



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS: We are glad you are with us! If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope you will introduce yourself to the clergy and a greeter and sign one of the guest books at either entrance to the church. Following the service, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in Goodwin Hall.

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE: Please pick up your name tag from the trays in Goodwin hall or at the Sigourney Street entrance. If you do not have a name tag, simply fill out a blank and leave it in the basket after the service; a printed name tag will be made for you. We believe it is part of our ministry of hospitality to let people know who we are.

COMMUNION: If you prefer to receive consecrated grape juice rather than consecrated wine, after receiving the bread, proceed to the Minister holding a ceramic chalice in the side aisle. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

NURSERY CARE: Children infant-3 years are offered care in the Nursery located in the bell tower off the Narthex at the Sigourney Street entrance during the 10:00 a.m. service. Parents are reminded that children should not be allowed to leave the worship area on their own.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS: At the 10:00 a.m. service, those wishing individual prayers are invited to pray with members of our Intercessory Prayer Team stationed in the side aisles.

HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES: Hearing assistive devices are available by asking an usher.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP: This service uses parts of the Order for the Holy Eucharist from The Book of Common Prayer 1979, and Enriching Our Worship I and music from The Hymnal 1982 and the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal. The prayer book and hymnal may be found on the shelf under the chair directly in front of your seat. We stand, if able, for the hymns, and stand or kneel, according to one's personal tradition, for prayer.

COVER ART: We are grateful to The Rev. George Chien for creating the artwork on the cover.

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“Wondering”

*I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die.
For poor on’ry people like you and like I...
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus ‘twas in a cow’s stall,
With wise men and farmers and shepherd and all.
But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,
And the promise of ages it then did recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.*

This song was collected by John Jacob Niles in Murphy, NC in July 1933 from a young traveling evangelist by the name of Annie Morgan. According to Niles, he asked her to sing the song repeatedly until he had memorized it. It was published in his 1934 *Songs of the Hill-Folk*.

Advent invites us to wait in hopeful expectation for the coming of the Promised One. We are to watch for signs of the One who is to come. Watching means being attentive to our surroundings, to the people and the world around us, looking for signs of God’s immanence – God’s presence in our midst.

And when we see those signs, we are invited to make space for contemplation – to wonder about what all of this means. Why did God send Jesus to be incarnate in the world? Why did Jesus die for “poor, on’ry people” like us? Why, when Jesus could have come in splendor and power, did he come instead into the humblest of circumstances, eventually to champion justice for the least, the lost, the forgotten and the marginalized? How do our answers to those questions open our hearts and minds to the significance of the birth we will celebrate in little more than a week?

Advent can be a powerful time of witness for Christians to bring Christ into the predominant cultural narrative of excess, frantic activity and, especially today, fear and exclusion of the unknown or unfamiliar. We invite you to join us in hopeful expectation as we prepare another way. Wait. Watch. And Wonder. May your Advent be blessed.

Fr. Don+

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 A.M.

OPENING VOLUNTARY: *A rose breaks into bloom*

Johannes Brahms

INTROIT: *Rejoice in the Lord, alway*

Anonymous

Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

- Philippians 4: 4-7

ENTRANCE HYMN: #59 **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

Merton

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

A New Zealand Book of Prayer

Please stand.

Celebrant O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel,
you open and no one can close,
you close and no one can open;

People Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

Celebrant O Dayspring, Splendor of light everlasting, and Sun of Justice,

People Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All 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: #56, Stanzas 5 and 6

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Advent Candles are lit.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the singing of Canticle 9.

CANTICLE 9: #679 Surely it is God who saves me

Thomas Merton

Please be seated.

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence for reflection.

ANTHEM: *This is the record of John*

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?
And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly,
I am not the Christ.
And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?
And he said, I am not.
Art thou the prophet?
And he answered, No.
Then said they unto him,
What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us.
What sayest thou of thyself?
And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the Lord.

- John 1:19-23

Jonah Garcia, tenor
Enid Oberholtzer, organ

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Benjamin K. Wyatt

Silence for reflection.

THE NICENE CREED

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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.

In the course of the pause after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Ian and Laura, our Diocesan Bishops and for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those who are listed on Trinity's prayer list and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.
Pray that they may find and be found by him. *Pause*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Paul Cooper, Grace Rajendram, and for Nancy C. Quednau, in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered.
Pray for those who have died. *Pause*

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers, either silently or aloud. *Pause*
I ask your thanksgivings, either silently or aloud. *Pause*

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and to our neighbor:

Pause for reflection.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated for announcements.

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN: #640 Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

Please remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep

and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,

and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels

in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,

lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS: #S 130

Franz Peter Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
 To deliver us from the power of sin and death
 and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son,
 Jesus the holy child of God.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us.
 He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself
 yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:
All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Hymnal #S 152

Mason Martens

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. . . Behold what you are.
People May we become what we receive.

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE COMMUNION

ANTIPHON: *O Oriens*

Plainsong

O Morning star, the brightness of light eternal and the sun of righteousness, come to enlighten those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

COMMUNION HYMN: #339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmucke dich

Celebrant
All

Let us pray.
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: #65 Rejoice! rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Noel X*

Louis Claude D'Aquin

OUR WORSHIP AS A GATHERED COMMUNITY IS OVER.

OUR WORSHIP, THROUGH SERVICE TO THE WORLD AS GOD'S PEOPLE, BEGINS ANEW.

+ Assisting This Morning +**Verger:**

10:00 a.m.: Ray Wilson

Acolytes:

10:00 a.m.: Davonte Griffith
Tro Moo
Justice Black

Altar Guild:

8:00 a.m.: Marion Pereira
10:00 a.m.: Carmen Belgrave
Claire Blissett

Readers & Intercessor:

8:00 a.m.: Jim Bradley
10:00 a.m.: Kate Smith
John Pearson
Fred Margeson

Ministers of Communion:

8:00 a.m.: Marion Pereira
10:00 a.m.: Percy Williamson
Mark MacGougan
Emeka Igboanugo
Jake Troiano

Duncaster:

Fred & Janice Faulkner

Eucharistic Visitor:

Al Shuckra

Flowers:

Percy Williamson

Hospitality, fruit:

10:00 a.m.: Debbie Hamer

Lay Leader Host:

10:00 a.m.: Jannel Thomas
Bill Kofalk

Intercessory Prayer Team:

10:00 a.m.: Dianne Bowens-Waller
Jon Reik

Ushers:

10:00 a.m.: Ruth Rose
Claire Blissett
Kendall Okeke
Michael Okeke

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