

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018, 10:00am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Purple was the traditional color of Advent, a color that represents penitence and fasting, as well, as royalty. Purple will continue to be the traditional color of Lent. But for Advent, we shall use deep blue, as other churches have come to do, because deep blue represents the Advent themes of expectation, hope and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. It is the color in the sky before the sun rises, encouraging us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day. The use of blue has deep historical roots.

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four blue or purple candles in a circle of evergreens, with a central white candle lit on Christmas Eve and Day. The meaning assigned to each candle varies by tradition.

The Word of God

Prelude: Veni Emmanuel

M. Ryan

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn **Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

Hymn #67

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

All **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.**

A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.

It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.

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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A family steps forward:

Leader 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 candles are lit.

Leader "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.**

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

Deacon: The Rev. Laurel Coote

Preacher/Gospeller: The Rev. Peter Huang

The First Lesson Malachi 3:1-4

1st 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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated, and join in singing,

The Response

Canticle 16

KINGSFOLD

Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free; he
He from the house of Da - vid, a child of grace has given; a
On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise, the
vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty. The
Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven. Be -
dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes. He
pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease; God
fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way, the
guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace. O -
shall ful - fill his pro - mise and bring his peo - ple peace.
pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.
bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that nev - er cease.

Paraphrase of Canticle 16 by Michael A Perry (b. 1942). KINGSFOLD from English Country Songs, 1893, arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906.

The Second Lesson—Philippians 1:3-11

2nd Reader 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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,

The Gospel Procession

Come, Emmanuel

Iona

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Come, Em-man - u - el. O come, O come, Em - man u - el. Em - man - u - el, O O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el. O Come, Em - man - u - el. O come, Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u - el, O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

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The Holy Gospel—Luke 3:1-6

† Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glorify 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please join in singing 'Come Emmanuel' as the procession returns.

Please remain seated for
† The Sermon

The Rev. Peter Huang

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

Please STAND as able, and join in saying,
An Affirmation of Faith for Advent

Liturgy For The Whole Church, Susan K. Bock

We believe in God, who bends and kneels toward our world, drenching it with love, making it new with every breath. We believe in Jesus, God become human, who brought every person a spark of the divine. We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace. We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and each other, ready for God's reign, awake and alert, as we work to bring it near. We believe we are called, as Christmas comes close, to lift up our hearts in hope and in love, seeking God's advent in each moment and person, each challenge and heartache, each blessing and joy. This we promise to do. Keep us faithful, Lord Jesus, and come soon.

Come soon! Amen.

The Prayers of the People

*The People join in reading the words in **bold**.*

Our Advent prayers call upon God with our ancestors, the significant people of the Bible that led the way to the birth of Jesus.

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence in the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace especially in all places of conflict in our world.

God of the angels, hear us and help us!

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to bring forth new life into a world desperate for love, hope and opportunity for all.

God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness and anxiety, alone and afraid, light and peace.

God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

God of the Magi, give your church gifts, and the will to find you among the poor and the marginalized.

God of the Magi, hear us and help us.

God of John the Baptist, give your church the grace to be a messenger of change and hope, to preach a message of love and peace in wilderness moments.

God of messengers, hear us and help us!

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

For all first responders and members of the armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

God of Peace, hear us and help us!

God of Healing, give hope in your promised coming, especially for those suffering in body, mind or spirit: Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jack Lovrich, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Munoz Family, James and Reiko, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now (*please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*)

We pray: **God of Healing, hear us and help us!**

God of New Life, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name to you now (*please add your prayers, silently or aloud*)... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

God of New Life, hear us and help us!

Let us pray together:

All In you we find our true joy, O God. Let this Advent season be a time to become mindful and alert in service to your people. Open our minds, hearts and hands to receive your transforming grace. We pray through Jesus Christ who is always coming among us. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Please STAND or kneel, as able

Deacon Emmanuel, we want to believe you are with us dwelling in this and every moment,

People Yet we catch ourselves longing for the past and rushing toward the future.

Deacon We want to be found wide awake, alert with love, as you appear in this and every moment,

People Yet we often slumber through, and laze away the miracle of ordinary days.

Deacon We want to wait for you alone, and seek your will in all we do, with desire and hope,

People Yet sometimes our trust fails, our longing grows cold, and our hope dims.

Deacon We want to make room in our hearts, for you to be born again,

People Yet we say or do things that hardens our hearts to you and your people.

Deacon We confess our failure at missing the mark, of not loving from our highest self.

People We are sorry and we ask your forgiveness as we journey together in this Advent season recognizing our need for you.

† Celebrant May our Gracious God, 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.

Please stand as able for

The Peace

Celebrant May the transforming peace of Jesus Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Moonyeen Albrecht

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Offertory Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

8 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence, and with fear and trem-bling stand; pon-der noth-ing
15 earth-ly— mind-ed, for with bless-ing in his— hand, Christ our God to earth de-
scend— — — eth, our full hom-age to de-mand.

Words from the Liturgy of St James. Music PICARDY 17th century French carol.

Please continue **STANDING**, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain standing for,

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship 1, supplement to The Book of Common 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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in **bold**.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

FOREST GREEN

7 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-
12 san-na in th high-est. Bless-ed is—the One who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Jesus Came, Adored By Angels

PICARDY

Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on high;
Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with care;

Je - sus came for our re - demp-tion, low - ly came on earth to die. Al - le - lu - ia,
Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mi - li - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from des - pair.

Words by Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) from Hymnal #454 PICARDY 17th Century French Carol

The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.**

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Communion Music

O Sacrum Convivium

Bradley Ellingboe

O sacred and holy feast, in which Christ is received.

*We recall the memory of our Savior's passion, and our minds are filled with grace and the future glory that is coming to us.
Alleluia.*

Post Communion Prayer for Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Holy and eternal God, you have graciously fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.

A Blessing for the Advent Season

Celebrant May the dawn of Christ's coming be the joy of your strength. May the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; And may the blessings of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Spirit our Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Recessional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

Hymn #76

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

L. Smith

