



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT II

December 5, 2021

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Hymnal #65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy, and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Bugala Family

The Angel's Candle

Reader 1: Here we light this lamp of liberation--the angel's candle--and remember that angels are not some far away, biblical concept, but exist in the here and now.

Reader 2: May the soft light of the angel's lamp remind us that being an angel is to embody the Good News of Jesus--and we can all do that.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus ELW 254



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
 2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray

People **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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Blessed Be the God of Israel (Luke 1:68-79) Hymnal #444



1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;
 3 On pri - son - ers of dark-ness the sun be - gins to rise,



he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.
 a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,
 He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.____
 the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.____
 O bless our God and Sa - vior, with songs that nev - er cease.____

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THE SECOND LESSON *seated*

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Advent Acclamation

Lacey Brown

Al - le - lu - - - ia, Al - le - lu - - - ia!

O come, O come Great Mys - ter - y, to o - pen minds and
 set our hearts free. En - light - en us to hear your
 voice. Send us all peace, and fill us with your joy.
 We wait, we hope, we yearn, we pray for you to
 o - pen us and make all things new. We wait, we hope, we
 yearn, we pray for you to o - pen us and make all things new.

Presider 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.'

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev.Canon Britt Olson

A WELCOMING RITUAL FOR CANON BRITT'S RETURN

The Presider invites the SeniorWarden and Canon Britt to the front.

Sr Warden: As you might know, our vicar Canon Britt and her husband Pastor Bryon have been on a three month long Sabbatical! They spent time in the Southeastern United States exploring the history of the Civil Rights Movement and the current movement for racial justice. And of course, there was some time for rest, reflection, and renewal! And today it is our joy to welcome Canon Britt back home into ministry with us. During that time, Mother Hillary has

been our priest in charge and with the leadership of the Bishop's committee, lay leaders, and our staff, we have carried on!

Curate: And now, it is my particular pleasure to join with you all as we welcome back Canon Britt. We released her from her duties of ministry here to go freely into an adventure with God. When Britt left, we offered a blessing of sending. This morning we will offer a blessing of welcome as she returns to us again.

Sr. Warden: Canon Britt, it is so good to have you home again with us!

All: Britt, we have missed you; we have prayed for you; we welcome you home!

Sr. Warden: As you prepared to leave, you removed signs of office among us that you might be free to rest completely in God. Now, we offer back to you these symbols of your ministry.

The items are presented to the vicar one by one.

Sr. Warden: Your calendar, to mark the days ahead together.

Curate: Your keys as signs of hospitality to unlock our door and hearts.

Sr. Warden: Your radio as a sign of all you do to keep us connected and safe.

Curate: And your stole, recognizing you as our spiritual leader.

All: We are filled with joy that you are home with us again!

Returning Vicar: I receive these symbols of ministry again with a full heart, grateful for my time apart, and grateful for my return.

Curate: And now it is my pleasure to pray a blessing over you. I invite all those here with us as you feel comfortable to lift your hand towards Canon Britt as we pray over her.

Curate: Holy Spirit...
Amen!

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 human.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY & SPECIAL PRAYERS

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. It contains a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near."

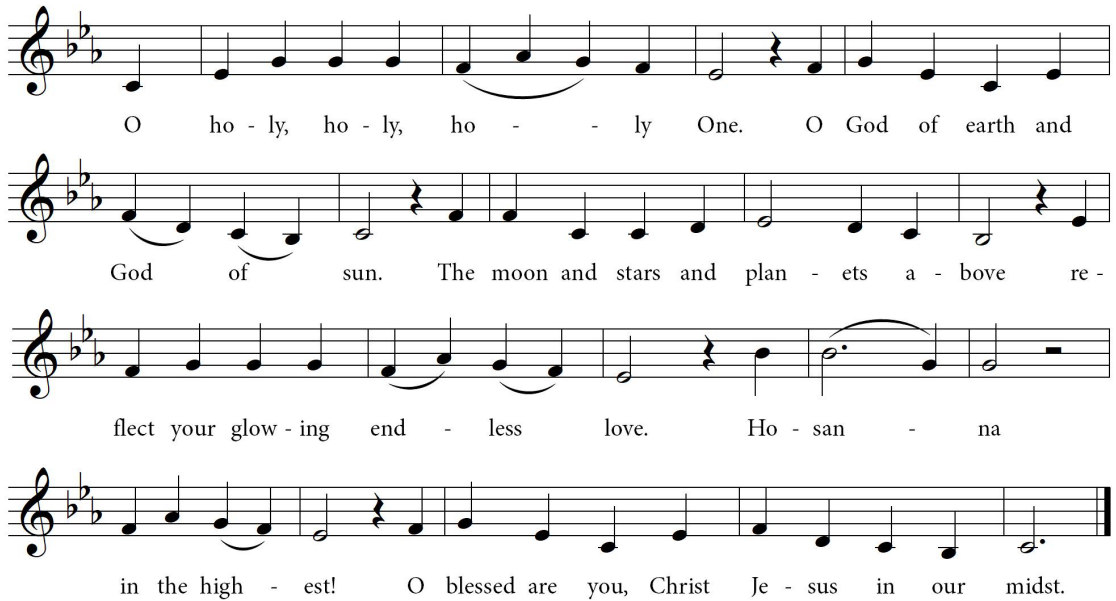
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The second system of music also consists of two staves in the same key signature and time signature. The upper staff continues the vocal line with lyrics, and the lower staff continues the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!"

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly One. O God of earth and
 God of sun. The moon and stars and plan - ets a - bove re -
 flect your glow - ing end - less love. Ho - san - - na
 in the high - est! O blessed are you, Christ Je - sus in our midst.

The prayer continues until

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The prayer continues until

Presider 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.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the
 one bread.**

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The Presider says

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.

During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ivar Hillesland

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People.



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra, al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:*
 "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel,"
 será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será,
 con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
- 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;*
nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
Él está ya muy cerca, venido a encontrar,
y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

- 4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

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DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

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