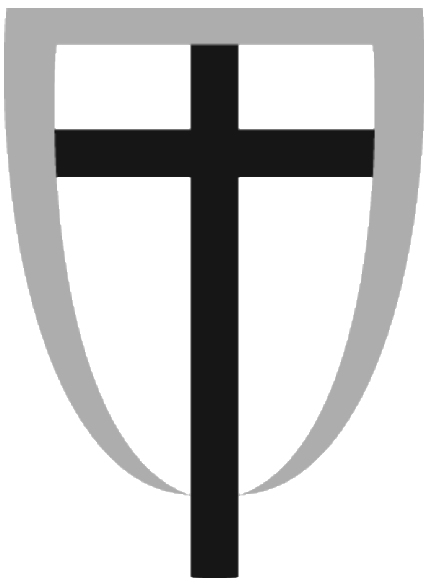


HOLY EUCHARIST
RITE II

The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 5, 2021
10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BATON ROUGE, LA

Welcome

Whether you are a first-time visitor or longtime member or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

About the service

An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able, and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. In our worship, we use three printed tools: this leaflet, which outlines the service, the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP), and the blue *Hymnal 1982*. Our hymns are a treasure trove of deep theological thought, spiritual vocabulary, and timeless inspiration. We encourage you join in singing hymns and service music as marked in this service leaflet, which can be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

Voluntary *Benedictus, Op. 59*

Max Reger (1873-1916)

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn *Hymn 56, O come, O come, Emmanuel (vs. 3 & 4) Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

The people stand for the procession

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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 *Hymn S-102 (sung three times)*

Archangel'sky

*Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One.
Have mercy upon us.*

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 for the lessons.

Children desiring to go to Children's Chapel may join the procession in the back of the church.

The First Reading *Malachi 3:1-4*

Read by John Sykes at 10:30 a.m.

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle *Canticle 16*

Benedictus Dominus Deus

The Song of Zechariah: Luke 1: 68-79

Guide to singing Anglican Chant

- The tune is played through once to acquaint the congregation with the music.
- The / symbols in the text of the psalm correspond to the barlines of the chant.
- *Italicized* words indicate a word sung over two notes.
- Underlined words or portions of words indicate multiple syllables sung on one note.

Tonus Peregrinus



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 pre-/pare his / *way*,
 To give his people knowledge / of sal-/vation *
 by the for-/giveness / of their / *sins*.
 In the tender compassion / of our / *God* *
 the dawn from on / high shall / break up-/on us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow of / *death*, *
 and to guide our feet in-/to 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. / *A-/men*.

The Second Reading *Philippians 1:3-11* Read by Stephen Broyles at 10:30 a.m.

Lector A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand

Sequence Hymn *Hymn 67, Comfort, comfort ye, my people*

Psalm 42

The Gospel *Luke 3:1-6*

Preacher 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.'"

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon

The people are seated

The Nicene Creed

The people stand

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.

The Prayers of the People: *Form II* *Led by Adelaide Russo at 10:30 a.m.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Morris, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, and Don, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Annie and Austin, our seminarians; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Celeste Spann.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

The people stand or kneel

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

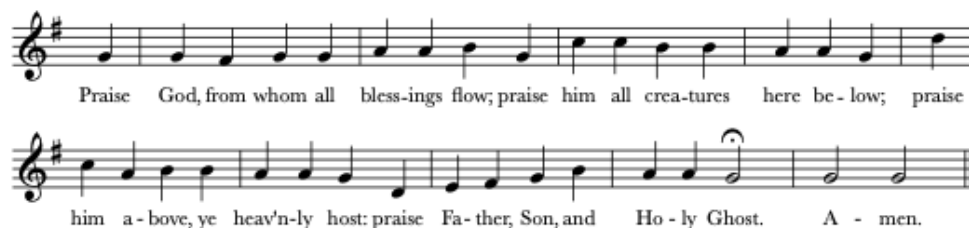
People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

Anthem at the Offertory *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The Presentation *Tallis's Canon*

The people stand and join in singing



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here be-low; praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

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. 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.

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,

Celebrant and People

**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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James, 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem

Hymn S-160

Anaphora chant

Cantor Lamb of God,

All 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.

Invitation to Communion

Hymns at Communion

Hymn 54, Savior of the nations come

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Hymn 75, There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

The Post-Communion Prayer

The people may kneel or stand

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 people stand for the procession

Closing Hymn *Hymn 59, Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

Merton

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary *O come, O come Emmanuel*

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Bettis Parkerson by her family, Elizabeth Carpenter Noland, Farifax Noland, Jack Noland, and John Sykes.

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