Holy Eucharist: Rite II with Spiritual Communion

Sunday, November 29, 2020 The First Sunday of Advent St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, Richmond, Virginia



Prelude

Advent Paritia on Stuttgart

arr. Craig A Penfield

The Blessing of the Light



Opening Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies



Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, as we await the great festival of Christmas, let us prepare ourselves so that we may be shown its true meaning. Let us hear in Holy Scripture how the prophets of Israel foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. Let us rejoice, in our carols and hymns, that the good purpose of God is being mightily fulfilled. Let us celebrate the promise that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring all peoples and all things into the glory of God's eternal kingdom. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves, for those who have not heard the good news of God, or who do not believe it; for those who walk in darkness and the shadow of death; and for the Church in this place and everywhere, that it may in pure joy lift up the light of the love of God. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer to God. **Amen.**

Antiphon



Lesson I

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Reader	The Word of the Lord	
People	Thanks be to God.	



Genesis 1:1-5

John 1:1-5, 14

Antiphon



Lesson II

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zionto give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



Isaiah 61:1-3

Luke 4:16-21

Lesson III

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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Matthew 3:1-7, 11

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? 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.'

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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Lesson IV

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6

Matthew 4:12-17

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Reader Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles-the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.	
People	Thanks be to God.	

Hymn Come thou long expected Jesus Jennifer Byrnes, cantor Come, thou ple 1. long ed set thy free; ex pect Je sus, born to peo 2. Is rael's strength and con so la hope of all the earth thou art: tion. -3. thy Born peo - ple to de liv born child, and king, er. а yet а 4. By thine Spi rule in all hearts lone; own e ter nal rit our а fears find in thee. from our and sins re lease us, let us our rest dear de _ sire of ev ery na tion, joy of ev ery long - ing heart. reign for thy king - dom bring. born to in us ev er, now gra cious fi by thine all suf cient it glor - ious throne. mer raise us to thy

Antiphon





Lesson V

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, 0 house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel."

Reader Here ends the Reading.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him "Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Anthem

The Linden Tree

Music: 14th C. German melody, arr. Crawford Thoburn Text: Traditional German Carol Cantors: Allison Yablonski and Travis Krickovic

> In heaven stood a linden tree With pure white flowers laden; Yet not a bloom was fair as she, Sweet Mary, chosen maiden.

Great Gabriel, God's angel bright, From high above came winging To one, the purest in God's sight, A joyful message bringing.

"Hail, Mary, blessed virgin mild, With God you have found favor; You shall conceive and bear a child, To all the world a Savior." "My soul does magnify the Lord! I am His servant lowly; Be all according to His word," Said Mary, meek and holy.

Away the angel flew to share The news of Mary's duty; And heav'n rejoiced that she would bear The Blossom of all Beauty.





Lesson VI

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation,

Isaiah 7:10-14

Matthew 1: 20-23

Luke 2:25-32

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Reader	The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	
People		

Anthem

Nunc Dimittis

Music: Sarah MacDonald Text: Luke: 2: 25-32 Cantor: Abby Outlaw

> Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.





Lesson VII

A reading from the Book of Revelation

Revelation 22:12, 16-17, 20

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!



Collect for Light

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You scatter the shadows before our path, and through your Holy Spirit you lead us into all truth. May we who have been baptized in the ocean of your love, also shine as lights in the world, become instruments of your peace, and icons of your presence. For you are our God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Offertory Anthem

Music: James MacMillan Text: Antiphon for December 21 **O Radiant Dawn** Octet: Abby Outlaw, Kelley Kennedy, Kelsey Snyder, Nancy MacMahon, Matthew Hassmer, Don Semmens, Jim Smith-Parham, and Travis Krickovic from a performance at St. Thomas', December 13, 2019

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Isaiah had prophesied,

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

O Radiant Dawn, Splendour of eternal Light, Sun of Justice: Come shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

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 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

Carolyn Halbert, cantor



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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 Thomas and 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 Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

People and Celebrant together

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 Celebrant breaks the bread

Celebrant	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!
Celebrant	The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Spiritual Communion, the Officiant says Let us pray.

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 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.

Advent Blessing

Celebrant People	May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came amongst us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. Amen.
Celebrant	May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.
People	Amen.
Celebrant	May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.
People	Amen.
Celebrant	And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain
People	with you for ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn

The King shall come when morning dawns



Postlude

Fughetta on Stuttgart

arr. Charles Callahan

A special thanks to Abby Outlaw for compiling and editing this Sunday's worship video, and to Jimmy Hicks for scheduling and recording all of the readers and musicians.

LESSON READERS

Lesson I	Laurie Rennie	Wayland Rennie
Lesson II	Rye Haddad	Suzannah Raine
Lesson III	Catherine Pearce	Paul Pearce
Lesson IV	Brenda Burgner	Herbert Jones
Lesson V	Walker Cosby	Katie Cosby
Lesson VI	Beth Panilaitis	
Lesson VII	Spike Panilaitis	

MUSICIANS

Jimmy Hicks, organ Violaine Michel, violin

Tenor

Soprano Spencer Ballou Jennifer Byrnes Pam Freeman Kerry Grey Carolyn Halbert Abby Outlaw Britton Trimble Ally Yablonski

Joy Morene Jack Austin Mary Whittle

Alto

Bass Jimmy Hicks Avery Moncure Laurie Rennie Wayland Rennie Travis Krickovic

PARISH PRAYER LIST

For the ill, and those in need of special prayer:

Beth, Lincoln, Liz, Mary, Amy & Cushman Andrews, Peter Anthony, Will Armstrong, Gary Axelson, Emma Beck, Glen Boyd, Linda & Ray Brady, Amy Brill, Gil Caldwell, the Carrington Family, Becky & Brett Carter, Becca Chamberlain & Family, Ethel Chrisman, Gary Coleman-Blythe, Jim Crews, Janee Davenport & Family, Melanie Day, Peta Douglas (Jay's sister), Harry Duesberry, Joanna Dunevant, Phil Eckert, Anne Garrard, Donna Gates, The Gau & Menefee Families, Beth Gordon, Tony Halterman, Paul Harris, Claudia Hicks, Laura Hilendbrand, Susan L., Sarah Lerke, Barry Lindberg, Susan Crawford Luce, Matt Mahoney, Vicki Mollenhour, Vicki Moore, Bertha Morene, Ray Paige, Amy Perdue, Matthew Puerto, David Rockwell, Betty Wade, Doug Waldrop, Charlotte Ward, Kenn Ward, Judy Wick, Beth Williams, Nerine & Jack Woodard

For those who have died: Ann Schmidt Walker

For those who serve in the armed forces: Jeff Sacks, Capt. Pete Michalak

For those celebrating their birthdays this week: Iris McFarlane, Anna Durrett, Tyler Grove, Stella Bryant, Eric Derer, Mitra Bryant

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) For Richmond: We pray for the families of Metropolitan Richmond: For peace, reconciliation, and forgiveness among family members, whatever the distance, and however old the hurt or grievance.

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