

**ADVENT EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**3760 Dover Center Road**  
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**December 5, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Holy Eucharist – Rite II – The Word of God**

**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL**

**Hymn # 76 On Jordan's Bank**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Leader:** May the Lord's peace be with us all.

**All:** ***The Lord is our faith and our life.***

**Leader:** May His love shine in our hearts.

**All:** ***Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.***

**Reader:** "But you, O Bethlehem, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be the ruler in Israel, whose origin is from old, from ancient days."

**Reader:** The second candle we light on the Advent Wreath has been named the **BETHLEHEM CANDLE**, a symbol of the preparations being made to receive and cradle the Christ Child. May our hearts be made ready to receive the Good News.

**Leader:** Let us pray, that we may experience fully the peace of Christ.

**Reader:** Father in heaven, the day draws near when the birth of your Son will make radiant the night of the waiting world. May His quiet coming fill us with true inner peace.  
Amen.

**Reader:** O Prince of Peace, gentle Savior, come! Descend to us as once you entered Bethlehem!

*All standing, sing*

**KYRIE ELEISON**

**BCP 356**

Kyrie eleison, *Christe eleison.*

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Lord, have mercy. *Christ have mercy.*

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*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**BCP 211**

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



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

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

At your great Name, O Jesus, now  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord,  
Like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Paul Laursen**

**NICENE CREED (all standing)**

**BCP 358**

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.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE      BCP 387, Form 3**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly  
serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons, especially Archbishop Welby; our Presiding Bishop  
Curry; our own Bishop Hollingsworth.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

***Our Father in heaven,***

***We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.***

***Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:***

***For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship;  
for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power  
of your Spirit.***

***We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are  
grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you  
lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to  
what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ. Amen.***

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

**BCP 360**

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People*

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.

*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.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*                   **And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY           BOB #44 Emmanuel**

*Celebrant*           Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

### **PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS**

### **PREPARATION OF ELEMENTS**

### **DOXOLOGY**

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

*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.***

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 Sanctus (sing)**

O holy, holy, holy Lord,  
O God of pow'r God of might!  
The heav'ns and earth are filled with Your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our God!  
Blessed! Blessed is he who comes  
Hosanna in the highest!

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant 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. *AMEN.*

*Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,*

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

BCP 364

*Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

*Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

\* *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.*

*For those not yet baptized (or for baptized visitors who do not wish to receive the Sacrament), you may come to the altar rail and cross your arms; the priest will be happy to pray a prayer of blessings.\* Administration of Communion:*

*- Please follow usher's directions to altar rail.*

*- The consecrated bread is offered with the words,*

*"The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven." (Amen).*

*- The individual cups are offered with the words,*

*"The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation," (Amen).*

\* *Intercessory Prayer is available at the back of the Sanctuary.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

**Refiners Fire**

Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
And precious silver  
Purify my heart  
Let me be as gold  
Pure gold

*Refiner's fire  
My heart's one desire  
Is to be holy  
Set apart for You Lord  
I choose to be holy  
Set apart for You my Master  
Ready to do Your will*

Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from within  
And make me holy  
Purify my heart  
Cleanse me from my sin  
Deep within. *(Chorus)*

*The Celebrant says* Let us pray.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *(said by all)*

**BCP 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

**RECESSIONAL**      **Hymn # 54 Savior of the Nation's Come**

**THE DISMISSAL**

**BCP 366**

**POSTLUDE**