

Christ Church Trumbull

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021, Year C

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All His mercy endures forever.

Advent II Candle Lighting

Holy and Gracious God, as we light this candle, we pray that you would kindle the fire of faith in our hearts. Restore and encourage our faith in you and build in us faith for your amazing work. As we prepare to receive the Christ Child, increase our faith for Jesus's mighty work of restoration, healing, and renewal. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria — Hymn No. 56 (v. 1-2) “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.

All Amen.

The First Lesson.....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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

Reader 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

All **He has raised up a mighty savior for us
in the house of his servant David,**

Reader As he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of
all who hate us.

All **Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,**

Reader The oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before
him all our days.

All **And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,**

Reader To give knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.

All **By the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break upon us,**

Reader To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.'

The Epistle 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 on 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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Sequence Hymn 75 "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" (v. 1 & 3)

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!

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 Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
All **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.” ’

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon.....Jessica Moynihan

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:
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

Celebrant As we begin this time of prayer for one another, our community, and our world, I invite any prayer requests for traveling, birthdays, anniversaries, or healing.

Celebrant prays for all prayer requests.

Prayer Leader As we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us offer prayers to God who stirs up strength and comes to help us.

For the coming of Jesus Christ in power and glory, for the coming of Wisdom to teach and guide us, for the coming of Emmanuel, the hope of all the peoples.

Silence

Prayer Leader Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

Prayer Leader For this community, that God would guide us with his truth, fill us with his love, and provide for us from his bounty.

For God's justice, peace, and freedom in our community and our world.

For the leaders of our nation and those who serve on the frontlines especially police officers, fire fighters, medical professionals, and social justice advocates.

For all those who have suffered under the weight of racism. For all those who have been infected with COVID 19. For all those who are hungry and alone this Advent.

For all those in need of food, shelter, access to education and healthcare and for those facing financial hardship especially all the people who rely on the Trumbull Food Pantry.

For all those who suffer in body, mind, and spirit, especially Justin, Evan, Grace, Anna, Max, Roger, Ellie, Rob, Doug, Sal, Maggie, Joanne, Stephen, Leslie, Diane, Amanda, Linda, Dorothy, Albert, Bill, Tom, Peter, and Sue.

For those who have gone before us under the sign of faith, and for all the departed especially Robert E. Flader.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant O King of all the nations, only joy of every heart, keystone of the mighty arch who makes us one: Come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. Glory to you for ever.

All **Amen.**

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

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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

Holiday Outreach Please support our holiday outreach efforts! Specifically:
McGivney Christmas Store - new, unwrapped toys and personal gift items. Donation box in office foyer. Donations need to be received by Sunday, December 12th.
The Jesse Tree - new, wrapped gifts of warm winter clothes (sweaters, pants, socks, etc.) for the clients of Prospect House in Bridgeport. Email Maryanne in the parish office for a “gift tag.” Donations need to be received by Monday, December 20th.
St. Nicholas Coat Drive – new and/or gently used winter outerwear (coats, hats, scarves, gloves). Donations need to be received by Monday, December 20th.

St. George’s Community Supper Accepting donations of small bags of chips/pretzels, water bottles, cookies, and clementines. We are assembling 45 bagged dinners on Sunday, December 12th after the 9am service. Eggnog and cookies will be served!

Pies for Sale! We have a few pies left – apple (double crust) and blueberry crumb. The price per pie (frozen) is \$15. Payment by cash or check (made out to Christ Church Trumbull). Payment due at

pick up. To place your order and arrange pick up, email:
info@christchurchtrumbull.org.

**Advent Spa
For the Spirit**

Saturday, December 11th with Rev. Kate Heichler.
Taking the Advent theme of awakening, we'll explore how we can wake to the still voice in our own spirits, to the lives of others, and to the Life of God all around us. We'll gather on zoom at 9am and be done around noon. You can register [here](#) . for more information and the link will be sent. Feel free to contact the parish office for more information.

**Meditation Group
1st & 3rd Mondays**

Join us at noon on zoom for Meditation Group. All are welcome to join in for meditation and fellowship. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Prayer Group
2nd, 4th & 5th
Mondays**

Our Prayer Group will meet at noon on zoom. This is a virtual space to pray as a group for those in need. All are welcome to join. Contact the parish office or check the weekly eNews for the zoom link.

**Bible Study with
St. Timothy's**

Join Rev. Kevin Olds for virtual Bible Study every Thursday evening at 7:30. Contact the parish office for the zoom link.

Communion

As we serve communion, please come down the side aisle and come to the altar railing one household at a time. At this time we serve grape juice only. You may deposit your juice cups in the waste basket and find your seat walking down the aisle to your left. If you are in person, do not feel obligated to receive. If you receive physically or spiritually, please silently prayer the post-communion prayer or the prayer of spiritual reception.

Offering

If this is your first time at Christ Church, we invite you simply to receive, but if this is your regular church home we ask that you give by placing your offering in the offering plate or via PayPal on our website. We thank everyone who helps support the ministry and outreach of this community. We could not continue this work without you.

Celebrant

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

Solo by Matthew Johnson “Build Your Kingdom Here” Rend Collective

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:

All **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 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,

All **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 St. Nicholas, 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.

All **Amen.**

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

**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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn 313 “Let thy Blood in Mercy Poured”

Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.

Refrain:
*Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me. (*Refrain*)

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing. (*Refrain*)

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me. (*Refrain*)

As you listen to the music selections, we invite you to pray silently the prayer of spiritual communion if you are virtually joining us or the post-communion prayer if you are in person and have received communion.

Prayer of Spiritual Reception (*silently*)

Lord Jesus, I cannot now worship you at the altar of the church in this Sacrament of your Body and Blood, yet in spirit I receive this bread and this wine in my heart, mind, and spirit. Visit me, I pray, with your mercy, pardon, and blessing, and fill me with faith and love and repentance, and so strengthen and sustain me by your grace that I may with pure heart and mind follow you, the only God, now and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer (*silently*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We encourage you in this time to reflect on what has stood out for you in our worship together. What is God inviting you to in the week ahead?

Blessing (*please stand*)

Celebrant Remember friends, as we go, that life is short. And we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, & Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn 74 “Blest be the King Whose Coming”

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!
Not robed in royal splendour, in power and pomp comes he:
But clad as are the poorest - such his humility.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard.
Pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed
The Christ who is the Promise who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand,
All ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,
For he would have us bear it so he can make us free.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**