

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 EAST PECAN STREET

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

DECEMBER 9, 2018

Welcome!

As Christians formed in a rich liturgical tradition, we believe that when we assemble for worship, we are gathering as the Body of Christ. Liturgy, a word we use for our way of worship, literally may be translated as “the work of the people.” We are enriched by your presence and participation whether this is your first time visiting with us or you are a committed member of our parish.

We are a vibrant downtown community that is ready to welcome you wherever you may find yourself on your journey. We believe that the radical hospitality offered by Jesus Christ is one that we should model in our community life together as we seek to live out the Good News.

Our core vocation is to Feed San Antonio with the Bread of Life; we do this in ministry by:

Feeding the hungry with real food

Feeding those who are hungry for knowledge and meaning

Feeding those who are hungry for beauty and creativity

For more information about our community, see announcements at the back of this leaflet and please visit our website at www.stmarks-sa.org

Visitors: Please take a moment and fill out a Welcome Guest card that can be found in the pews. This can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher or greeter. If you would like to fill out a guest card but did not fill one out at church, visit our Welcome page at www.stmarks-sa.org or call us at 210-226-2426.

Nursery Available

Our Nursery, located in the Parish House, is available for children, ages 6wks-5yrs. Also, please see the pew card for further information about including children in our worship experience.

Children’s Chapel

At the 9.00am service, there is a special Children’s Chapel for the Liturgy of the Word that begins in the Jerusalem Chapel for preschool and elementary aged children. Children join their parents in the church at the Peace in time for Holy Communion.

Holy Communion and Gluten Free Wafers

Holy Communion is available to all baptized Christians regardless of denominational affiliation. We welcome children to receive at the table as well. Gluten free communion wafers are available by request. If you prefer to not receive communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest so we will know this is your desire.

Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, the altar flowers are given in memory or honor of various loved ones and special occasions. If you are interested in adding to the beauty of the altar flowers, please email Ann Coiner (atcoiner@gmail.com) or call 210-827-2073.

Free parking is available for Sundays and weekday church activities in either of the two church lots.

**The east lot is located at the corner of Jefferson and Pecan,
and the west lot borders Pecan Street between the bus station and St. Mark’s.**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

7.45 AM

THE ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TRISAGION

BCP 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – *Baruch 5:1-9 (see p.11)*

At the Gradual, Canticle 4

BCP 50

The Holy Gospel – *Luke 3:1-6 (see p.11)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

10.00 AM

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 & 660 (*Schübler Chorales*)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 – 1750)

HYMN IN PROCESSION 76

Winchester New

descant: David McK Williams

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

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TRISAGION – S 102 (*sung three times*)

after Alexander

Archangelsky

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

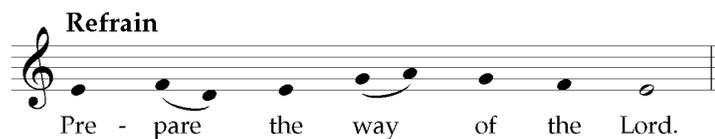
Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson – *Baruch 5:1-9 (see p.11)*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
 born of the house of his servant David. **Refrain**
 Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our enemies, *
 from the hands of all who hate us.
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
 and to remember his holy covenant. **Refrain**
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear, *
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life. **Refrain**
 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
 To give his people knowledge of salvation *
 by the forgiveness of their sins. **Refrain**
 In the tender compassion of our God *
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Refrain**

The Second Lesson – *Philippians 1:3-11* (see p.11)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

At the Sequence, **HYMN 65**

Bereden vag for Herran

The Holy Gospel - *Luke 3:1-6* (see p.11)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

THE 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: Standing or kneeling,
let us pray for the church and for the whole world.

Intercessor: The whole creation groans with the Advent of your coming. Grant that in this season we might calm our minds and slow our bodies so that our hearts are prepared for the indwelling of your Word, Jesus.
God of boundless love,
Hear our prayer.

That the church may be a voice crying out in the wilderness, emboldened by the pastoral leadership of our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishops, David and Jennifer, through the preaching and teaching of our clergy and through the prophetic witness of the laity. We repent our divisions and the ways in which we have failed to see you in one another.
God of boundless love,
Hear our prayer.

That like John, son of Elizabeth, we might each have the courage to spread your tidings of possibility unceasingly and with divine urgency so that all flesh might see your salvation.
God of boundless love,
Hear our prayer.

That our government's leaders, especially our President and his cabinet, our Governor and Mayor, might make decisions that enable your justice to roll down like waters refreshing our nation and giving witness to your divine goodness in all the earth.
God of boundless love,
Hear our prayer.

That those exiled from their homes by violence or disaster may soon exchange their garments of sorrow for robes of rejoicing.

God of boundless love,

Hear our prayer.

That we might have the strength to walk alongside those who suffer and to comfort those who are lonely and those who are afraid. We pray especially for those with immediate needs.....And for those with long-term concerns...

God of boundless love,

Hear our prayer.

That our beloved dead, especially President George H. W. Bush (and...) would be received in your embrace and fully know the joy of your coming. Be near, O Jesus, with those who mourn - in their tears and sighing, may they experience your comforting presence.

God of boundless love,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty and ever living God who wants none to perish and all to come to repentance, hear the prayers of your people, and grant our petitions inasmuch as they lead us and our world into greater holiness and godliness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

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

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People:

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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,

Celebrant and People:

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Mark, 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. **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.

AGNUS DEI – S 161

New Plainsong

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

At the distribution

HYMNS

75

67

Ascension

Psalm 42

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Celebrant: In the name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that others may share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: *We who are many are one body, because we are one in Christ Jesus.*

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN IN PROCESSION 74

Valet will ich dir geben

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE ADVENT GREENS AT THE ALTAR THIS MORNING are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: **Doris Moore, their mother**, by Robbie and Randy Moore; and **Pauline Gillespie Gossett, his wife**, by Robert F. Gossett, Jr.; and in honor of **The Reverend Matthew Wise**, on the tenth anniversary of his ordination, by the St. Mark's staff.

The First Lesson – Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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.

The Holy Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

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.'"

PRAYER LIST

Immediate Needs:

Flor Hernandez Anderson
Tom Arnall
Ed Bailey
Ron Cobb
Christopher Haff
Julane Heiss
Reagan Houston
Debi Kennedy
Samantha Kingery
Chuck Lodek
Betsy O'Connell
Josh Richards
Harold Sager
Patricia Scott
Amy Steves
Diana Triviso

Those with long-term concerns:

Ellen Dickson
David Franz
Fernando Guerra
Hudson Hanselman
Corissa Healey
Daniel Healey
John Heise
Marjorie Hutcheson
Dick Johnson
Eleanor Johnson
Doug Jones
Amanda Marie Macdaniel
Jim McCutcheon
Phyllis Monier
Eleanor Phelps
Lynda Richards

Mel Richards
Cathy Robinson
Frank Sitton
Barbara Smith-Townsend
George Stewart
Sebastian Terrell
Patsy Warncke
Erik Wolfe

7.45am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Altar Guild: Norma Baird, Anne Church

Intercessor: Lindsay Irvin

Ushers: Raymond and Norma Baird

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

10.00am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Altar Guild: Patrice Oliver, Jennifer Merritt, Linda Hulett

Intercessor: Catherine Diel

Lector: Helen Ballew, Blanca Bolner

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Wise, Larry Harrison, Jermane Leach

Acolytes: Anna Hurd, Ally Lozano, Audrey Lozano, Ethan Pollom, Kate VanZandt, Kate Pollom

Ushers: Tim Worley, Maurleen Cobb, Andrew Dahm, Jaret Lozano, Robert Pollom, Ralph Voight, Tripp Voight

Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Knowlton

Celebrant: The Rev. Matthew Wise

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