



SAINT PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma

December 9, 2018
Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:00 AM

Before the Service

Please keep a moment of silence to prepare your hearts and minds for worship and if you so desire you may use the following prayer:

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

Prelude

*Nun komm der Heiden Heiland
(Savior of the Nations, Come)
J.S. Bach*



Processional Hymn

Hymnal 68

[Please stand as you are able]

**1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers,
and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising,
and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation!
at midnight comes the cry.**

**2. See that your lamps are burning,
replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil.**

**The marriage feast is waiting,
the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory,
the Bridegroom is at hand!**

**3. Our hope and expectation,
O Jesus, now appear;**

**arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted,
we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption,
and ever be with thee!**

Opening Acclamation

Hymnal S77

✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

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.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal 68

*Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy name.*

**1. Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!**

**Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.**

**Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.**

**2. He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.**

**Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.**

**3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.**

**His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.**

**All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 211

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

[You may be seated]

A Reading from the Book of Baruch.

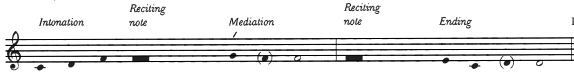
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16 - The Song of Zechariah

Tone 2



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 pre/pare his way,
To give people knowledge of sal/vation *
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.

Lesson

Phillipians 1:3-11

A Reading from the Letter to the Phillipians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 56

[Please stand as you are able]

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

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

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn

Hymnal 56

*Rejoice! Rejoice! 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.

Sermon

[You may be seated after the opening prayer]

The Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Carroll

[After the sermon there will be a moment of
silence for private meditation]

Creed

[Please stand as you are able]

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.

BCP 358

Prayers

Let us pray for the church and the world.

Refrain

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name, may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world; especially for Justin of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Edward, our Bishop; David, Vicar General of Uruguay; and the clergy and people of the diocese of Oklahoma and our companion diocese of Uruguay.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good; especially for Donald, our President; Mary, our Governor; Kevin, our Governor-elect; and David, our Mayor.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

[Special Intentions]

And we pray that we may share with all your saints, in the joy of your Eternal Kingdom.

Refrain

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.**

Confession

BCP 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

[You may stand or kneel as you are able]

[Silence is kept]

**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.**

Absolution

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.**

Peace

BCP 360

[Please stand as you are able]

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

**[You may share a greeting of peace
with those near you]**

Children's Message & Lighting of the Advent Wreath

[You may be seated]

[Children are invited to come forward]

Welcome

Offertory Sentence *BCP 376, Ephesians 5:2*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory

Text: John 13:34-35

Music: David Barton

I give you a new commandment:
to love one another as I have loved you.
If there is this love among you,
then all will know that you are my disciples.

Doxology

Hymnal 76, verse 5

[Please stand as you are able]

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic

Prayer B

Page 367 BCP

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

Proper Preface for Advent BCP 378

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 the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal S129

**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.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

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:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed Paul 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 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

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.**

Fraction

Hymnal S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion of the People

[You may be seated]

Communion Music

1. Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,

He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Post-communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

[Please stand or kneel as you are able]

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

Book of Occasional Services

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior
Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you
with the light of his blessing and set you free from all
sin. Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great
glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in
hope, and constant in love. Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Re-
deemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unend-
ing life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain
with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 67

[Please stand as you are able]

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.

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.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Alfred Fedak



Pastoral Prayers

If you desire pastoral prayers, please make that request of one of our clergy after the conclusion of the worship service in Oakerhater Chapel.

To the Glory of God

The Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Light and Wednesday Mobile Meals are given to the Glory of God in memory of Anne Dennis and in thanksgiving for the birthday of Caroline Dennis.

Today's Music

Today's organ prelude is based on Hymn 54, "Savior of the nations, come". Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) has composed an introspective and hauntingly beautiful setting of this melody which seems to capture the Advent themes of longing and expectation. The postlude is based on Hymn 67, "Comfort, comfort ye my people". This setting is by 20th-21st century American organist/composer Alfred Fedak, Director of Arts at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY.

The Parish Choir sings an anthem by English composer David Barton (b. 1983). David graduated with a BA (Hons) Open Degree in 2008 and a MEd in 2010, both with The Open University. He also holds a DipABRSM in Piano Teaching and a CertGSMD(T) in Flute Teaching. He was also one of the first students to graduate on the Royal School of Church Music's DipRSCM in Sacred Music Studies course. In addition, he holds the LLCM and ALCM diplomas from the London College of Music and is currently studying for a PhD in Music Education at the Royal College of Music, London.

Hymn Notes

Rejoice! rejoice, believers - Hymnal 68

Laurenti, considered one of the finest of pietistic hymn writers, wrote a set of texts and tunes for the entire church year. This hymn, based on Matthew 25:1-13 (the story of the wise and foolish virgins) was intended for a Sunday in Trinity season, but it usually is included in the Advent section. It is a call for us to be prepared to meet the Bridegroom (Jesus) whose coming is imminent.

Comfort, comfort ye my people - Hymnal 67

Based on Isaiah 40:1-5, the text is for Advent but written for St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24. The rhythm of the tune suggests a dance for joy at the coming of the Lord.

Cathedral Officers & Vestry

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Those Serving Today

Canon Musician H. Scott Raab

Parish Choir: Sharon Ellington, Jim Gray, Franci Hart, Cynthia Jones, Porter Jones, Leah McDonald, David Mayfield, Dustin Morningstar, Cynda Olberding, Don Resler, Mary Reynolds, Mark Sessing, Cherie Tompkins, Doug Traywick, Haylie Treas, Karen Youmans, Noah Youmans

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Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Carroll

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Carroll

Assisting: The Rev. Gerald Butcher,
The Rev. Marilyn Robertson

Children's Message: The Rev. Tim Sean Youmans

Acolytes: Tim Jones, Fran Derrick, Jennifer Dell, John Tolbert, Keely Dooley, Caroline Bass, Vivi Murphy, Kelsie Bishop, Norah Dell, Eleanor Newton

Lector-First Lesson: Royce Everett

Lector-Second Lesson: Dick Opalka

Intercessor: Fran Derrick

Eucharistic Ministers: Lance Schmitz, Dick Opalka, Fran Derrick, Stephanie Toney

Ushers: Chuck Bonsteel, Neils Hammond, Todd Olberding, Glen Toney, Cheryl Smith, Malcolm May

Audio: Nathan Guilford

This Week @ St. Paul's

Sunday, 9

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (*no Music*) – Cathedral
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II – Cathedral
- 10:10 AM Liturgy 101 – Dean Willey Hall
- 10:10 AM Church School – Undercroft
- 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I – Cathedral
- 4:00 PM The Bible Project – Dean Willey Hall
- 5:00 PM Compline – Cathedral

Monday, 10

- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.
- 12:00 PM Lectio Divina – Parlor

Tuesday, 11

- 12:10 PM Al-Anon – Undercroft
- 6:00 PM Yoga – Dean Willey Hall
- 6:00 PM CoDA – Library
- 6:30 PM St. Nicholas Guild – 623 Culbertson
- 7:15 PM Nar-Anon – Undercroft

Wednesday, 12

- 9:00 AM Mobile Meals – Kitchen
- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.
- 6:00 PM Lectio Divina – Parlor

Thursday, 13

- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist – Chapel (*Fr. Ostrander*)
- 1:30 PM Lectio Divina – Parlor

Friday, 14

- 9:00 AM St. George's Guild Outreach – Back Bldg.

Saturday, 15

- 10:00 AM Centering Prayer – Parlor

Sunday, 16

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