



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 am Communion Service

----- A Special WELCOME to all! -----

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning and hope you feel warmly welcomed.

If you forgot your face covering, masks are provided on the sign-in table. *Masks are required in the church building at all times regardless of vaccination status.*

Please make sure to leave us your name and contact information for contact tracing purposes. The lists will be kept in the church office so we can notify you to isolate for 14 days should anyone in attendance test positive for Covid-19.

The Offertory plates will not be passed. They are available at each of the sign-in stations.

Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the worship space.

Please be sure to join us following the service in Vandenberg Fellowship Hall for a time of conversation and refreshments.

If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a part of the
St. Jude's Church Community.

Hymn # These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____ Voluntary on “People, Look East”, Bertolozzi/Kerr

Opening Hymn #76 Please stand _____ On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

Open Acclamation & Collect _____

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider 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.

All Amen.

Song of Praise _____



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, _____ and peace _____ to his peo - ple on earth.

Gloria: *Mass of Creation*

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Collect of the Day _____

Priest God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

All **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 Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading _____ *Malachi 3:1-4*

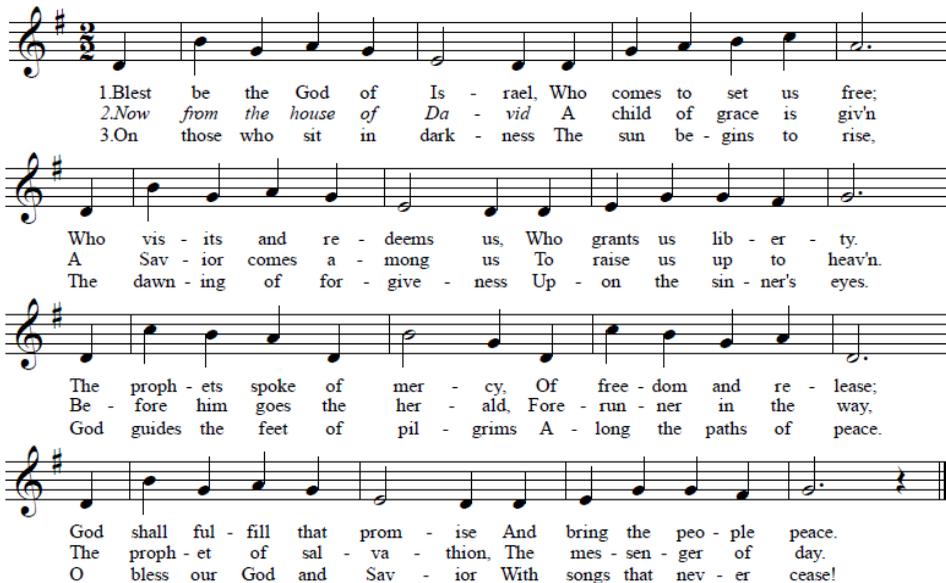
A Reading from the Prophet Malachi.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah _____ *Blest be the God of Israel*



1. Blest be the God of Is - rael, Who comes to set us free;
2. Now from the house of Da - vid A child of grace is giv'n
3. On those who sit in dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,

Who vis - its and re - deems us, Who grants us lib - er - ty.
A Sav - ior comes a - mong us To raise us up to heav'n.
The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.

The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease;
Be - fore him goes the her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way,
God guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.

God shall ful - fill that prom - ise And bring the peo - ple peace.
The proph - et of sal - va - tion, The mes - sen - ger of day.
O bless our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

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The Second Reading _____ *Philippians 1:3-11*

A Reading from the 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #67 *Please stand* _____ *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

The Gospel Reading _____ *Luke 3:1-6*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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.

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ The Rev. Tracie Little

The Nicene Creed *Please 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.

Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel* _____

Intercessor Let us pray.

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. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying, "Fill the valleys, make low the hills; *come, great Redeemer, come.*"

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care.
Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown you children with glory; clothe them with righteousness.
Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Intercessor Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ.
Silence.

People Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, great Redeemer, come.

Priest Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low in blessing and adoration, guide us to Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,**

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand*

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn, WLP #724

People, look east



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

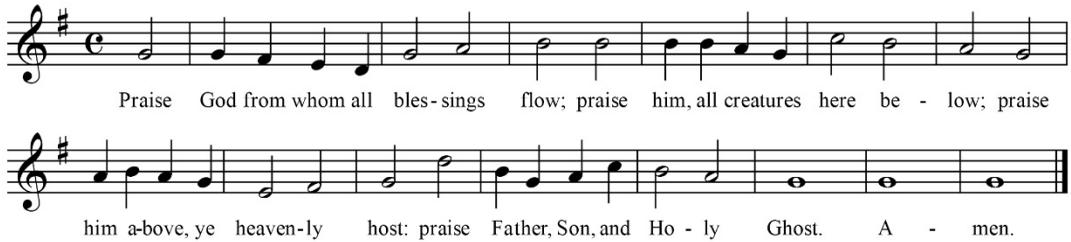


1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



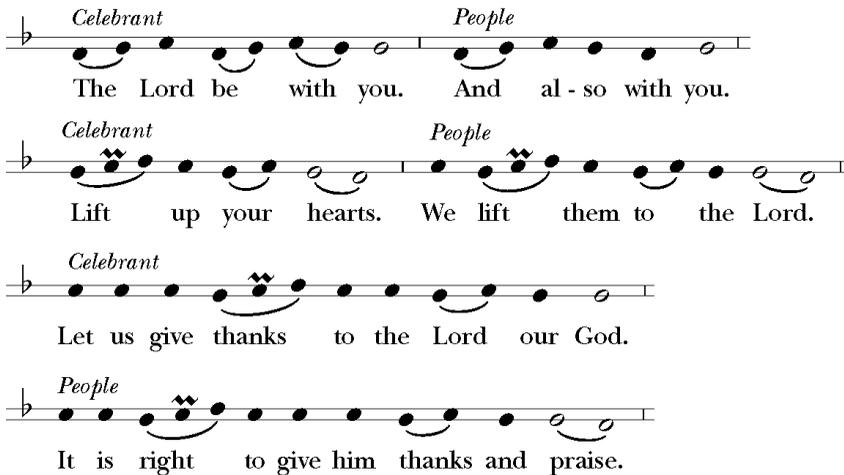
The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Doxology



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 Eucharistic Prayer



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.

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people through Jesus Christ our Lord; You renew that Mystery in bread and wine and nourish us to show forth your glory in all the world. We praise you Lord, with all the angels in their song of joy:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow - er, God of might.
Hea - ven and earth are filled with your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the
high - est! Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho - san - na
in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Holy, holy, holy: *Mass of Creation*
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Presider

Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. On the night he was betrayed, our Lord took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this all of you, and eat it: This is my body which will be given up to you. When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Presider *Congregation:*

Al - might - ty Father, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men, A - men,
A - men! A - men, A - men, A - Men!

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The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be Thy Name, thy King-dom come, thy
will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread, and for-
give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us, and
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
King-dom, the pow-er, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev - er more, A - men.

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The Fraction

1. Je - sus, Lamb of God; you take a - way the sin of the
2. Je - sus, Bread of Life;
world, have mer - cy on us. 3. Je - sus, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world: grant us your peace.

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Communion *Please be seated*

In order to maintain best practices for safety protocols, the following instructions for receiving Holy Communion will be observed:

- No one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive, please place your arms across your shoulders indicating you would like to receive a blessing. The priest will not touch you, but will extend hands towards you and offer the blessing.
- Only bread will be distributed. Our bread is gluten free. Anglican theologians have long held to the traditional teaching of the church that reception in one kind only (either bread only, or wine only) is a sufficient reception of the fullness of the sacrament; thus, wine will not be distributed.

Communion Anthem *O How Shall We Receive You?*, Young

Prayer after Communion *Please stand*

Presider

Let us pray.

People

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and
continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing _____

Presider

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sara
and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary,
and of the Holy Spirit,
who broods over the world as a mother over her children,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Sending Out

Milestones & Announcements *Please be seated* _____

Sending Out Hymn #65 *Please stand* _____ *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Sending Out _____

The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God!

Postlude _____ *Postlude on “Prepare the Way, O Zion”, Held*

We have enjoyed being with you in this in-person service! Please watch for e-mails and Facebook posts that will alert you to any changes in this pattern for worship.

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Sunday Worship:
8 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook
10:30 am - Communion Service in the Church Building

Wednesdays, Morning Prayer at 8 am on Facebook