

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 8, 2019 – 10:30 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

The Advent wreath is lit as the Choir sings the Introit.

Introit *Populus Sion*

Plainsong

People of Zion, look up! The Lord is near at hand to redeem the nations; and in the gladness of your hearts the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard.

– Isaiah 30

Hymn: “Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth”

Newnham, *stand*



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam’st to earth, up - on a cross they bound thee,
2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de - nied thee,
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re - fuse thee,
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre - a - tion;



and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then by thorns with which they crowned thee:
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which cru - ci - fied thee,
till in the night of hate and war we per - ish as we lose thee?
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy rev - e - la - tion:



and still our wrongs may weave thee now new thorns to pierce
till not a stone was left on stone, and all those na -
From old un - faith our souls re - lease to seek the king -
O love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts



that stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
tions’ pride, o’er - thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
dom of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
be - fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

Words: Walter Russel Bowie (1882–1969)
Music: *Newnham*, Herbert Howells (1892–1983)

Opening Sentences

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

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Priest: 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

David Sinden (b. 1982)

The musical score for the Trisagion is written in a single system with six staves. The first two staves are for the organ, with the first staff labeled 'Organ:' and the second staff labeled 'All:'. The vocal line begins on the third staff. The music is in 2/2 time and starts in B-flat major. It features a key signature change to D major (two sharps) for the second system and back to B-flat major for the third system. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.'

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: 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.

People: **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from The Book of the prophet Isaiah. (11: 1-10) *sit*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

- 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 among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
6 **He shall come down like rain upon 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 alone does wondrous deeds!**
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen.

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 67: "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Psalm 42, *stand*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
(3: 1-12)

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who

warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Joseph Wallace-Williams

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The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

Prayers of the People

Lector: In this season of Advent, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

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That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may discover God’s word in every sound of this world, God’s healing in every act of forgiveness, and God’s love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That the leaders of the church, in both word and deed, may show forth God’s love for the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Wayne, our Bishop; Deon, our Bishop-elect; and Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all in any need, especially those served by our ministry partners Beyond Housing, Bravely, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Outreach Haiti, may receive God's mercy and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit may know the power of God's love, especially Kathryn Dewein, Greg Evans, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Bryan Miller, Holly Parks, Scott Peterson, Kathy Sheehan, Patricia Sorter and Rolla Wetzel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That all who have died may find eternal life in God's loving presence, remembering especially Bob Jones, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector: That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. And accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously given, make ready our hearts for your coming, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Priest: 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.**

The Absolution

Priest: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.

Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.

If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.

The Offertory Anthem

Francis Pott (b. 1957)

This anthem was commissioned by the St. Peter's Choir and is being sung for the first time at today's services.

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| King of Glorie, King of Peace, I will love thee: And that love may never cease, I will move thee. | Though my sinnes against me cried, Thou didst cleare me; And alone, when they replied, Thou didst heare me. |
| Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me: Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spar'd me. | Sev'n whole dayes, not one in seven, I will praise thee. In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. |
| Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. | Thou grew'st soft and moist with tears, Thou relentedst: And when Justice call'd for fears, Thou disentedst. |

Small it is, in this poore sort
To enroll thee:
Ev'n eternitie is to short
To extoll thee.

– George Herbert

The Presentation (*Hymn 76, stanza 5*)

Winchester New, *stand*

All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A
Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*)

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kneel

The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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Administration of the Sacrament

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Motet

Francisco Guerrero (1528–1599)

Canite tuba in Sion,
quia prope est dies Domini.
Ecce veniet ad salvandum nos.
Erunt prava in directa,
et aspera in vias planas:
Veni, Domine, et noli tardare.
Alleluia.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion,
for the day of the Lord is nigh.
Lo, He comes to our salvation.
The crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways plain.
Come, Lord, and do not delay.
Alleluia.*

– Joel 2: 1; Isaiah 11: 4

Hymn 65: “Prepare the way, O Zion”

Bereden väg för Herran

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 534: “God is working his purpose out”

Purpose, *stand*

The Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Nikolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

MUSIC NOTES: At the Offertory, the Choir sings the new anthem *King of Glorie, King of Peace* by English composer *Francis Pott (b. 1957)*. We are honored to be singing this work for the first time this morning, and again at the Advent Carol Service at 5:00 p.m. today. Pott has set words of George Herbert that appear at Hymn 382. Because of the metrical constraints of the hymn, however, the stanza that begins “Thou grew’st soft and moist with tears” is omitted. Pott has set the full poem in a setting that in his hallmark style that ranges from poignantly emotional to profound intensity.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Robert “Bob” McKittrick Jones III, by his family.*

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| Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: | DeWayne Trainer, Wendy Olk |
| Ushers: | Matt Bouchard, Cindy Kohlbry, Doug Adderton, Jack Edgerton |
| Acolytes: | Parker Leatherman, Thomas Leatherman, Katie Marks Charles Martin and Nell Melton |
| Acolyte Master: | Ann Randazzo |
| Hospitality: | Donna Hibler, Connie Lohr, Caren Vredenburg |
| Altar Guild: | Susan Schettler, Annie Vogt, Claudia McMillin Nancy Grimes, Wendy Olk |
| Counters: | Bonnie and Jerry Freeland |

PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: Greg Evans, Bryan Miller, Holly Parks and Rolla Wetzel.

For Family and Friends: Kathryn Dewein, Carol Fisher, Samantha Forsko, Scott Peterson, Kathy Sheehan and Patricia Sorter.

For the Men and Women of the Armed Forces: Zach Greaata.

For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers: Michelle Arthur, Susan Bartlett, Donna Brookman, Arlene Burnham, Elizabeth Clarke, Karen Goddard, Patty Hecker, Laney Johnson, Bob Kenny, Susan Kerkering, Madelyn Lane, Emelie Liebendorfer, Ann McDonald, Bill McMahon, Elizabeth Mendoza, Cheryl Meyer, Signe Myles, Louisa Rix, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Molly Robinson, Gerald Spencer, Wayne Spohr, Jane St. John, Julie Stephenson and Dick Williams.

TODAY...

FAMILIES – Children are always welcome in church! Childcare is available in the Little Building from 9-11:45. If your child needs a break, the service is live-streamed in the Undercroft. A baby-changing station is available in the middle Undercroft restroom.

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. each Sunday before Sunday School.

PARISH BREAKFAST – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

RECTOR’S FORUM meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. The topic for December is “God is with Us—what this means and why it matters”.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AND RECEPTION – The popular Service of Lessons and Carols for Advent is **today at 5:00 p.m.** This service reflects the Advent season’s growing anticipation. The music includes works by Guerrero, Walton, Britten, Judith Weir, Francis Pott, Sasha Johnson Manning, and Melissa Dunphy. After the service there will be a reception, hosted by the Woman’s Guild, in the Undercroft. All are welcome!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN – During this season of gift-giving, let’s reflect on the gifts God has given us and express our thanks by giving back. Thank you to the 201 families (39% of households) who have pledged a total of \$756,255. Please help us increase our household participation in the campaign this year. **Every pledge matters!** If you have not yet pledged, please do so by returning your pledge card via mail or the Sunday offering, or you can pledge online at www.stpetersepiscopal.org. Every pledge matters. **Thank you!**

THIS WEEK...

MEN’S BREAKFAST – Plan to join us at 7:15 a.m. this Tuesday, December 10th.

NEWS DEADLINE – Please submit news to the Church Office by noon on Tuesdays.

ST. PETER’S CARES – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter’s has a ministry that can help – that’s St. Peter’s Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

ST. PETER'S CARES NEEDS SUNDAY DRIVERS – A vital gift our Transportation Ministry Team provides each week is bringing parishioners to Sunday worship and programs. Contact the Rev. Kelly Carlson for more information.

WOMAN'S GUILD – Join us at 12:15 p.m. this Tuesday, December 10th, for our Christmas lunch—with music—followed by our program on stress management. Prior to the luncheon, there will be a Christmas wreath and boxwood workshop offered, beginning at 10:00. There will be a \$10 fee for supplies for the workshop.

SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room across from the office. Come explore the lively intersection where theology meets current events.

BIBLE STUDY – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday mornings in the Elliot Room.

GIVING TREE – The deadline to bring all giving tree gifts to the Church Office is **this Thursday, December 12th!** Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER GROUP – Come on Friday mornings at 10:00 for contemporary Bible Study of the Sunday readings and to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT – St. Peter's annual joyous Christmas Pageant will be on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Children age 4 to Grade 7 will play the many wonderful parts in the Pageant. Our one and only rehearsal is Saturday, December 21st in the Sanctuary, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and is required for participation in the Pageant. Please let Ann Babington know (annbabington@gmail.com) if your child will participate.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES – Please note the service times:

Tuesday, Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Pageant
 6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS – Christmas continues! Celebrate the season at 10:30 a.m. on January 5th (aka the 12th day of Christmas). Come hear the Good News of Christmas, sing Christmas carols, and join in a joyful celebration of Holy Eucharist!

CAROLS AND COCOA – On the 12th day of Christmas, after Lessons and Carols, come down to the Undercroft for a “Cookies and Cocoa” Coffee Hour; the choir may just have a caroling surprise to share! All are welcome to join in joyful fellowship.

MEN'S RETREAT – On January 11th, the men of St. Peter's are invited to a one-day retreat at the Marianist Retreat Center. Register at <http://stpetersepiscopal.org/news/st-peters-mens-retreat/> or mail your check for \$50 to the Church Office.

EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS – A candlelit service of music and readings will be sung by the St. Peter's Singers on Sunday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. Music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, Jane Marshall, John Weaver, Nico Muhly, and David Sinden.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP – The 2020 EYC Senior High mission trip will be to the Appalachian region of Kentucky, June 14-20. The cost of the trip will be \$750, with \$50 registration fee due by end of December.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8 - 15, 2019

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| Sunday | 12/8 | | The Second Sunday of Advent |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 8:45-10:00 | Parish Breakfast – Undercroft |
| | | 9:15 a.m. | Rector's Forum – Undercroft |
| | | | Sandwich Makers |
| | | 10:15 a.m. | Children's Chapel |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 5:00 p. m. | Advent Lessons and Carols |
| Tuesday | 12/10 | 7:15 a.m. | Men's Breakfast |
| | | 12:15 p.m. | Woman's Guild Christmas Luncheon |
| | | 4:15 p.m. | Choristers |
| Wednesday | 12/11 | 1:00 p.m. | Searching for God in the Daily News |
| | | 5:30 p.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Thursday | 12/12 | 7:00 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | | 5:15 p.m. | Probationers |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | Choristers |
| | | 7:15 p.m. | Parish Choir |
| Friday | 12/13 | 10:00 a.m. | Prayer Group |
| Sunday | 12/15 | | The Third Sunday of Advent |
| | | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
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