

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

## Welcome

*Hearing Assistive Devices and Large Print service leaflets are available  
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*Please ask an usher for a copy of the service music*

The messenger of the covenant  
in whom you delight—indeed,



## The Gathering of the Community

**Processional Hymn #108** “Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding”

### Greeting

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*Celebrant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

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

**Hymn #107** “Prepare the Way” (sung twice)

### Advent Candle Lighting      The Second Candle – a Candle of Preparation

*Reader 1* Christmas is coming! Are you prepared? Are you ready? Are you counting down?

*Reader 2* Have you got the tree up? Food and presents bought? Cards sent? Are you prepared for the time you will spend with family, friends, or colleagues? And what about all those annoying Christmas advertisements you have already seen too many times? Are you prepared?

*Reader 1* Are we prepared to invite in those who are lonely or sick or troubled? Are we prepared to reach out to a broken world? Are we prepared to bring Christ’s love?

*Reader 2* Christ is coming! As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations we light this second candle as a sign that we are prepared to be the light of Christ, bringing his healing presence to a needy world.

*The first and second candles are lighted.*

*People* **Lord of all, remind us of the things that are truly important. Come to this world, come to us, come to all people and bring the joy and justice that few expect but all need. Amen.**

### Collect for Purity

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*Celebrant* Almighty God,

*People* **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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 Eleison** [Arranged by Michael Leach]

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

*Cantor* Christe eleison.

*People* **Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

*Cantor* Kyrie eleison.

*People* **Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, 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 you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Malachi 3:1–4

*Reader* A reading from the Book of Malachi.

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle 19 (Luke 1:68–79)**

The Song of Zechariah: *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber

Tune Hymn #7 Melcombe

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| <p>1 Blessed be Israel's Lord and God<br/>For he hath visited his own;<br/>And brought salvation down to us<br/>In David's house and for his throne</p> <p>2 As he spake by his prophets, who<br/>Have been since first the world was made;<br/>That he would save us from the hand<br/>Of those of whom we are afraid,</p> <p>3 Perform the mercy promised once<br/>To our forefathers in the past;<br/>To our forefather Abraham,<br/>Perform the oath he swore at last,</p> <p>4 That we, delivered from our foes,<br/>Might serve him without fear always,<br/>In holiness and righteousness<br/>Before the Lord through all our days.</p> | <p>5 And thou, child, shalt be called the<br/>Lord's<br/>Own prophet, go before his face<br/>To give his people saving truth,<br/>Remission of their sins, and grace</p> <p>6 Through God's own tender love,<br/>whereby<br/>The dayspring from on high drew near<br/>To guide us in the way of peace,<br/>Shine in the dark, and calm our fear.</p> <p>7 All glory to the Father, Son,<br/>And to the Holy Spirit be;<br/>As from the first it was, is now,<br/>And will be for eternity. Amen.</p> |
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Second Reading:

Philippians 1:3–11

*Reader* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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 defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

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### Gradual Hymn #94 “Wait for the Lord, Whose Day Is Near”

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1–6

*Subdeacon* The Lord be with you.

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

*Subdeacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

<sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

*Subdeacon* The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

*A time for silent reflection is kept.*

### The Apostles’ Creed

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*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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

**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.**

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**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. Amen.**

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader* In joyful expectation, we pray.

*People* **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

### Confession and Absolution

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*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God,

*People* **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 neighbours 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 upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

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

### The Celebration of the Eucharist

#### Offertory Hymn #102 “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

#### The Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3**

Proper Preface Advent

*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 our thanks and praise.***Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame or fear, may 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.

*People* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.****Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna  
hosanna in the highest.****Blessèd is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna  
hosanna in the highest.***Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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."

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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, Father, according to his command,

*People* **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;***Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all 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 whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.****The Lord's Prayer** [Hymn #684]*Celebrant* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,*People* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowèd 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 who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.****The Breaking of the Bread #5**

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*Celebrant* God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.*People* **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**O Lamb of God** [Hymn #685]

*People* **O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:  
grant us thy peace.**

**The Communion**

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

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

*All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.*

**Communion Hymns**

- #100 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"
- #106 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness"

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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*Celebrant* All your works praise you, O Lord.

*People* **And your faithful servants bless you.  
Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn #103 "On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry"**

**Dismissal**

*Subdeacon* Go in peace full of expectation to love and serve the Lord.

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

***Please join us for refreshments following the service.***

Services		
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
Wednesday	12:00 noon	Worship at Midday
<p>BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)</p> <p>Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.</p> <p>衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。</p> <p>盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。</p> <p>BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language</p>		

Interim Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
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