

Choral Eucharist SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 a.m. Sunday, December 4, 2016

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while,
we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew
and put it in the offering plate.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Gott, Durch deine Güte

Johann Sebastian Bach
1685-1750

**Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.
Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blest be the King whose coming

Hymnal, #74

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

All **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

adapted from The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

Celebrant Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent Wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candle is lit.

Celebrant Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. - *Colossians 3:15*

People **Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

all say together

**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.**

KYRIE

from *Missa Brevis*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

St. Mary's Parish Choir

1525-1594

all stand

English translation:

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

remain standing

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.**

ADVENT PRAYER FOR INTERIM TIME

all say together

O God, in this season of expectation be with us as we seek a new Rector.

Mercifully direct us as we search for a leader to guide us in the way of your son, Jesus, as we strive to illuminate the darkness of the world with His light. Instill in us a vision of Christ's family, that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be filled with hope, united in love, and joyful in pursuing our mission here on earth. In the name of Christ, our mediator and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING

all are seated

Isaiah 11:1-10

At the end of the Reading: Reader The Word of the Lord

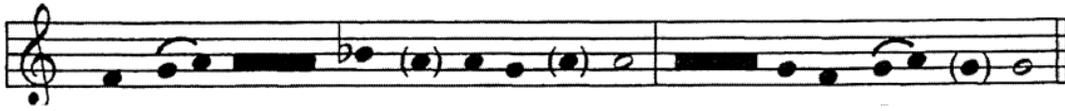
All **Thanks Be to God.**

PSALM 72:1-7,18-19

Deus, iudicium

plainsong tone I

verse 1 - choir; verses 2-7 – all, 18-19 - all



- ¹ Give the King your | justice, | O God, *
and your righteousness | to the | King's Son;
- ² That he may rule your | people | righteously *
and the | poor with | justice;
- ³ That the mountains may bring prosperity | to the | people, *
and the little | hills bring | righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy a-|mong the | people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush | the op-|pressor.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the | sun and | moon endure, *
from one generation | to an-|other.
- ⁶ He shall come down like rain up-|on the | mown field, *
like showers that | water | the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall the | righteous | flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the | moon shall | be no more.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord God, the | God of | Israel, *
who a-|lone does | wondrous things.
- ¹⁹ And blessed be his glorious | Name for | ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. | Amen. | Amen.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-13

At the end of the Reading: Reader **The Word of the Lord**
All **Thanks Be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

On Jordan's Banks

Hymnal, #76

verses 1 - 4 before the Gospel
after the Gospel, verse 5

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon, after the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Deb White

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 O God, in the darkness of this Advent season,

People **Let us be guided by the light of your word.**

Leader We live in uncertain times.

People **Give us the humility and courage to trust in you.**

Leader The world aches for the promise of your incarnate Love.

People **May your grace touch every heart and nation.**

Leader You sent the Virgin of Guadalupe to give hope to the poor.

People **Open our hearts to serve all those in need.**

Leader Eternal One, we are mindful of those who have gone before us.

People **Help us to look forward in hope and confidence.**

Leader We pray especially for those who have invited our concern ...

The Deacon offers prayers from the St. Mary's Prayer List
and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Deacon Life-giving God, you hovered over the waters of the deep before all time began. Hover over our anxious hearts, heavy with worry and vibrant with hope, that in this season of anticipation we might faithfully tend the mysteries before us and prepare joyfully for your coming again. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION all kneel or stand.

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 on 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.**

THE PEACE

all stand

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lo how a rose e'er blooming
St. Mary's Parish Choir

Hugo Distler
1908-1942

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God,
From sin and death He saves us
And lightens every load

German, 15th Century

all stand

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

SANCTUS

from *Missa Brevis*

G. P. da Palestrina

*St. Mary's Parish Choir**English translation:**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.**Hosanna in the highest.**Blessed is he who commeth in the name of the Lord.**Hosanna in the highest.*

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. 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,

Celebrant and People **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 for ever. **Amen**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

remain standing

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All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this 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.**

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

* when needed

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Hymnal, #68

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Eric Choate

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.**

We request that there be no applause after the postlude.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events
at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin

- December 4 6:00 pm **Advent Carol Sing and Dinner**
- December 17 1:00 pm **Caroling on Union Street** with St. Mary's Parish Choir
- December 18 9:00 & 11:00 am **A Service of Lessons & Carols**
St. Mary's Children's Choir and Parish Choir
- December 24 3:00 pm **Christmas Pageant**
Costumed players and live animals
- 5:00 pm **Christmas Eve Eucharist** with Children's & Youth Choirs
- 8:30 pm **Candlelight Carol Sing**
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble
- 9:00 pm **Candlelight Eucharist**
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble
- December 25 10:00 am **Holy Eucharist with Carols**
Parish Choir and Organ

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