



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

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Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2019

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Assisting: The Reverend Michael Perry

The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

For the readings see 10:30 am.



Choral Matins at 10:30 am

Officiant: The Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine

Preacher: The Reverend Michael Perry

*Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.
Children going to church school are invited to gather by the font
after the lighting of the wreath.*

Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.



*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of
friends and family past and present, by Jim Colling.*

Prelude *Kommst Du nun, Jesus, vom Himmel herunter,*
(Come now Jesus, down from Heaven) BWV650

J.S. BACH

Processional Hymn 108 *Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding*

MERTON

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader On this Second Sunday of Advent,
the season of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus,
we remember John the Baptist, the prophet and cousin of Jesus.
John called people to prepare for the Messiah
by turning and walking in a new way.
May we walk by faith and with hope,
waiting and watching for Jesus, the light of the world. *The second candle is lit.*

Leader Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

All **For he has visited and redeemed his people, and has raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant David.**

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

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader Blessed be the coming kingdom of our ancestor, David.

All **Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All **Now and forever. Amen**

Opening Sentence – BCP p. 1

Exhortation – BCP p. 4 *You are invited to kneel.*

Officiant Almighty and most merciful Father,

All **We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto all people in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

Lord's Prayer

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE

Versicles & Responses – BCP p. 6

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips;

All **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us;

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

You are invited to stand.

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Officiant Praise ye the Lord;

All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Venite – BCP pp. 6-7 *Sung by all, standing.*



Our King and Saviour ' draweth ' nigh: / O ' come , ' let us ' worship.

O come, let us ' sing unto · the ' Lord: /

let us heartily rejoice in the ' strength of ' our sal'vation.

Let us come before his ' presence with ' thanksgiving /

and show ourselves ' glad in ' him with ' psalms.

For the Lord is a ' great ' God /

and a great ' King a·bove ' all ' gods.

In his hand are all the ' corners · of the ' earth /

and the ' strength of · the ' hills is · his ' also.

The sea is ' his and · he ' made it /

and his ' hands pre'pared the · dry ' land.

O come, let us worship and ' fall ' down /

and ' kneel be·fore the ' Lord, our ' Maker.

For he is the ' Lord our ' God /

and we are the people of his pasture,

' and the ' sheep of · his ' hand.

Glory be to the Father, and ' to the ' Son /

and ' to the ' Holy ' Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ' ever ' shall be /

world without ' end. A'—'men.

Our King and Saviour ' draweth ' nigh: / O ' come , ' let us ' worship.

Please be seated.

First Lesson *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Read by Carol-Faye Petricko

Reader The first lesson is written in the 11th chapter of the book of Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but

All Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and **to** the Holy Ghost;
Cantor As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever **shall** be
All world with-**out** end. A-men.

Second Lesson *Romans 15:4-13*

Read by Alison Jane

Reader The second lesson is written in the 15th chapter of St Paul's Epistle to the Romans, beginning at the 4th verse.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name'; and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Benedicite, Omnia Opera – BCP pp.26-28 *Please stand.*

VIII. 1.



Cantor O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

All O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye Heavens, **ble**ss ye the Lord.

Cantor O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the **Lord**:

O all ye powers of the Lord, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

All O ye sun and moon, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye stars of heaven, **ble**ss ye the Lord

Cantor O ye showers and dew, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye winds of God, **ble**ss ye the Lord:

All O ye fire and heat, bless ye the **Lord**:

O ye winter and summer, **ble**ss ye the Lord

Cantor O ye dewes and frosts, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye frost and cold, **bless** ye the Lord:
All O ye ice and snow, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye nights and days, **bless** ye the Lord
Cantor O ye light and darkness, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye lightnings and clouds, **bless** ye the Lord.
All O let the earth bless the **Lord**: praise him and magnify **him** forever.

Cantor O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the **Lord**:
O all ye green things upon the Earth, **bless** ye the Lord:
All O ye wells, bless ye the **Lord**: O ye seas and floods, **bless** ye the Lord
Cantor O ye whales, and all that move in the Waters, bless ye the **Lord**:
O all ye Fowls of the Air, **bless** ye the Lord:
All O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye children of earth, **bless** ye the Lord.
Cantor O let Israel bless the **Lord**: praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

All O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye servants of the Lord, **bless** ye the Lord:
Cantor O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the **Lord**:
O ye holy and humble of heart, **bless** ye the Lord.
All O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the **Lord**:
praise him, and magnify **him** for ever.

Please be seated.

Third Lesson *Matthew 3:1-12*

Read by The Reverend Michael Perry

Reader The third lesson is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse.

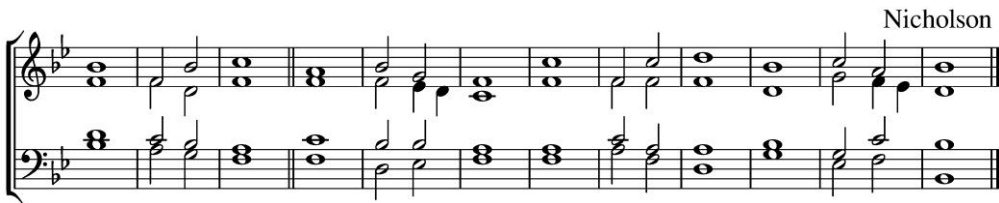
In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”’ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to

raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Surge, Illuminare – BCP pp. 28-29 *Please stand.*



- Arise, shine, for thy' light is' come,
 •and the glory of the Lord is' risen up' on thee.
- 2 For behold, the darkness shall' cover the' earth,
 •and gross' darkness the 'people.
- 3 But the Lord shall a'rise up'on thee,
 •and his glory shall be' seen up' on thee.
- 4 And the Gentiles shall' come to· thy' light,
 •and kings to the ' brightness · of thy 'rising.
- 5 Thy gates shall be' open con'tinually;
 •they shall not be shut' day nor' night.
- 6 The children also of' them that· af' flicted thee
 •shall come bending' unto' thee;
- 7 And all' they that · des'pised thee
 •shall bow themselves down at the' soles of· thy' feet.
- 8 And they shall call thee the' City · of the ' Lord,
 •the Zion of the ' Holy One · of ' Israel.
- 9 Violence shall no more be' heard in · thy ' land,
 •wasting nor destruction with'in thy' borders.
- 10 But thou shalt call thy' walls Sal' vation,
 •and thy' gates' Praise.

11 The sun shall be no more thy' light by' day,
•neither for brightness shall the moon give' light un-to' thee,
12 But the Lord shall be unto thee an ever' lasting' light,
•and thy' God thy' glory.
Glory be to the Father, and ' to the 'Son, •and to the' Holy' Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ' ever ' shall be • world without end. 'A-'men.

The Apostles' Creed – BCP pp. 10-11

Officiant I believe in God

All the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth: and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you;

All And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray. *Please kneel as able.*

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

All Christ, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Officiant Our Father

All 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All And grant us thy salvation.

Officiant O Lord, save the Queen;

All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

All And make thy chosen people joyful.

Officiant O Lord, save thy people;

All And bless thine inheritance.

Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All **And evermore mightily defend us.**

Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty God, who sent thy servant John the Baptist to prepare thy people to welcome the Messiah; inspire us, the ministers and stewards of thy truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to thee, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect of Advent – BCP p. 95

Officiant Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace – BCP p. 11

Officiant O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace – BCP pp. 11-12

Officiant O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Anthem *Fuit homo missus a Deo*

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

*The choir would like to offer the singing of this motet to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of loving service of our dear friend Diane Birch.
Diane loved the music of Palestrina.*

Fuit homo missus a Deo, cui nomen erat
Joannes.
Hic venit in testimonium, ut testimonium
perhiberet de lumine,
et pararet Domino plebem perfectam.

There was a man sent from God, whose name
was John.
This man came as a witness, to give testimony
about the light,
and to prepare for the Lord a perfect people.

Sermon

The Reverend Michael Perry

Hymn 106 *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

ASCENSION

During the hymn collection will be taken.


Prayers - *Please kneel or be seated.*

General Thanksgiving

Officiant Almighty God,

All **Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all people. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Advent Prose - Please kneel or be seated.

All 
Pour down, O hea-vens, from a - bove, and let the skies rain down right-eous-ness

Choir Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord;
and remember not our sins for ever.
Your holy cities have become a desert,
Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation;
our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;
we have all withered like a leaf,
and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us;
and abandoned us to our iniquities.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir You are my witnesses, says the Lord;
and my servant whom I have chosen;
that you may know me and believe me.
I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver;
what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir Comfort my people, comfort them;
my salvation shall not be delayed.
I have swept your offences away like a cloud;
fear not, for I will save you.
I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Redeemer.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Prayer of St Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Announcements *Please be seated.*

Hymn 383 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in g minor*

HEALEY WILLAN