



**ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
COLLEGE HILL, WICHITA, KS**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, AND SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

**HOLY COMMUNION
ON SUNDAY IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST**

*All directions about kneeling and standing are for those who are able.
Masks are required and should cover nose and mouth.
The nursery is open and available, but not staffed.*

PRELUDE

Variations on "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

JOHANN PACHELBEL

Bells may be rung.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE OPENING HYMN

Hymn 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

PSALM 42

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Minister of the Word Grace and peace in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Sung by a cantor at 8:30; sung by choir at 10:45

Light Two Candles to Watch for Messiah ARR. WAYNE WOLD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Minister of the Word God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Minister of the Word 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 READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

THE OLD TESTAMENT

MALACHI 3:1-4

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, 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.**

THE RESPONSE

CANTICLE 16 — LUKE 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL HYMN

Hymn 76 vs. 1, 2, 5

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:1-6

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."

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

THE HOMILY

THE REV. DILLON GREEN, CURATE

THE NICENE CREED

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Derived from Taizé

The People may kneel or stand.

Reader God our Father, we bless you for having called us to know you,
to love you and to live with you.

People ***Our Lord has come, the Lord is coming!***

Reader You sent your beloved Son, your perfect image and the
reflection of your face; to become like us in all things but sin.

People ***Our Lord has come, the Lord is coming!***

Reader In Jesus you proclaimed the good news of your Kingdom; you
forgive our offenses and heal our wounds.

People ***Our Lord has come, the Lord is coming!***

Reader Keep us in the communion of your Son; keep us alert as we
wait for the day of his coming.

People ***Our Lord has come, the Lord is coming!***

Reader Give us your peace, so that we can communicate it to one
another in mutual love, and serve the human family.

People ***Our Lord has come, the Lord is coming!***

Presider The Presider says a closing collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister of the Word Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned
against you, opposing your will and People 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.

Minister of the Word Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Minister of the Word The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

All Earth is Hopeful

ALBERTO TAULÉ, ARR. MARK BIGHLEY

THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament*

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

All **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 MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Once He Came in Blessing

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament*

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.

People **Amen.**

THE GRACE

*Minister of the
Reserved Sacrament*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 59

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

MERTON

POSTLUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

ARR. JAN BENDER

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Preacher and Minister of the Word: The Rev. Dillon Green, Curate

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: Rick Milhon and Deb Bagby

Acolytes: Danny Blair and Jason Walter-Fletcher

Lectors: Mary Druding, Dave McDonald, Vicki Petty, Bert Clark, Rob Compton,
Tammy Breeden and Suzanne Laycock

Ushers: Paul Rillema and Dan Dye

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on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*