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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021

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Holy Eucharist Rite I
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Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Entrance Rite
Processional Hymn Hymnal 59

The Word of God BCP 323
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People: His mercy endureth forever. AMEN.

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

Kyrie Eleison BCP 324
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant Let us pray

Collect of the Day BCP 159
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.

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah BCP 92

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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the 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.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 65 v1

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

The Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.

The people respond: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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."

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord

The people respond: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon The Rev. Dan Buchin

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin
Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;

and the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of
Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic
Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People BCP 328

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and
the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word
hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications,
and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our
prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty,
beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord;

and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in

trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be offered here.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Silence

The Priest offers a concluding collect

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

Almighty God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all men:
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins
and wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed,
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine
Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation
against us.
We do earnestly repent,
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.
Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great
mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those
who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto
him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you
from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Priest stands and says

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden,
and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

The Passing of the Peace

BCP 332

All stand.

The Celebrant says to the People:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy Spirit.

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS 11

The Bread and the Wine

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer BCP 333

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces
them and says*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy Spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we
should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto
thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Preface

The Celebrant continues:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus BCP 334

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in

remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and

heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

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

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

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 BCP 337
Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The following anthem is said:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:

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.

(All baptized persons are welcome at the altar. If you'd rather receive a blessing, come to the altar and cross your arms.)

Communion Hymn Hymnal 67

Post-Communion Prayer BCP 339
After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Amen.

Blessing BCP 339

Recessional Hymn Hymnal 76

Announcements

Dismissal

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/12 Holy Eucharist Rite 1
12/19 Holy Eucharist Rite 1
12/20 Blue Christmas, 6 PM
12/24 Christmas Eve, 7 PM
12/26 Morning Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/6 Mary Abraham's birthday
12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday
12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary
12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
12/6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
12/7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted; Sherri; Helen; Dan's sisters & brother-in-law

BEREAVEMENT: Debbie Waddington & family, sister of

Joyce Holden

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of the pandemic.

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Paul's, Romeo; Nativity Church, Bloomfield Twp; St Thomas', Gautier, DR

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY BEGIN!

This second week we ask that you donate dry goods (cereals, mixes, pasta, etc.) and baby diapers (any size)

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for fellowship after the Liturgy!

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