

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT    DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2

*This service may be livestreamed*

Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling

Opening Hymn *O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Verses 3&4*    56 (blue book)

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation    355 (red book)

Gloria    S280 (blue book)

Collect of the Day    2nd Sunday of Advent    211 (red book)

**1 Reading — 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.

### **Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah**

Luke 1: 68-79

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.  
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.  
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.  
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.  
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**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 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.

Gradual Hymn *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent, Verse 3*

324 ( blue book )

**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."

Homily	Fr. Joe Hannah
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	Insert
Confession of Sin	360 (red book)
The Peace	360 (red book)
Announcements <i>Birthday &amp; Anniversary Prayers</i>	
<i>Offertory</i>	Instrumental

### The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer C	369 (red book)
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>	S130(blue book)
The Lord's Prayer	364 (red book)
At the Breaking of the Bread <i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	S154(blue book)
Communion	Instrumental
<i>All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	366 (red book)
Blessing	
Closing Hymn <i>It Came Upon A Midnight Clear, Verses 3&amp;4</i>	365 (blue book)
Dismissal	366 (red book)

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