

# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2018 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

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*Welcome to St. Barnabas, we are delighted that you're here. We hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ, and coming to communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!*

## WELCOME INTO THE SILENCE

*In the place of the prelude during the season of Advent, handbells will be rung at 1 minute intervals beginning 5 minutes before the service to mark the time of waiting.*

 *All stand as able at the sound of the tower bell.*

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

(HYMNAL 76)



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.  
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presiding Priest* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

CANTOR: Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
 mor - tal One, ALL: Have mer - cy up - on us. CANTOR: Ho - ly God,  
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 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, ALL: Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Presiding Priest* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
*Presiding Priest* 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.**

**THE FIRST READING** (seated)

Malachi 3:1-4

*READER: A Reading from the Book of Malachi*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*



1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to\_ set us free
2. With prom-ised mer - cy will\_ God\_ still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as proph-et of\_ the\_ Lord you will pre - pare the way,



1. and rais - es up new hope\_ for\_ us: a Branch for\_ Da-vid's tree.
2. the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham from foes to\_ save us all;
3. to tell God's peo - ple they\_ are\_ saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



1. So\_ have the proph-ets\_ long\_ de - clared that with a might-y arm
2. that\_ we might wor - ship\_ with - out\_ fear and of - fer lives of praise,
3. Then\_ shall God's mer - cy\_ from\_ on\_ high shine forth and nev - er cease



1. God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who\_ wish us harm.
2. in ho - li - ness and righ - teous - ness to serve God\_ all our days.
3. to drive a - way the gloom\_ of\_ death and lead us\_ in - to peace.

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\*For alternate settings, see #361, #376.

## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

*READER: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians*

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.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## ALLELUIA VERSE (standing as able)

Davidson/Fauré

Choir, then all and after the verse:



Cantor: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, \*  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



## THE SERMON

Karen Haig

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*



## THE NICENE CREED

*Presiding Priest and People*

**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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Let us join our hearts and minds in prayer to the God who always listens.

In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Falkland Islands, Extra-Provincial to Canterbury, The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop, and for all the people and clergy of this parish and all who minister in the name of Christ.

God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

Blessed are You who join us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O Deliverer, you unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O compassionate One, hold us in your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of your unfailing promise.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to you; when we refuse your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget you, you do not forget us.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come, God who is always coming: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive you in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare You room.

**Hear us when we pray to you.**

We pray for healing peace and comfort for...  
and we pray for the dying and those who have died, especially...

Dear people of God, what else, or who else, should we pray for?  
*The People offer their own concerns and thanksgivings, aloud or in silence.*

*Then the Presider concludes the Prayers:*

O Emmanuel, God-with-us, you show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be 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.**

*The Presiding Priest says*

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.**

THE PEACE

*Presiding Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**

 WELCOME, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated. At the offertory sentence, an offering of money is collected.*

ANTHEM

*People, look East*

arr. James E. Clemens

1. People, look east.  
The time is near of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flower may flourish.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,  
guard the nest that must be filled.  
Even the hour when wings are frozen  
he for fledging time has chosen.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Bird, is on the way.

4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
one more light the bowl shall brim,  
shining beyond the frosty weather,  
bright as the sun and moon together.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

5. Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
him who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look east and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

TEXT: *Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-1965*

 PRESENTATION ANTHEM (standing as able)

*Presiding Priest* All things come from you, O Lord,  
**People** **and of your own have we given you.**



Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presiding Priest and People*

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

*The Presiding Priest continues*

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 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.



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.**

#### ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

David Hurd

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Musical notation for the acclamation after the breaking of the bread. The notation is on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (D major). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The word "Al" is on the first staff, "le" on the second, "lu" on the third, and "ia," on the fourth. The word "Christ" is on the first staff, "our" on the second, "Pass" on the third, "o" on the fourth, "ver" on the fifth, "is" on the sixth, "sac" on the seventh, "ri" on the eighth, "ficed" on the ninth, "for" on the tenth, and "us;" on the eleventh. The word "there" is on the first staff, "fore" on the second, "let" on the third, "us" on the fourth, "keep" on the fifth, "the" on the sixth, and "feast." on the seventh. The word "Al" is on the first staff, "le" on the second, "lu" on the third, and "ia," on the fourth. The word "Al" is on the first staff, "le" on the second, "lu" on the third, and "ia," on the fourth. The word "Al" is on the first staff, "le" on the second, "lu" on the third, and "ia," on the fourth.

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.



## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is Jesus' table. All find a welcome invitation to share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.*

*If you prefer to receive a blessing (or not to receive wine), place your arms across your chest as a sign.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

HYMN (sung by all)

*Once he came in blessing*

(HYMNAL 53)



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;  
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us  
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,  
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;  
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:  
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,  
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.  
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.  
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.  
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING



HYMN (sung by all, next page)

*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.

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DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God.

PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Savior of the nations, come*

Andreas Nikolaus Veters

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presiding Priest & Preacher  
Deacon  
Organist & Choirmaster  
Song Leaders  
Acolytes  
Eucharistic Minister  
Lectors  
Intercessor  
Ushers  
Godly Players  
Greeters  
Altar Guild  
Bread Baker  
Coffee Hour  
  
Welcome Table

The Reverend Karen Haig  
The Reverend Dan Fowler  
Paul Roy  
The Parish Choir  
Samuel Anderson, Luke Anderson  
Linda Heller  
Brian Oldham, Brian Andvik  
Brian Andvik  
Borgan Anderson  
Phil Fergusson, Sue Thompkins  
Mo Godman & Dick Eversole, Jayne Kenyon  
Claire Hicks, Ellie & David DelaVergne, Judy Tingley  
Elaine Percival  
Leslie Krantz, Gwen Rose, Karen Beierle,  
Peggy & Kirk Eichenberger  
Heidi O'Brien, Catherine Hayner

## **ST. BARNABAS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

### **SOLEMN HIGH MASS FOR THE FEAST OF THOMAS MERTON | MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 7PM**

Join us on Monday, December 10th at 7pm to commemorate Thomas Merton. Trappist monk, mystic, theologian, writer, social activist and interfaith pioneer, Merton was one of the most influential Christians of the 20th century. The story of his conversion, monastic vocation and social witness, cut short by an untimely end, left an indelible mark on the world. His writings continue to have an impact, inspiring successive generations of contemplatives, activists and seekers. On the 50th anniversary of his death, we will celebrate a solemn high mass with incense and plainsong, weaving many of Merton's eloquent texts into a beautifully contemplative liturgy.

### **ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE HOLY EUCHARIST | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 5PM**

Do you long for more silence in your worship? Would you like to sink more deeply into music, reflection, Word and Sacrament? Join us on Sunday Evening, 12/16 at 5pm for our monthly Contemplative Holy Eucharist. This month we will enter in to the Advent theme of holy waiting. We'll gather in the church for Eucharist and in the parlor after the service for conversation and refreshment. We hope you will join us. This service is a wonderful way to steep ourselves in the Holy in preparation for the week ahead.

### **A QUIET CHRISTMAS HOLY EUCHARIST | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 7PM**

At St. Barnabas, we offer a special worship service - A Quiet Christmas Holy Eucharist - for those who find themselves in tender places - sad, grieving, or in need of any sort of healing during this Christmas season. This service is open to everyone and is especially meaningful for those who are experiencing loss.

### **FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 4PM**

### **FESTIVE CHRISTMAS SERVICE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 7PM**

### **CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE WITH INCENSE | MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**

CAROLS AT 9:30 | SERVICE AT 10PM

### **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 10AM**

### **CHRISTMAS I | DECEMBER 30TH, 8 & 10AM**

## Personal Rites for Advent – A Take Home Sheet for Your Refrigerator Door

*Pay attention. That is the Advent message. Attentiveness to the mystery of the Coming One is not easily practiced in the midst of crowded calendars and unrelenting din of December. It is important to make time for paying attention, for silence, for waiting.*

Here are some suggestions:

1. **Attend Sunday church service on all four Sundays.** Throughout Advent, the liturgies tell us more and more about the future God is making... don't miss a single chapter of the unfolding drama as we wait for God together!
2. **Follow the daily readings found in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP),** or on line at <http://satucket.com/lectionary/>. You may want to use the forms provided in the BCP for home prayers. Compline is a lovely way to end the day – you'll find it on page 127.
3. **Create an Advent wreath.** On the first Sunday of Advent. Light the Advent candle when you say your prayers and sit down to supper. Use an Advent Calendar. Talk with family or friends about the season and the feelings it brings. Listen to the promise of God in each other.
4. **Meditate on the O Antiphons.** You may want to do this by candlelight, or in front of a fire.
5. **Break habitual patterns.** Cultivate surprise. See all things as new! Take an unusual route to work or use an alternative form of transportation. Do something you have never done before, or see something you have never seen before. Take a walk, letting colors, patterns and movements surprise you. Wear your watch on the wrong wrist, or don't wear it at all. Every time you look in the wrong place for "the time", pray God to make you ready for the unexpected.
6. **Practice waiting.** Sit or lie by a window where you can see only the sky. Wait for something to pass by – a cloud, a plane, a sparrow, an angel...
7. **Climb a hill and watch for the moon to rise.** Watch for the sunrise after the longest night (December 21). Watch for the first star on Christmas Eve. "Wait without thought."
8. **Keep the prayer "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus" in your mind and heart.** Say it in various places. Empty your mind as you pray it. Watch for signs.
9. **Make at least one conscious act of being a sign of God's future to others.** Look to [Matthew 25: 35-40](#) for guidelines.
10. **Make room for silence and inactivity.** Schedule it. Put the television in a closet. Set aside one evening and do nothing – not even books or music. Turn off the lights. Stop talking. Listen. Who is knocking at the door of your heart?

Waiting is really a period of learning. The longer we wait, the more we hear about Him for whom we are waiting. As the advent weeks progress, we hear more and more about the beauty and splendor of the One who is to come. There is a stark beauty about it all... Advent invites us into a growing inner stillness and joy allowing us to realize that He for whom we are waiting has already arrived and speaks to us in the silence of our hearts. Just as a mother feels her growing child in her womb, and is not surprised on the day of the birth and joyfully receives the one she learned to know during her waiting, so Jesus can be born in our lives – slowly and steadily – and be received as the one we learned to know while waiting.

*Adapted from [The Genesee Diary](#) by Henri J. M. Nouwen*



