St. John's Cathedral

The Cathedral of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee

The Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 & 10:30 AM Sunday, December 5th, 2021

Service items listed in red can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer. Hymns, listed in blue, can be found in the blue Hymnal.

Prelude: Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding! Malcolm Archer (b.1952)

The Word of God

The Opening Sentence (Stand at the bell)

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

People AND BLESSED BE HIS KINGDOM, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

Hymn 59: Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

(8:00 AM v. 1 & 2)

The Collect for Purity

8:00 am The Summary of the Law

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8:00 am The Collect of the Day
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People AND WITH THY SPIRIT.

Celebrant Let us pray.

10:30 am The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Intimate God, we yearn for the light of your coming and the warmth of your embrace; focus our hearts on the truly important and keep us centered on that still point, Jesus our Emmanuel, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Amen.

The First Reading

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.

Reader People The Word of the Lord. THANKS BE TO GOD.

10:30 am Sequence Hymn 67: Comfort, comfort ye my people

8:00 am People GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD.

Luke 3:1-6

ORD. 10:30 am 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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People PRAISE TO YOU, LORD CHRIST

The Sermon The Reverend Canon Thomas J. Rasnick

8:00 am Nicene Creed

The Gospel

People

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The Peace

8:00 am Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory

The Doxology (Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Proper Preface

For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

The Holy, Holy, Holy and Blessed is He

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

People HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Celebrant O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

People HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Celebrant O Lamb of God,

that takest away the sins of the world,

People GRANT US THY PEACE.

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The Blessing

Hymn 65: Prepare the way, O Zion (8:00 v. 1 & 2)

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Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Marilyn Biery (b.1959)

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Altar Flowers

Flowers in the Church are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Bishop Brian's birthday by Susan and Jesse.

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sidney and Lela Grogan by Annette Anderson.

10:30 am Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem George Frideric Handel (1685–1759)

And the glory of the Lord (from Messiah)

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.

(Isaiah 40:5)

The Doxology

(Tune: Old 100th)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving from Enriching Our Worship

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.

Celebrant and People sing together:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For when Christ humbled himself to come among us, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world.

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.

The Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

(S 129-Powell)

Blessed are you Lord God. You formed us to dwell in your infinite love as you gave the world into our care so that we might be good stewards of Your bountiful grace.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave it to his disciples saying this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine, gave it to them and said Drink this all of you. This is my Blood which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim

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

We offer you this bread and wine. Sanctify them to be for your people the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. To you be honor, glory and praise for ever and ever.

Amen

(S 146 Robinson)

10:30 am Holy Communion continued

The Lord's Prayer

The Communion of the People

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST.

ALLELUIA.

The Communion Anthem Mark Sirett (b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes

Thou shalt know him when he comes, Not by any din of drums, Nor his manners, nor his airs, Nor by any thing he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by a crown nor by a gown,
But his coming known shall be,
By the holy harmony
Which his coming makes in thee.
Thou shalt know him when he comes.
Amen.

Communion Hymn 75: There's a voice in the wilderness crying

The Post Communion Prayer
The Blessing
The Dismissal

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Hymn 65: Prepare the way, O Zion

Postlude: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Marilyn Biery (b.1959)

Lay Ministries

10:30 Ushers Jay Baker, Bob Bowman, David Jones, Rob McMillin 10:30 Greeter Anne Sprouse Lay Reader / Lector Bob Sullivan (8:00) Mary Hugh Bedinger (10:30) 10:30 Crucifer Braxton Hunter 10:30 Thurifer Lloyd Terry Matthew McClellan 10:30 Verger **Acolytes** Vince Stevens (8:00) Bill, Tom, & Jim Hackett, Elizabeth Overall (10:30) Audio / Video Paul Ruff & Team Altar Guild Suzanne Rogers & Team Flower Guild Karen Gilbertson & Team

Announcements

more information available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Daughters of the King meet today at 9:15 am Undercroft (Cathedral Bldg., Bottom Floor)

Green Magnet Academy Christmas Wish Tree

We are collecting monetary gifts to help provide the teachers at GMA with much needed supplies and support. Our goal is to provide each classroom teacher with a \$300 gift card to help with this effort. Select a tag from the tree and make your donation at the table in the glass foyer. Thank you!

Second Harvest Holiday Offering

Continues Through Tuesday, December 7th, 2021

Your donations directly serve people in our community. If contributing by check, please add "Second Harvest" on memo line. You may also donate online on our website.

Pop-up Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 12th - in SKiP @ 10:30 am

Calling all Children! Please join us in SKiP on Sunday, December 12 at 10:30 for a 'Pop-up Christmas Pageant'. Children may choose a costume that morning and step into the telling of the Christmas story. Angels, Shepherds, Sheep, and Donkeys will join Mary and Joseph as we build a living creche. We will sing Christmas favorites and enjoy fun activities. Children are invited to participate according to their comfort level. Our video ministry crew will film the event so that we can share the fun with the entire congregation. Please contact Kerry Ruff with any questions.

Christmas Week Services at the Cathedral

full service schedule available at www.stjohnscathedral.org

Stewardship Season is here! Scan the QR code to make your pledge.

