

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

9 am December 21, 2014—*The Fourth Sunday in Advent & Holy Baptism*



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To participate fully in our worship you will need this booklet and, for the hymns, *The Hymnal* 1982 (blue and in the pew racks in front of you) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green and at the end of the pews). You will not need a copy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) for this service.

There is welcome information in the announcement sheet.

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But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him *Habakkuk 2:20*

Please silence pagers and cell phones

Voluntary

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Please stand for the

Hymn in Procession 66

Stuttgart

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Celebrant then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People **One God and Father of all.**

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

Silence may be kept.

All

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 following is sung:

Bells: **Trisagion** *Bells:*

Sung Thrice: Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and might-y, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Music: Charles Rus 2008 after Claude Goudimel, Genevan Psalter, 1564

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray—*silence*—the Collect of the day—**Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 BCP Page 713

Sung antiphonally between organ and Lectern sides.

Misericordias Domini



- Cantor* 1 Your love, O LORD, for ev-\ er will I sing; *—*pause*—
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your \ faithfulness.
- Organ side* 2 For I am persuaded that your love is est-\ ablished for ever; *—*pause*—
you have set your faithfulness firmly \ in the heavens.
- Lectern side* 3 "I have made a covenant with \ my chosen one; *—*pause*—
I have sworn an oath to Dav-\ id my servant:
- Organ side* 4 'I will establish \ your line for ever, *—*pause*—
and preserve your throne for all \ generations."
- Lectern side* 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to \ your faithful people: *—*pause*—
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out \ of the people.
- Organ side* 20 I have found \ David my servant; *—*pause*—
with my holy oil have I a-\ nointed him.
- Lectern side* 21 My hand \ will hold him fast *—*pause*—
and my arm will \ make him strong.
- Organ side* 22 No ene-\ my shall deceive him, *—*pause*—
nor any wicked man \ bring him down.
- Lectern side* 23 I will crush \ his foes before him *—*pause*—
and strike down \ those who hate him.
- Organ side* 24 My faithfulness and \ love shall be with him, *—*pause*—
and he shall be victorious \ through my Name.
- Lectern side* 25 I shall make his do\ minion extend *—*pause*—
from the Great Sea \ to the River.
- ALL* 26 He will say to me, \ 'You are my Father, *—*pause*—
my God, and the rock of \ my salvation."

Second Reading

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Romans 16:25-27

A period of silent prayer follows the reading

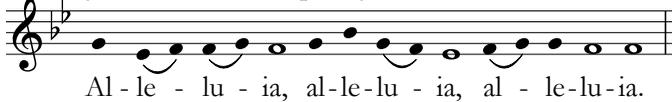
Anthem

"Ave Maria"

Patrick Lindley (born 1948)

Please stand for the Alleluia. Please turn to face the book of the Gospels for the reading.

Cantor first, then ALL. Repeat after verse.



Gospel

Response before the reading:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:26-38

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector

After a period of reflective silence following the homily we stand for the service of Baptism:

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & sponsors: **I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & sponsors: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidates are presented by name to the Celebrant, who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over him, saying

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

We now respond to God's grace given in baptism in the words of the **Baptismal Covenant.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God.

Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection,

and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace is then exchanged

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

All: Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin mo - ther un - de - filed,
Women: Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.
All: Sing of Ma - ry, sing of Je - sus, Ho - ly Moth - er's ho - lier son.
Men: Joy - ful Moth - er, full of glad - ness, In thine arms thy Lord was borne.
All: Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther; glo - ry be to God the Son;

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
 Toil and la - bour can - not we - ary Love en - dur - ing un - to death.
 From his throne in heav'n he sees us, Thith - er calls us ev - 'ry one,
 Mourn - ful Moth - er, full of sad - ness, All thy heart with pain was torn,
 glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit; glo - ry to the Three in One.

Fair - est child of fair - est mo - ther, God the Lord who came to earth,
 Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,
 Where he wel - comes home his Moth - er To a place at his right hand,
 Glo - rious Moth - er, now re - ward - ed With a crown at Je - sus' hand,
 From the heart of bless - ed Ma - ry, from all saints the song a - scends,

Word made flesh, our ve - ry bro - ther, Takes our na - ture by his birth.
 Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died.
 There his faith - ful ser - vants gath - er, There the crown - ed vict - ors stand.
 Age to age thy name re - cord - ed Shall be blest in ev - 'ry land.
 and the Church the strain re - ech - oes un - to earth's re - mot - est ends.

Words: Roland Ford Palmer (1891-1985)
 Music: Skinner Chavez-Melo (1944-1992)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant: *People:*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant: *People:*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Sanctus

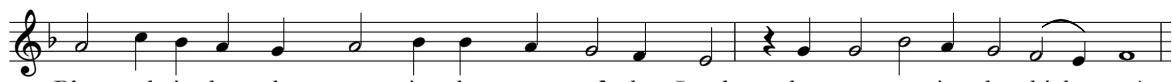
Bells:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and God of might.



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry: ho - san - na in the high - est!



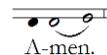
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the high - est!

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At the acclamation in the prayer:

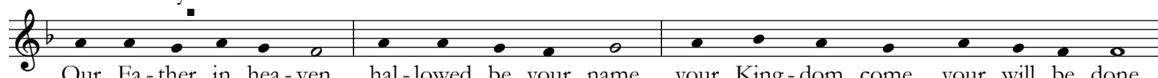
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.



The Lord's Prayer S148 Ambrosian Chant

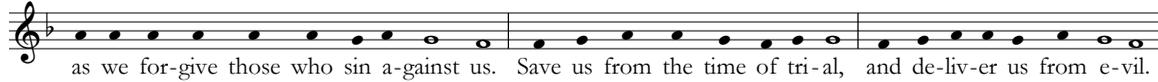
arr. Mason Martens



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your name, your King - dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins,



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for ev - er. A - men

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S167 Fraction Anthem

Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verses.

Mode 6, adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

The altar in our church belongs to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. **To receive communion**, stand or kneel at the rail, stand against the plaster wall inside the rail, or notify an usher that you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat. After you receive Communion at (or inside) the rail, please remain in place until the Chalice says “Go in peace.” The response after receiving each kind (Bread and Wine) is “**Amen**” or you may remain silent. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest before the Bread comes by. **Gluten-free wafers** are available; simply ask the person distributing the Bread. **We drink the wine** from the Common Cup. We do not practice “intinction,” that is, dipping Bread in Wine. If you do not wish to drink from the Chalice, please cross your arms over your chest so the Chalice knows this. Receiving the Sacrament in either kind alone constitutes a full and valid Communion. Saint John's Church is committed to achieving the full inclusion of all people in Christ's Body, the Church. Please feel free to ask the Rector if you have any questions.

Please join in singing the Communion music:

Anthem
Hymn 57

Magnificat

Plainsong
Veni, veni Emmanuel

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the Post-Communion rite.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

*The Priest blesses the people. The people say: **Amen.***

At the Procession: Hymn 269 (alt)

Daily, daily

Ye who own the faith of Je - sus, sing the won - ders that were done
 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of whom the Lord did come;
 Where - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple tell the ho - nor of her name;
 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my Sa - vior I re - joice;

when the love of God the Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - t'ry won,
 bless - ed was the land of pro - mise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home;
 let the Church, in her fore - shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim;
 all the a - ges call me bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice;

when he made the Vir - gin Mar - y mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 but more bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bare him in her womb.
 what Christ's mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same.
 he has cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

Hail Ma - ry, hail Ma - ry, hail Ma - ry, full of grace.

Dismissal S174



Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

If you leave during the Music, please do so quietly so as not to disturb those who remain to listen.