 92
*The leader reads the first half of the
verse, the congregation responds with
the second half.*

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 EPISTLE:
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
Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL HYMN ***HYMNAL 56***
“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”
Verses 3 and 4

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL:
Luke 3:1-6

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Robert Leaverton, ELCA

THE NICENE CREED ***BCP 326***
Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
BCP 328

THE CONFESSION OF SIN ***BCP 331***
Please kneel or sit reverently, as you are able.

THE PEACE ***BCP 332***
Please stand, as you are able.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS ***BCP 830***
Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ***HYMNAL 57***
“Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending”

THE DOXOLOGY
Please stand, as you are able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer II ***BCP 340***

THE SANCTUS ***HYMNAL S-130***

THE CONSECRATION **BCP 341**
Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

THE DISMISSAL **BCP 339**
Please stand, as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER **BCP 336**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD
HYMNAL S-164

**THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL
COMMUNION** *(for those attending
remotely)*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

#1 HYMNAL 67
"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

#2 HYMNAL 54
"Saviour of the Nations Come"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP339

PRAYER FOR A NEW DEAN
***Almighty God, look graciously on the
people of St. Peter's Cathedral. Be
with us and lead us as we seek the
next Dean for our church. Enlighten
with your grace the Search
Committee. We ask for discernment,
wisdom, and guidance. We pray for
whom you guide to our parish, that
they hear your calling and join our
congregation swiftly, with joy in their
hearts. We pray for the life of our
parish, that we may joyfully continue
to be strengthened in our mission to
"Love God and Our Neighbor and
Make Disciples for Christ." Give us
courage to respond and act as you
lead us. We pray this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.***

THE BLESSING **BCP 339**

THE CLOSING HYMN **HYMNAL 657**
"Love Devine"



THOSE CELEBRATING THIS WEEK
December 8th - December 14th

Birthdays

08	Pat Hunt
08	Charlie Phelps
09	Ruth Ann Massey
11	Chris Carparelli
11	Sullivan Wilmoth
12	Jenna Clark
13	Eddy Klanke
14	Don Bishop

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