



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023

9:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II; BCP 355

9:00 AM Church School

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “Prepare The Way, O Zion”

H. 65

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Waiting for Peace *(all remain standing)*

“Repent Change your ways, be baptized!

Litany:

John the Baptist proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near”.

And the people went out to him and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

And John said, “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 with the Holy Spirit and fire.” We light the first Advent candle to remind us to keep awake and be ready. (Pause while the first candle is lit.) We light the second Advent candle to remind us to change our ways. (Second candle is now lit).

OPENING SENTENCES, COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

KYRIE

H. S91

✠ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ✠

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 85 *(Congregation sing alternate verses)*

You have been gracious to your / land, O LORD,*
you have restored the good for/tune of Jacob.

***You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people*
and blotted / out all their sins.***

I will listen to what the LORD God is / saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who / turn their hearts to him.

***Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him,*
that his glory may / dwell in our land.***

Mercy and truth have met together;*
righteousness and peace have / kissed each other.

***Truth shall spring up from the / earth,*
and righteousness shall look / down from heaven.***

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,*
and our land will / yield its increase.

***Righteousness shall go before him,*
and peace shall be a / pathway for his feet.***

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. ***Thanks be to God.***

GRADUAL HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 3 & 4)

H. 56

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***
The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ***Praise to you Lord Christ.***

HOMILY

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar

Moment of Silent Reflection

THE RESPONSES OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People, Form I (Response – “Lord Have Mercy”)

BCP 383

Confession

BCP 397

THE PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYERS

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Hymn “On Jordan’s Bank”

H. 76

DOXOLOGY

H. 380 verse #3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

H. S124

Amen, Amen, Amen. (sung)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei

H. S161

(gluten free wafers and juice are available upon request)

All are invited to come to the rail to receive communion or a blessing. Please note that we are only drinking from the cup and not dipping the bread to stop the spread of germs as Covid numbers continue to go up and down. If you do not want to receive the wine, please know that just receiving bread is a valid form of taking communion. If you do not want to receive communion, please come up and cross your arms over your chest. This is the signal for you to receive a blessing.

THE COMMUNION

Communion Hymn "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

H. 67

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN "People Look East"

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

DISMISSAL

*The altar flowers today have been given in loving memory of Andrew Thomas Rieger
with love from his mom. Happy 35th birthday in heaven.*

Clergy
Intercessor
Lectors
Organist & Choirmaster
Usher

The Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar, The Rev. Diane Peterson
Jamey Allan
Elizabeth Moyer, Nancy Wilson
Herb Lazration
Joe Buzzeo, Christian Medina

❖ Parish Announcements ❖

✚ PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember those in need of prayer: Margy, Bill, Amy, Carolyn, Alison, Kevin, Andrew, Adele, Xavi, Chris, Dee, Donald, Frank, Larry, Marilee, DJ, Deacon Knute, George, Chris, Michael, Samuel, Alex, Debbie, Manny, Will, Lucille, Louise, Donna, Lenny, Paul, Gayle, Phyllis, Al, Cherie, Sam, Leslie, Joanne, Ellen, Michael, Cami, Kaitie, Pat, Dave, Georgeann, Walt, Anthony, Jimmy, Betty, Gary, Steve, Frank, Barbara, Marilee. Please pray for our military, and all those being deployed.

✚ WORSHIP

Upcoming Christmas Events

Sunday, Dec 17th – Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec 24th – 9am Morning Prayer

Sunday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve – 3pm Family Service

Sunday, Dec 24th – Christmas Eve – 5pm Traditional Service with Choir and Trumpet

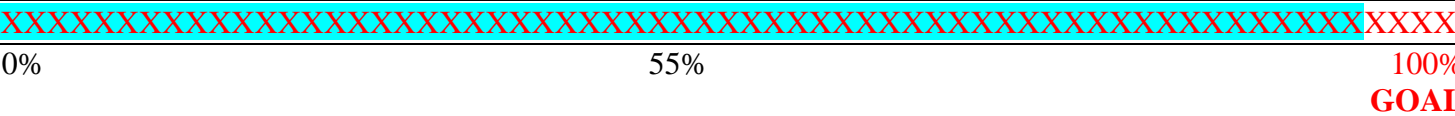
✚ PARISH LIFE

✚ **Last Call! Christmas Poinsettias & Book of Remembrance Donations** - If you would like to make a donation of Christmas poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary, or a donation to Trinity's Book of Remembrance, please see the attached order form. *All orders are due to the church office by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you!*

🕯 St. NICHOLAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone who came and made our annual fair a success!

Our **Annual Stewardship Campaign** participation goal this year is 100%, which would be 40 or more pledges with a total amount of \$91,575. As of December 5th, we are at 100% of the goal of 40 pledges and at 95% for the amount pledged. *Please prayerfully consider making a Pledge to Pledge.*



Bible Study- Bible Study will resume mid-February. Details to follow.

✚ CARING CONNECTIONS

🍰 Birthdays – Alessandra Musso (the 12th).

✚ OUTREACH

🧶 **Sweaters for Seniors:** Thank you to everyone who helped with this most important ministry.

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In case of a pastoral emergency please call our Priest-in-Charge Rev. Kate McKey-Dunar at 475-265-0654 or email at rev.kemd@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 11-3pm. Rev. Kate’s Office Hours are Wednesday’s 11 – 3pm, and Thursday by appointment. Please note, the office is closed on Friday.