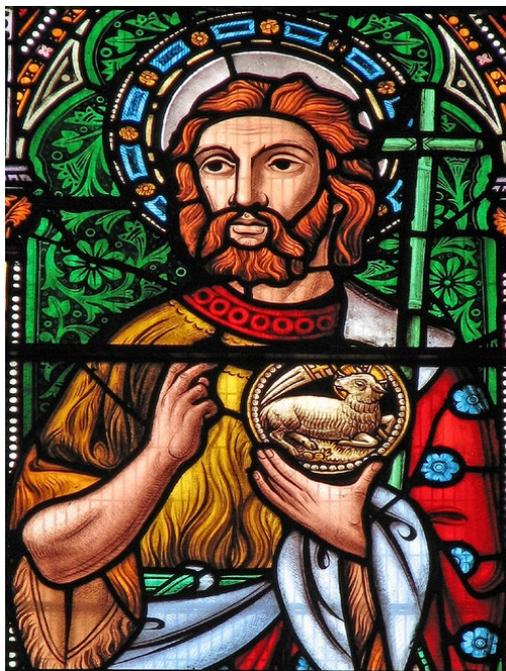


# The Second Sunday of Advent



5 December 2021

Holy Eucharist Rite II with a visit from  
St. Nicholas: 10:00 am

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**The Opening Rite**

**Opening Voluntary** Pastorale

David Schack

**Hymn at the Procession**

*The Hymnal 1982, #59*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Sentences**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

**The Collect of the Day**

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 Word of the Lord**

**The Lessons** *The people sit.*

**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.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

The Song of Zechariah

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us  
 2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re -  
 3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the

free and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's  
 call, the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us  
 way, to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal

tree. So have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y  
 all; that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of  
 sway. Then shall God's mcr - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er

arm God would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.  
 praise, in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
 cease, to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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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.

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**Sequence Hymn**

Prepare the way, O Zion

*The Hymnal 1982, #65**Bereden vag for Herran***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.

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

**The Nicene Creed***BCP, page 358***The Prayers of the People***BCP, page 392***A Visit from St. Nicholas****The Peace****The Holy Communion****The Offertory Anthem**

Alfred Fedak

*Desert, blossom as a Rose Rising, radiant as it grows, All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of Hope. Thirsty land, become a stream, Flowing fountain, calm, serene. Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love. Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy. Soon a pathway shall be found, For the faithful, Holy Ground; Safe from angry, warring beast, Come to us, O God of Peace. Sing God's praise, Jerusalem; Hope, joy, love, and peace shall come; Sorrow, sighing now*

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*dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel. King of Glory, Soul of Bliss, Everlasting life is this:  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia.*

**The Offertory Hymn**

Come, thou long expected Jesus

*The Hymnal 1982, #66*

*Stuttgart*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP, page 367*

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

**Music at Communion**

*The Hymnal 1982, #75*

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

*Please come to the foot of the steps to receive communion.*

*We ask that you remain 6' apart and step to the side to consume the sacrament  
before returning to your seat down the chapel aisle.*

**Concluding Prayer**

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.

**Post Communion Hymn #**

Hark! The glad sound!

*The Hymnal 1982, #72*

*Richmond*

**The Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Voluntary** O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide Helmut Walcha

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## — Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

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Steve Allen

Matt vanHamersveld, Peggy Carter

Jason Stonehouse

*Presider and Preacher*

*Organist and Director of Music*

*Lector*

*Ushers*

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### Parish Prayer List

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### Advent Outreach Project

As we contemplate the meaning of this season and begin to slow down, get quiet and still, and prepare our hearts for the most wonderful gift of our Lord, the Regathering Committee invites you to offer your own gift to some of our most marginalized people in the city. During Advent, please bring a 'gift' for a Lifebridge Basket which will be at the entrance of the Church. A member of the Regathering team will take the week's donations to Lifebridge after services each week. The most needed, and heart-breakingly simple things needed are: **Gloves, Hats, Socks, Pocket Handwarmers, Toothpaste, Women's Sanitary Products, and Disposable Razors.** Thank you for whatever you can provide materially, and if that is not possible for you, we thank you for directing your thoughts and prayers to this segment of our community. Look for the Lifebridge Basket as you enter the church.

Thank you,

The Regathering Team

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## Week Two of Advent Calendar: Love in Action

**Sunday - Slow down:** Take some time today and listen to music by Black artists such as Samuel Coleridge Taylor, Chevalier de Saint-George, and Francis Johnson for classical music, as well as such artists as Mahalia Jackson, Thelonious Monk and Sam Cooke.

**Monday - Vulnerability:** Call someone with a differing view than you on race and ask them to share how they got to where they are, especially if you disagree. How can we call each other in rather than calling another out?

**Tuesday - Prepare:** Become consciously aware today of all the different people who serve you in one way or another. Make an effort to thank each one.

**Wednesday - Mary said “Yes”:** In the Magnificat, Mary sings, “He fills the hungry with good things.” Plan on doing just that during Advent. There are many places that serve the hungry on the North Shore and Boston. Give of your time.

**Thursday - Joseph made a choice:** Joseph took responsibility for one “not his own,” his adopted son Jesus. Find one action you can take to spend time with someone different than you that could lead to a sense of belonging to one another.

**Friday - Sanitizing Christmas:** This year, put out a non-white crèche. Find a set with BIPOC or use other objects for your crèche. Change your image from a white Holy Family.

**Saturday - Community:** Order something or shop from a Black owned business today.

### Holiday Cookie Walk: December 18th

This year, we will be reviving our extremely popular Cookie Walk! The Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, December 18, 2021. In addition to regular Christmas cookies, we also plan to sell gluten-free cookies and dog treats. The more bakers we have, the greater our variety and the better our sales. So, pull out your cookbooks and start thinking about what you can bake for this year’s sale!

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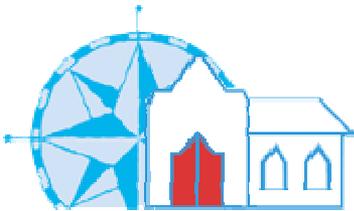
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