



THE CHURCH  
OF ST. MICHAEL & ST. GEORGE

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024 10:00 am

### 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*

#### Organ Voluntary

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

#### Hymn at the Procession - 76

*Our worship begins with this hymn proclaiming the ministry of John the Baptist, whose prophetic words are heard in today's Gospel according to Luke.*

#### Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed ✠ 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*

**A**lmighty 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. ¶ *People* Amen.

## Kyrie eleison

*g Sung by All*

*Organ introduction*

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ have  
mer - cy up - on us. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**M**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. *g People Amen.*

*g Then all are seated*

## The Word of God

### The Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

**B**ehold, I send 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, behold, 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 sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord. 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* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*g All remain seated for the singing of the Canticle*

## The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1:68-79

♪ *Sung by the Choir*

Chant in G

John Fenstermaker, Jr. (1923-2016)

Blessèd be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \*  
world without end. Amen.

## The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

**I** thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

¶ *All stand for the singing of the Hymn and Gospel Procession*

## Hymn at the Sequence - 54

*We sing of Christ and marvel that he came to earth as the Virgin's Son.*

## The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

*Gospeler* ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People*     Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiber'i-us Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae'a and Trachoni'tis, and Lysa'ni-as tetrarch of Abile'ne, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Ca'iaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechari'ah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying 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 brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

*Gospeler*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Norman Krause

*¶ Following the Sermon, all stand and say together*

## **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, †  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People ¶ *All kneel as the Deacon says these Prayers*

**A**lmighty 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 wars 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 thy 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* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

¶ *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*

Almighty 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.*

¶ *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

¶ *All stand*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

¶ *Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord*

## **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 and our mission, in addition to parishioners' annual commitments.*



# The Holy Communion

## Carol at the Offertory

In night's dim shadows lying,  
our limbs fast locked in sleep,  
To thee with faithful sighing,  
our souls their vigil keep.

Desire of ev'ry nation,  
hear, Lord, our piteous cry,  
Thou Word the world's salvation,  
uplift us where we lie.

Lord, be Thine Advent hastn'd  
lest sin Thy people mar,  
The gates which Adam fastn'd,  
the gates of heav'n unbar.

Son, to Thine endless merit,  
Redeemer, Saviour, Friend.  
With Sire and Holy Spirit  
be praises without end.

*Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749)*  
*Music: George Guest (1924-2002)*

*¶ Following the singing of the Anthem, all stand to sing*

## Hymn at the Presentation - Veni, veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who ord'rst all things mightily;  
to us the paths of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* 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 *♩ Sung by all*

*Organ introduction*

Ho - ly,— ho - ly,— ho - ly, Lord—  
God of— Hosts: Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to  
thee, O Lord Most High. Bles-sed is he that com - eth  
in— the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high-est.——

### *♩ The People kneel*

**A**ll 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  $\text{✠}$  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.  $\text{✠}$  *All* **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

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 Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept; then is sung*

## Agnus Dei ¶ *Sung by all*

*Organ introduction*

O Lamb of God, that tak'st a-way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O  
Lamb of God, that tak'st a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that tak'st a-way the  
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

## The Prayer of Humble Access ¶ *Said by all*

**W**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. Proceed to the Altar Rail when invited by the Usher. 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 Ushers' direction. Those who are not able to come to the High Altar are always welcome to proceed to St. Mary's Chapel.*

## Carol at Holy Communion

When came in flesh the Incarnate Word,  
The heedless world slept on,  
And only simple shepherds heard  
That God had sent His Son.

When comes the Saviour at the last,  
From east to west shall shine.  
The awful pomp, and earth aghast  
Shall tremble at the sign.

Then shall the pure of heart be blest;  
As mild He comes to them,  
As when upon the virgin's breast,  
He lay at Bethlehem.

Lord, who could dare see Thee descend  
In state, unless he knew  
Thou art the sorr'ning sinner's friend,  
The gracious and the true.

Dwell in our hearts, O Saviour blest,  
So shall Thine Advent's dawn  
'Twixt us and Thee, our bosom guest,  
Be but the veil withdrawn.

*Words: Joseph Anstice (1805-1836)  
Music: George Guest (1924-2002)*

## Hymn at Holy Communion - 69

*☞ Sung by all*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

*☞ Said by all kneeling*

**A**lmighty 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 Advent Blessing ✠

*☞ The Celebrant blesses the People*

May 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.

*☞ 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. *☞ People Amen.*

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

*☞ The People are dismissed with these words*

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*☞ All stand*

## Hymn at the Retiring Procession - 65

*Our final hymn captures the themes we hear in the ministry of John the Baptist.*

## Organ Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

## **This Morning's Liturgy**

† **George Guest** (1924-2002) is most known for his work as Director of Music at St. John's College in Cambridge from 1951 to 1991. A number of his Advent and Christmas carol arrangements have been made famous by the annual radio broadcasts from King's College in Cambridge.

† Colors play an important part in the worship of the Church. The colors worn at the Church of St. Michael & St. George are drawn from colors worn in England before the Reformation. They change according to the seasons of the Church year and the liturgical tasks at hand. The vestments worn in the season of Advent are blue in color representing penance and fasting.



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