



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist

The service follows the Order for Holy Eucharist beginning on page 323 of The Book of Common Prayer

The musical setting of the Mass Ordinary is the Advent Mass on Picardy of Robert Lehman

Prelude

Messe della Domenica Toccata, Canzona, Toccata Cromatica per Elevazione Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

Hymn at the Procession 75

Ascension

Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

Acclamation

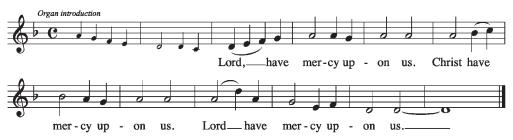
Celebrant Blessed I be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

¶ The Celebrant says

Imighty 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. *G People* Amen.

Kyrie Eleison



The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with thy spirit.CelebrantLet us pray.

erciful 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. *I People* Amen.

¶ Then all are seated

The Word of God

The Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

omfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

¶ All remain seated for the recitation of the Psalm

Psalm

Anglican Chant

85: 1-2, 8-13 Percy Buck (1871-1947)

Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land; thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, and covered all their sins.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say;

for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again unto foolishness.

For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together: righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall flourish out of the earth, and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness; and our land shall give her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall direct his going in the way.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3: 8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God. ¶ All stand for the reading of the Gospel

Hymn at the Sequence 67 Psalm 42

Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

The Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

Gospeler I The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Andrew John Archie

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven. and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, 4- and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

¶ The Deacon says these Prayers

Imighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Have mercy we pray on those who now suffer the miseries of a war not of their own making. Have compassion on the wounded and dying; comfort the broken-hearted; confound the hatred and madness of those who make war; guide our rulers, bring war to an end, bring peace across the world. Unite us all under the reign of your Son, the Prince of Peace, before whose judgement seat the rulers of the world will give account, and in whose name we pray.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor

all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless + thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Michael and All Angels, Blessed George, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *¶ People* Amen.

Confession of Sin

¶ Celebrant and People Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Celebrant stands, pronounces Absolution

Imighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and truth faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

¶ People Amen.

I The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2 $\Im All stand$

The Peace

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And with thy spirit.

 ${\it I}$ Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Commissioning of New Lay Pastoral Caregivers

Announcements

The Church of St. Michael & St. George is grateful for the generosity of all visitors and parishioners who donate as part of the weekly offertory. If you wish, please place your donation in the collection plate or use the QR code below to give online. These gifts are used to support our parish in addition to our annual commitments from our parishioners.



The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Vox Clamantis in Deserto

Juan Esquivel (c.1560-1623)

Vox clamantis in deserto: parate viam Domini, rectas facite semitas eius.

A voice was heard crying in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord. Make straight his paths.

Hymn at the Presentation

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto the Lord.

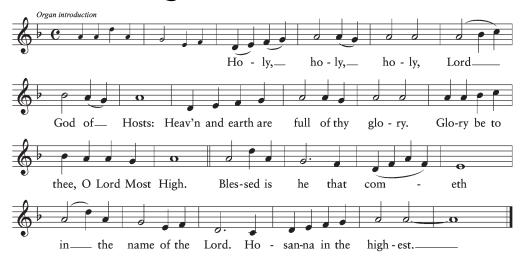
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God. People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus Qui Venit



¶ The People kneel

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled + with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

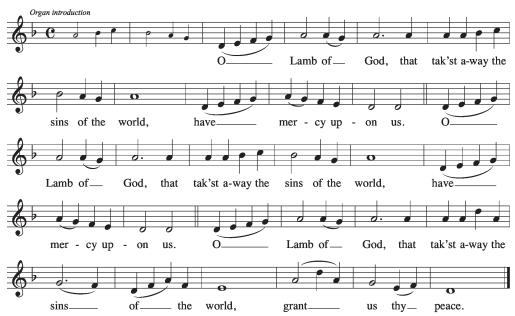
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *¶ All* Amen.

¶ The Celebrant says

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

¶ Celebrant and People

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



The Prayer of Humble Access 9 Said by all

e do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation and Ministration of Communion

All Christians baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Holy Communion. To receive the Bread, extend your palms, crossed and upward; when offered the Chalice, please assist in guiding it. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing; please indicate this to the Priest by crossing your arms over your chest. Holy Communion is distributed both at the High Altar and in St. Mary's Chapel. When directed, please follow the Usher's direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.

The Anthem at Communion

Canite Tuba

Francisco Guerrero (1528-1599)

Canite tuba in Sion, quia prope est dies Domini: Ecce venit ad salvandum nos. Erunt prava in directa, et aspera in vias planas: veni Domini, et noli tardare.

Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near: He cometh now to save us all. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain be made low. Come now, O Lord, and do not delay.

Hymn at Communion 343

St. Agnes

har. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

The Postcommunion Prayer 9 Said by all kneeling

Imighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

An Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *The People* Amen.

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *I People* Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *I People* Amen.

And the blessing + of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *¶ People* Amen.

¶ All stand

The Dismissal 9 The People are dismissed with these words

Deacon	Let us bless the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Hymn at the Retiring Procession	73
St. Stephen	

William Jones (1726-1800)

Postlude

Canzona post il Communio

Girolamo Frescobaldi

The greenery at the High Altar is given to the glory of God

This Morning's Music

Girolamo Frescobaldi was christened in Ferrara, Italy on September 9, 1583. He studied with several of the most important Italian musicians of his day, and in 1604 became a singer and organist at the Academy of St. Cecilia in Rome. In 1608 he was appointed organist to St. Peter's in Rome. He traveled to Flanders and lived in Brussels. From 1628-1634 he was a court organist in Florence, returning to St. Peter's in Rome in 1634. Frescobaldi wrote a great number of organ and keyboard pieces, as well as madrigals and motets.

Juan Esquival was born in Ciudad Rodrigo, near Salamanca, Spain. He was a choirboy in the cathedral there, studying with Juan Navarro, the choirmaster. In 1581 he became Maestro de Capilla to the cathedral in Oviedo. By 1585, he had secured a similar post at Calahorra Cathedral. Esquival returned to Ciudad Rodrigo in 1591, where he remained for the rest of his life. Esquival wrote only sacred music.

Francisco Guerrero was born in Seville, Spain. He was musically educated by his musician brother, Pedro, and by the famous composer, Cristobal de Morales. At 18 he was appointed Maestro de Capilla to Jaen Cathedral and three years later became a singer and composer at the Cathedral in Seville, where he became quite famous. He traveled to Italy in 1581-2, where he published two books of music. In 1589 he took a trip to the Holy Land, visiting all the famous sights. On the return trip, his ship was twice attacked by pirates and he was captured and held for ransom. He finally landed in Spain, quite penniless. In 1590 he managed to publish a book of his adventure, which sold quite well and restored him to his former life at the Cathedral in Seville. He died in 1599, just as he was planning a second Holy Land trip.

This Morning's Liturgy

Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. The use of the color blue for Advent began in the Use of Sarum (that of pre-Reformation Salisbury, England) and it is associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary who, along with John the Baptist, is the central figure in the Advent season. It also symbolizes hope for the coming of the Redeemer.

Week of December 10 - 16, 2023

Sunday, December 10

8:00 am	Holy Eucharist - Church
8:00 am	Poinsettia Pick-up
8:30 am	Coffee Hour - Great Hall
9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Confirmation Preparation - Canterbury
	Hall
9:00 am	Adult Confirmation - J202
9:00 am	Conversations Beyond Confirmation -
	7th & 8th Grade Classroom
9:00 am	Word Made Fresh - Sverdrup Room
9:00 am	Centering Prayer Practice - St. George's
	Chapel
9:00 am	Racial Reconciliation - Library
9:00 am	Rector's Forum - Taylor Room
9:00 am	Little Sprouts Nursery Care
10:00 am	Children's Chapel - St. George's Chapel
10:00 am	Choral Eucharist - Church
5:00 pm	Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel
6:30 pm	Youth Group - Armstrong Room

Tuesday, December 12

10:30 am	CSL Bible Study - Sverdrup Room
11:30 am	Holy Eucharist
12:00 pm	CSL - Great Hall
6:00 pm	Steak & Stories - Great Hall
6:30 pm	Arranged by Andy Flower Arrangement
	Party - Taylor Room

Thursday, December 14

11:30 am Holy Eucharist - St. Mary's Chapel7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Friday, December 15

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study - Great Hall
7:30 am	Morning Prayer - St. Mary's Chapel
8:00 am	Women's Bible Study - Library

Saturday, December 16

9:30 am	Hunger Ministry Sandwich Making -
	Taylor Room
10:00 am	Choir Practive - Church
4:00 pm	AA Meeting - Taylor Room

Nursery Care Available from 9:30-11:30 am in the Little Sprouts Infant/Toddler space. Reservations are requested.

Church Service League December 12, 2023. Join us as we assemble cookies for the homebound. Lunch reservations are due to Nancy Ferriss by Sunday at 4 pm (naferriss@gmail.com or 314. 974. 3386).

Holiday Market Thanks Thank you to all who made the CSL Silent Auction and Holiday Market a success!

Gospel Pageant Children pre-K through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Shepherds, angels, and stable animals are still needed! Contact Mary Beth Tipton at mtipton@csmsg.org.

Sandwich & Casserole Making December 16, 2023. Join us at 9:30 am, in the Taylor Room, as we help feed those in need.

Parishioners Beware One again phishing e-mails are circulating asking members of the congregation for a favor or request supposedly from Fr. Archie. These are a scam! Please remember that no one from The Church of St. Michael & St. George will ever request personal information, usernames, passwords, or money from you via e-mail.

Centering Prayer Practice Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in St. George's Chapel

Hunger Ministry When grocery shopping, consider adding some non-perishable items to your cart to support our ministry. Items can be placed in the closets outside of the Taylor Room,

Casseroles Needed Support Trinity Food Ministry. Pans, lids, recipes and directions are in the closet next to the Taylor Room.

Volunteering "It's more than volunteering; it's one way we can follow in the footsteps of Jesusand help God to realize what God wants to accomplish in this world and our lives..." - Bishop Michael B. Curry Contact Debbie at debbie@csmsg.org for opportunities.



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