



Faith Episcopal Church at Wheeler Memorial Chapel

The Third Sunday in Advent – December 19, 2021

The Rev. Patricia E. Henking, Vicar ☩ The Rev. Michael B. Reinke, Curate
Nancy E. Jamrog-Couret, Music Director; Jane Howard & Therese Wright, Wardens
8:30 am – The Holy Eucharist Rite 1 – BCP page 323 and following
10:00 am – An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist, BCP p, 400 ff

- ☩ Please wear a mask & observe social distance whether or not you are vaccinated.
- ☩ Also note: *This color print signifies music.* Bold, black italics signifies "Please say in unison."
- ☩ The Bishop's Committee Budget Meeting will be Saturday morning, January 15, 2022 at 10:00
- ☩ Pledge Packets and sheets are available! Please turn in 2022 pledges by the end of this month!
- ☩ Poinsettia and other memorials for Christmas are welcome – please use the order sheet.

Prelude (*Mary, did you know?*), Gathering and Announcements – Hymn #56 v.7-8 – *O come, O come,*

The Collect for Purity – Unison – *Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Collect for Advent 4: Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lighting of the Advent Candles (Song Sheet) – *Light one Candle (NEJ-C)*

A Scripture Reading – Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Gradual Hymn #277 – *Sing of Mary*

A Gospel Reading – Luke 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Homily – The Rev. Michael B. Reinke

Our Thank Offering – Prayers of Gratitude and Intercession may be offered – A donation is not required.

The Prayers of the People (Adapted this week from St. Mark's & Putnoe Heights Churches, Bedford, England)
Heavenly Father, as once again we prepare for Christmas, help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet, thought and prayer, *that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Savior's birth to renew our hearts and minds.*

Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, *your saving power among all peoples.*

Renew your Church in holiness, *and help us to serve you with joy.*

Guide the leaders of this and every nation, *that justice may prevail throughout the world.*

Let not the needy be forgotten, *nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*

Make us instruments of your peace, *and let your glory be over all the earth.*

Lord God, you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. *Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

☩ Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At the Offertory & Preparation of the Altar – *Magnificat – My soul doth magnify (Mary, did you know?)*

Consecration of Bread and Wine – The Great Thanksgiving



Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.


People *We lift them to the Lord.*


Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Celebrant Let us pray together:

We give thanks to God for the work and blessing of Creation – and for sending Christ into the world in Love and Peace. We remember before God our hope in gathering today ...

 ***Santo, santo, santo, mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: santo eres Señor!
Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say, the words: You are holy, Lord!***

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Recalling Christ's suffering and death, and celebrating his resurrection and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Accept, O Lord, our sacrifice of praise, this remembrance of your unfailing love.

Send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts. Let them be for us the Body and Blood of your Son. And grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be filled with your life and goodness.

We pray that all may receive the benefits of Christ's work, and the renewal of the Holy Spirit.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Communion

During Communion (Song Sheet) – Ukuthula (NEJ-C), Then the Celebrant says: **Let us pray.**

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 – Recessional Hymn tune #618 – *Our world awaits* (text by Patricia E. Henking)

Our world awaits God's loving Peace, to make our wars and tumults cease.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

We seek release from sin and shame, from darkness, death and evil's claim.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come. Little Child, come!

Comfort, my people, Prophets call, make a straight highway, one and all.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Straighten the crooked, make rough plain, let ev'ry heart accept God's reign.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come. Little Child, come!

Hush! Hear Archangel Gabriel: Mary shall bear Emmanuel.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

A star shines forth to light the place, where God greets us in Jesus' face.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come. Little Child, come!

This Child can lead our troubled world, lead lambs to sleep with lions curled.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Our Savior brings God's promised Peace, and grants our captive souls release.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come.

Little Child, come. Little Child, come. Little Child, come!



The Dismissal is followed by the response, *Thanks be to God. Ukuthula.*