

St. Peter's Church in Plant City  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**



**10:30 am | December 5, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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*Welcome, Friends! Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time worshippers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we meet at God's table as God's children.*

*Please note that **masking is highly encouraged and recommended**. Distancing is practiced in the nave (center) section of the church (following posted signs), but not required in the transepts (sides). Full guidelines can be found on our website: [www.stpetersplantcity.com](http://www.stpetersplantcity.com).*

*Prayer books and hymnals are in the pews, but the service can be found in its entirety in this leaflet.*

*Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. Individual restrooms are to your left. Men's and women's rooms with changing tables are through the second door and to your far right.*

*We do not currently offer a formal nursery, but children are always welcome in the church, with their wiggles and noises.*

*The people stand as the service begins. The service is printed in its entirety in this service leaflet, but if you wish to follow along in your own Prayer Book, Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on p. 355.*

## Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (H1982 #56)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain:**

## Lighting the Advent Wreath

*Leader:* (*Lights two candles*) O Emmanuel, come to us today. Help us to prepare the way of the Lord. Help us to show others the way of faith, hope, and love. Fill our hearts and minds with joyful anticipation, as we await your coming at Christmas and your coming again for all eternity.

*Celebrant:* God-with-us, as we light the second candle of our Advent wreath, we pray that you will continue to show us the way. We ask that you make us messengers announcing your Good News. We thank you for sending prophets and martyrs to prepare the way for us. Come, Lord Jesus!

*ALL:* **Come, Lord Jesus!**

## The Word of God

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

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

*Celebrant* 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.**

## Kyrie (H1982 #S96)

**Lord, have mercy. Lord have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* 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 Lesson: 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalter: Cantic 16 - Luke 1: 68-79 (*sung by Cantor*)**

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 Second Lesson: 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation (*sung by Cantor*)**

### **The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6**

*Gospeller* 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.'"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord

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

Homily: The Rev. Alissa Anderson *(be seated)*

### The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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

*Please join in saying the text **in bold***

*Deacon:* Almighty God, help us to pray so faithfully that we may draw near to you and learn your will.

*Silence*

*Prayer Leader:* God of all hope and joy, open our hearts in welcome, that your Son Jesus Christ at his coming may find in us a dwelling prepared for him.

As we await the day of your coming: **May the life of Christ be revealed in us.**

Gracious God, we pray for the Church and the world.

As we await the day of your coming: **May we all be one.**

We offer our prayers for the search of the future Bishop Coadjutor of our Diocese, saying together:

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace.

As we await the day of your coming: **May we honor one another and serve the common good.**

We pray for all those who are suffering and for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, naming together those who have requested our prayers:

**Angelica, Aryas, Bernie, Betty, Bob & Lana, Charles, Charley, Daphne, David, Denise, Ellie, Fred, Glen, Helen, Jake, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Jeannie, Jim, Jim, Joe, Joe, John, John, John, Jule, June, Linda, Martha, Mary Ann, Nita, Pat, Paula, Priscilla, Ray, Rob, Robert, Sally, Sandy, Scherer Family, Shirley, Sue, Trace, Wayne, and Yureka, and any others we name...**

We remember those who have departed this life and those who mourn, especially those we name...

As we await the day of your coming: **Hear our Prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of our lives, especially those we name...

As we await the day of your coming: **Turn our gratitude into generosity.**

We pray especially for St. Peter's parish family. You have planted many seeds of faith, hope and love in our hearts. May we learn this Advent to nurture them patiently and courageously.

As we await the day of your coming: **Strengthen us to love others as you love us.**

God of hope, when Christ your Son appears may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service. Help us to be hands to the helpless, provide food for the hungry, and rescue for the oppressed.

As we await the day of your coming: **Give us the courage to be Christ for others.**

In all we do and say this Advent, may we follow your example of gentleness and humility.

As we await the day of your coming: **Christ has no body now, but ours.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*All*    **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

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

*All (kneel, sit, or stand)*

**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.**

*Priest*        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.**

## **Peace** *(standing)*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*We will be having a “no-touch” Peace for now: try a bow, a wave, or a “peace” sign.*

## **Welcome & Announcements** *(be seated)*

### **Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People (H1982 #67)**

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain:  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

## The Holy Communion

*Due to current health and safety guidelines, we will not be passing an offering plate. Offering plates can be found at the doors, and mail-in and online giving options are also available.*

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (*Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p.367 – 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 God 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:

*Celebrant and People* **(H1982 #S130)**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**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,

*Celebrant and People*

**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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Peter, and 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.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*Cantor* 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.

*This Table belongs to the Lord and all are welcome here.*

*Communion will be offered at the front of the aisle: beginning with the front pews and continuing backwards, proceed in single file up the center aisle, and return to your seat via the side aisles. The nave will be communed first, followed by the transepts. If you wish to receive Communion, proceed to the Ministers serving and hold your hands in front of you with your palms facing upward. At this time, we are receiving Communion in one kind (bread) only, so once you have received the bread, you may return to your seat.*

*If you do not wish to receive Communion but would like to receive a blessing, come forward and stand with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to come forward or prefer not to for distancing purposes, please let an usher know.*

## **Hymn: O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light (H1982 #64)**

O heavenly Word, eternal Light, begotten of the Father's might,  
who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn;  
pour light upon us from above, and fire our hearts with ardent love,  
that, as we hear thy truth today, all wrong desires may burn away;  
and when, as judge, thou drawest nigh the secrets of our hearts to try,  
to recompense each hidden sin and bid the saints their reign begin;  
O let us not, for evil past, be driven from thy face at last,  
but with thy saints for evermore behold thee, love thee, and adore.  
To God the Father, God the Son, and Go the Spirit, ever One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

## Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Priest blesses the people*

*People*    **Amen**

## Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying (H1982 #75)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places, where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,  
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;

but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;  
he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold;  
to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

*The Deacon dismisses the people*

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

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*Flowers in High Altar given in Memory of  
Loved Ones by Hilda McCarter*

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**Take Note:**

- Journey the Way of Love this Advent during Pathfinders (between services), or gather Wednesdays to reflect on upcoming lectionary readings. Check your email for details.
- Take note of seasonal outreach opportunities, including ways to contribute to Meals on Wheels Christmas baskets, Friends in the Park, Angel Tree (all angels are spoken for, but don't forget to shop and return your gifts!), and Sox Box; as well as inreach in the form of our Newlywed Tree. Check your emails for more info!
- Please note that there will be no Wednesday Eucharist or Bible study on Dec. 22 or Dec. 29.
- Mark your Christmas calendars: we will have Christmas Eve services at 5pm (family service with program) and 11pm, with a musical prelude at 10:30. There will be no Christmas Day service, and a single service on Sunday, Dec. 26 at 9:45am.

**Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly "This Week @ St. Peter's" email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.**

## **Please Pray For:**

- Those in need of healing, strength, or comfort: Angelica, Aryas, Bernie, Betty, Bob & Lana, Charles, Charley, Daphne, David, Denise, Ellie, Fred, Glen, Helen, Jake, James, Jane, Janet, Janice, Jeannie, Jim, Jim, Joe, Joe, John, John, John, Jule, June, Linda, Martha, Mary Ann, Nita, Pat, Paula, Priscilla, Ray, Rob, Robert, Sally, Sandy, Scherer Family, Shirley, Sue, Trace, Wayne, and Yureka
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country & around the world
- Those celebrating birthdays: Tom Sistrunk 12/04, Jan Henderson 12/04, Michelle O'Donnell 12/04, Rebecca Ham 12/04, Arthur Schaffer 12/07, Christine Wynn 12/10, Lana Beyer 12/11
- Those celebrating anniversaries: Billie & Joe Evans 12/05, Connie & Melvin Miller 12/05
- Our Bishop, Assisting Bishops, and Clergy: Dabney; Barry and Michael; Alissa, Barry, Denise, John, and Ray
- St. Peter's Vestry: Bruce, Caleb, Carolyn, Dick, Felix, Lyn, Patty, Toni, and Trey
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Andrew, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Jeremy, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Ryan, Scott, Sydney, Timothy, Yasmine



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