

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Prelude Sleepers Awake! A Voice is Calling Bach
Organist - Virginia Shoberg

Processional Hymn Prepare the Way O Zion H65

1 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.

2 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, for grace and joy abounding. *Refrain*

3 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*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant 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.

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

S91

All Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
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Lord, have mercy upon us.
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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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 forever. Amen.

First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

Lay reader; A reading from the book of 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...The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God.

Canticle #16 – The Song of Zachariah

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 Second Lesson Philippians 1: 3-11

Lay reader: A reading from Paul's first 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....The Word of the Lord...

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

H67

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain:
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

All Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord...

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Gary Nicolosi

The Nicene Creed

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

Leader For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, for Gary and Debra our clergy, for all clergy and people, and for success in calling a new Vicar to this parish, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority in this nation, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, for the sick and the suffer suffering, and for all people with physical and mental disabilities, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader For the poor and oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**
 Leader In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God.**
 Celebrant Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

People Look East

Callahan

THE DOXOLOGY

All: **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.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds:

It is a right and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S127

All **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.**

The Celebrant continues:

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,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues:

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 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

All **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.**

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The Episcopal Church offers both the bread and wine to those desiring to receive communion. However, because of COVID, wine will only be offered by intinction, which means you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just take the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both.

Celebrant The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

Communicant **Amen.**

Deacon The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

Communicant **Amen.**

Communion Music

Virginia Shoberg

CLOSING PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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 the 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.**

BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

H76

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ

Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Sleepers Awake!

Burkhardt

Please remain in your seat until the Postlude ends and the videographer raises an arm to indicate the recording has ended.



Sunday, December 5

Altar Guild

Lector

Usher

Bishop's Committee

Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Patti Glinski

Pat Stewart

John Carr

Linda/Kate



Sunday, December 12

Altar Guild

Lector

Usher

Bishop's Committee

Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Dave Loder

Jan/Caroline/Sally

John Carr

Linda/Bob

Family & Friends Prayer List

Joe Stevens for recovery and healing
 Robo Brumder friend, Paul Adams Rix and his family
 for comfort and strength
 Lois Thorson's niece, Adrienne Johnson, for strength,
 recovery and healing
 Debra Loder for strength and healing

The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.

Ongoing List

Jackie Brown-for healing and wellness
 Gordon, Sandy Schlegel and mother Betty for healing
 Rich Stewart for health and wellness
 Paul and Linda Campbell
 All first responders
 All Healthcare workers
 All funeral directors and staff



Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

U.S. Air Force	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
U.S. Army	Andrew	
U.S. Navy	Abe	Landon
	Caleb	McKenzie
U.S. Marines	Tyler	

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;



Announcements

Coffee Hour – Bob & Margaret Leirmoe with Jan Savoie.

Upcoming:

12/10 - Downtown Festival of Lights

12/12 - Lessons and Carols

12/14 - Breakfast @ Denny's 8 AM

12/14 - ECW Meeting 12 PM

12/18 - CPR training

12/19 - Parish Nurse

12/20 - BCM Meeting

12/24 - Christmas Eve service @ 5:30 PM

12/26 - No service/TBD



We warmly welcome visitors and would like to learn more about you. Might you complete a visitor card and place in the collection plate?

AND please extend a warm welcome to organist Virginia Shoberg who will be with us for the Christmas season.

Reminding everyone to be COVID Avoidance vigilant: frequent hand sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing. All are encouraged to get the vaccine and booster.

The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall

Bishop

The Rev. Debra Loder

Deacon

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