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The Second Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Opening Voluntary

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn

"Veni, veni, Emmanuel"

Hvmn 56

10 come, 0 come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel. that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee. O Israel!

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes of Sinai's height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Reioice! Reioice!

Emmanuel, shall come to thee. O Israel!

4 O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree. free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel, shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

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

The Celebrant says

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 (sung 3 times)

Hymnal S 102

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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**.

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east.

and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Canticle 16 Hymnal S 248

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1: 68-79

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.

Philippians 1:3-11

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' 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. "Psalm 42" Hymn 67

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.

Luke 3:1-6

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Ron Johnson

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Crystal, Kelly, the Vestry, Jeaneen, Mary Ruth, Regina, Avenell, Shane, Paul and Virginia, May, Dorothy and Sanddii. *Silence.*

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

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, Announcements

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory Anthem "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" Picardy, arr. Roger Price

The Doxology: "Hymn 380 v. 3" Old 100th

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.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 to the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Celebrant and People)

Hymnal S 125

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 people kneel or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus

Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**.

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

The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

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 Breaking of Bread as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Hvmnal S 132

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S 154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia. 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.

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen

Communion Chant

Arise, O Jerusalem

Baruch 5, Psalm 147

Communion Hymn:

"Veni Redemptor gentium"

Hymn 55

- 1 Redeemer of the nations, come; reveal yourself in virgin birth, the birth which ages all adore, a wondrous birth, befitting God.
- 2 From human will you do not spring, but from the Spirit of our God; O Word of God, come; take our flesh and grow as child in Mary's womb.
- 3 You came forth from the eternal God, and you returned to that same source. You suffered death and harrowed hell, and reigned once more from God's high throne.

- 4 With God the Father you are one, and one with us in human flesh.
 Oh, fill our weak and dying frame with godly strength which never fails.
- 5 Your cradle shines with glory's light; its splendor pierces all our gloom. Our faith reflects those radiant beams; no night shall over come it now.
- 6 All praise, O unbegotten God, all praise to you, eternal Word, all praise, lifegiving Spirit, praise, all glory to our God Triune.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray Celebrant and People

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. Blessing

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.

Recessional Hymn

"Winchester New"

Hymn 76

- 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.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand; shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Closing Voluntary

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Greg Boehm

The beauty of the Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of William Thomas and Jessie Brookes Robinson By Cece Johnson

The beauty of the Narthex flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Paul B. Toms and May Hooker Toms By the Family

ADVENT WREATH

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rives S. Brown, Jr., Lucy Brown Coleman, Betty Meade Cullinane and Richard A. Walmsley By Mr. and Mrs. James Coleman, Jr.

ADVENT WREATHS ON THE FRONT DOORS

Given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Virginia S. & William R. Windle and Margaret W. & Thomas C. Webster, MD by Tom, Stuart, Win, Jessica and Evans Webster.

The Nativity Scene is given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of R. B. McCutcheon, Finley S. McCutcheon and R. B. "Cutch" McCutcheon, Jr. By the Family

Masks are mandatory for all indoor activities at the church, parish house and church office for the foreseeable future.

Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to St. Mark's Fincastle. Pray for the people of Grace Lexington and their rector The Rev. Tuck Bowerfind. The People of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop. The Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines

NOTE: Congratulations to Tom Webster as our winner of the 2021 Oyster Roast Raffle.

2022 Pledge Cards

Please turn in all 2022 pledge cards no later than Sunday, December 12th.

If you haven't already turned in your pledge card, please bring it to the Church office.

You can drop it through the mail slot on the outside office door.

Your thoughtful gift will be most appreciated.

If you need a 2022 pledge card, you can pick one up from the Church office during normal business hours or one can be mailed to you.

Please call 276-632-2896 to get a card.

2021 Prison Angel Tree Ministry - PLEASE DONATE

Christ Church's dedication to the Prison Angel Tree Ministry is wonderful and dates back to more than a decade. Unfortunately, just like last year, with the pandemic still in full swing we cannot follow our usual format. This year we are gathering monetary donations that will go directly toward gifts for the children that we are supporting. This guarantees that this will be done safely, and that these children will be able to have presents on Christmas Day. We know this isn't as exciting and fun as doing the shopping ourselves, but we encourage you to embrace this worthy cause. We are hoping to support 96 children (we've been asked to add 5 more children) at \$25 per child for a total of \$2,400 needed. The more money that is donated means more children can receive a Christmas present.

Sunday, December 12 all cash offerings go to Angel Tree.

The deadline for Prison Angel Tree monetary donations to the Church office is Friday, December 10th.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

If you wish to give Christmas flowers for the decoration of the Church as a memorial or in thanksgiving, please complete the green form in the racks in the Narthex and mail it to the church office, put it through the Church office mail slot or place it in the collection plate along with your check. Checks should be made payable to Christ Episcopal Church, clearly noted "Christmas Flowers," and the cost is \$11.00 each, for each person or couple honored or memorialized.

ALL orders are due in the Church office no later than Thursday, December 16th.

December Events

- Adult Sunday School in the Parish House at 9:30 am. The Book of Acts will be discussed.
- Sunday services at <u>10:30 am</u>.
 - o 12/12 Rite II, No HE Bob Bushnell, Officiant
 - o 12/19 Lessons & Carols, Phil Gardner, Officiant
 - o 12/24 Rite II (Priest to be announced) with HE
 - o 12/26 Rite II, No HE John Swezey, Officiant
- The opening of the nursery is on hold at this time.
- The Daily Office is being offered by an ecumenical group of dedicated individuals at 9 a.m. for morning prayer, noon for noontime prayer and at 5 p.m. for evening prayer. Join the group on Facebook Live, their page is Daily Office Prayer and the link is https://www.facebook.com/dailyOfficePrayer/.
- Every Monday, November 29 thru December 27th An Advent and Christmas
 Journey "Prepare to receive a word for your salvation that will encourage you to
 live more joyously, more courageously, and with more hope as you love and serve
 your neighbors as best you can."
 A series presented by Br. Peter Budde BSG, MDIV, MA, 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the
 Parish House.
- Every Wednesday, Contemplative Noonday Prayer Service in the Chapel Using "Order of Service for Noonday" from the book of common prayer along with readings from the early church and silent meditation.
- Loaves & Fishes will be served the <u>last Wednesday of each month</u> from 5:15 5:45 pm using the drive-thru pickup system from the Parish House parking lot.



Your holiday shopping can help make a difference, at no additional cost to you!

When you shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>, or in the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned on within Settings, you'll find the same products and same low prices as the Amazon you already know - plus, they donate a portion of your purchases to your chosen charity.

You can select us as your AmazonSmile charity by visiting: smile.amazon.com/ch/54-0553801 Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for December: Juice (40-64 oz.) For the month of December: dish detergent, deodorant, laundry detergent. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. As a Church family, we have committed to helping Grace Network with stocking their food pantry for those in need. Please remember to pick up our assigned item the next time you visit the grocery store.

Grace Network Volunteer Opportunity

Grace Network is looking for a volunteer individual to travel to one of our partnering grocery stores weekly, on Tuesdays to pick up donations.

It takes approximately 2 hours once a week and you would need to provide a vehicle (pick-up trucks or SUVs are best).

The position requires:

- Being able to lift 50 lbs, repeatedly.
- A vehicle that can carry 48qt. igloo coolers (up to 4).
- Retrieving coolers, thermal blanket and ID lanyard from the Grace Network location.
 - Go to the designated store, load food in coolers and/or cover boxes with thermal blanket
 - Maintaining a friendly relationship with our grocery partners.
 - Return to Grace and unload, weigh and put in refrigerators, freezers etc.
 - Clean out coolers and put up; put up thermal blanket

Thank you for your volunteerism for this very important job.

Contact Tracy Hinchcliff at 403-4222 if you are interested in serving or have additional questions.

Sacred Ground: An Exploration of Race and Faith, is a 10-session transformational conversation about race, sponsored by the Roanoke Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. The Sacred Ground series is part of the Becoming Beloved Community initiative of The Episcopal Church: a long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

- Who: Episcopalians in the Roanoke Convocation who are interested in exploring issues of race through the lens of faith.
- What: Each session in the 12-part dialogue series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings. Anticipate preparatory work for each session.
- When: Dialogue Circles will meet for 12 consecutive weeks, beginning the week of January 17th, 2022.
- Where: Multiple Dialogue Circles are available, including in-person and online. Complete the registration form to select the specific dialogue circle you wish to join.
- To Register: Complete the Registration Form
 - o (located online at https://forms.gle/WLRUetX2be4Cw6W38)
 - (Each Dialogue Circle is limited to eight (8) participants. Registration will close on December 31, 2021 or when the sessions are full.)
- Questions? Email SacredGroundRoanoke@gmail.com
- For More Information about Sacred Ground: visit https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground

Thank you to those who serve:

Officiant: Rev. Ron Johnson

Lector/prayers: Jay Dickens

Chalist: Natalie Coleman Acolyte: Tyler Johnson Organist: Lynn Gardner

Chorister/Cantor: Raul West Camera Director: Hank Long

Ushers: Pete Scouras, Trippi Penn

Altar Guild: Team One - Beth Sibbick, Stuart Webster, Alexandra O'Hare,

LaRue Powers, Jane Thomasson, May Hawfield, Lyndsay Titus, (Susan Critz - flower substitute)

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