

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

December 8, 2024 at 10 am

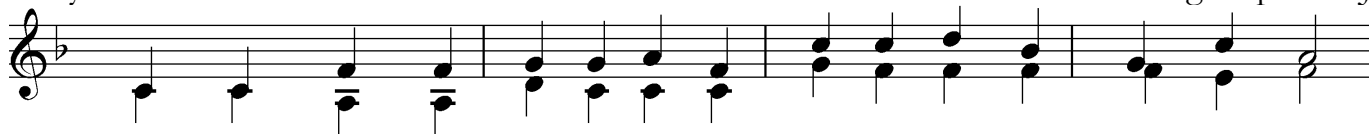
Second Sunday of Advent
& St. Nicholas Visit



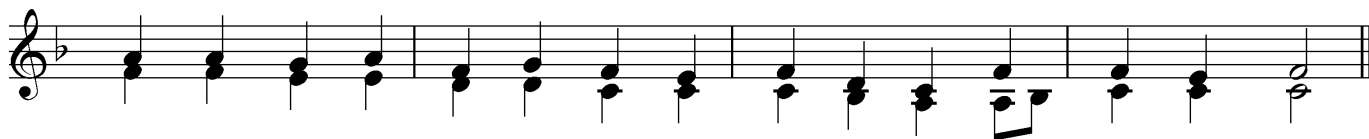
Opening Hymn

Hymn 66

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Opening Acclamation

Priest: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

The Collect of the Day

Priest: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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.**

Advent Wreath Lighting

Family: We light these candles for Peace.

Everyone: **We dream with God of a peaceful world where wolves and leopards dance with lambs and calves. We dream of a peaceful world where nations come together and the earth is healed.**

Family: We lit these candles for Peace.

Everyone: **We look to the God of All who brings a peace that surpasses all understanding.**

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: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Second Reading

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

Reader: Speak God, your servants are listening

People: **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn *(verse 1 before the Gospel, verse 2 after)*

Hymn 76

On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make

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 -

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to you Lord Christ**

Sermon

The Rev. Todd Bryant

The Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

Priest: Holy God you are always with us even as we look for your coming, may we be ready to serve and eager to pray:

Intercessor: We pray for the church and its leaders. Teach us your ways and help us walk in your paths.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: O God, you govern the nations. We pray for the United States and the world. Let your peace be manifest in every corner of the earth.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In your reign God, wolves lie down with lambs. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress

You may name those needing prayer

Intercessor: that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In your reign God, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. Protect those who rejoice and find strength in you.

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, God With Us, into the world. We thank you for your presence and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer.

You may name the departed

Intercessor: Come Lord Jesus,

People: Hear our prayer.

Priest: O Christ, hear our prayers, restore us, and show us the light of your countenance, that we might be renewed. Come Lord Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest: The Peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you

Greetings, Milestones and Announcements

Offertory

Ready the Way

by Bob Hurd

Offertory Sentence

Great Thanksgiving

Priest: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be: galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: your will they were created and have their being.

Priest: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Priest: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: 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 thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming. Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel. God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction

Priest: 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 and one cup.

Communion Hymn

Christ, Be Our Light

by Bernadette Farrell



Verses
1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



1. truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
2. hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
3. wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
4. warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



1. your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
3. bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
4. shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
5. to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Post Communion Prayer

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.

Young People's Time & Blessing

Closing Hymn

Hymn 436

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

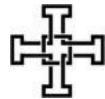


1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bid! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Dismissal



The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector
The Rev. Susan Geissler-O'Neil, Associate Rector
The Rev. Maurice Turner, Assisting Priest, Emeritus
Myles Ellis, Music Director

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