

The Second Sunday Of Advent

Year C

The Holy Eucharist – Rite Two

December 8, 2024 11:00 a.m.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Norman, Oklahoma

*The Sanctuary Candle is given today by the Witzke Family
in in celebration of Nellie Eckl's birthday and in
memory of the 2nd Anniversary of Gary Eckl's death.*

Welcome, Announcements and Blessings

Prelude

Quiet prayer and reflection to prepare for worship

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Celebrant We will light our Advent Candle as we sing this hymn. On each Sunday in Advent, the first verse is sung, followed by the verse appropriate to the Sunday.

“We Light the Advent Candles”

For The Rev. Joseph Wade and Jan Farber

Music by Jon Olin Robers (b. 1961)

Sixth Rector and Rectorina of St. Michael's Episcopal Church - Norman, OK

(Advent 1-4) We light the Ad - vent can - dles a - gainst the win - ter night, to
Advent 1. The first one will re - mind us that Christ will soon re - turn. We
Advent 2. We light the sec - ond can - dle, and hear God's ho - ly Word, it
Advent 3. Three can - dles now are gleam - ing and show us the true way, re -
Advent 4. Four can - dles burn - ing bright - ly an - nounce that Christ has come, re -

wel - come our Lord Je - sus Christ, who is the world's True Light, to
light it in the dark - ness and watch it gleam and burn. We
tells us, cling to Je - sus, pre - pare to meet your Lord, it
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Processional Hymn *All Stand*
 "On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry"

Hymnal 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Word of God

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

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

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie*“Lord, have mercy upon us”***Hymnal S-86**

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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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.**

First Reading *The people sit***Malachi 3:1-4**

See, I am sending 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--indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. 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**

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*



- A 1 "Blessed is the Lord | God of | Israel, *
- for He has | visited and re|deemed His | people,
- B 2 And has raised up a mighty sal|vation | for us *
in the | house of His | servant | David,
- A 3 As He spoke by the mouth of His | holy | prophets, *
who have | been since the | world be|gan:
- B 4 That we should be | saved from our | enemies, *
and from the | hand of | all who | hate us;
- A 5 To perform the mercy | promised to our | forefathers, *
and to re|member His | holy | covenant;
- B 6 The perform the oath which He swore to our | forefather | Abraham,
that | He would | grant | us,
- A 7 That we, being delivered from the | hand of our | enemies, *
might | serve Him with | out | fear,
- B 8 In holiness and | righteousness be|fore Him, *
— | all the | days of our | life.
- A 9 "And you, child, shall be called the | prophet of the | Highest, *
for you shall go before the face of the | Lord to pre|pare His | ways
- B 10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto His | people *
for the re|mission | of their | sins,
- A 11 Through the tender | mercy of our | God, *
whereby the Dayspring from on | high has | visited | us;
- B 12 To give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the | shadow of | death,*
and to guide our | feet into the | way of | peace."

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Sequence Hymn *All Stand*

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” **Hymnal 67**

Verses 1 & 2 before; Verse 3 after the Gospel



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet - him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**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.**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we remember and pray for St John's in Woodward and Grace Episcopal Church in Yukon.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Silence Celebrant offers a concluding collect.

**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.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *All Stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Arr. Jon Roberts

Behold the days come, saith the Lord,
when from the stem of Jesse,
I will bring forth unto David a Branch of righteousness;
He shall execute judgment and justice in the earth,
and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace! Emmanuel!

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits
by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar. If you are a guest, know that we do not expect a gift but would appreciate your filling out a pew card to place in the alms basin when passed.

Prayer over Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving: These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all that we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as best as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and our minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, living sacrifice to you. **Amen.**

Presentation of the Offerings *Please stand as you are able and sing*

Presentation Hymn “*All Things Are Thine, No Gift Have We*”

With stately vigor

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all
gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -
day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay. A - men.

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Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord,
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.

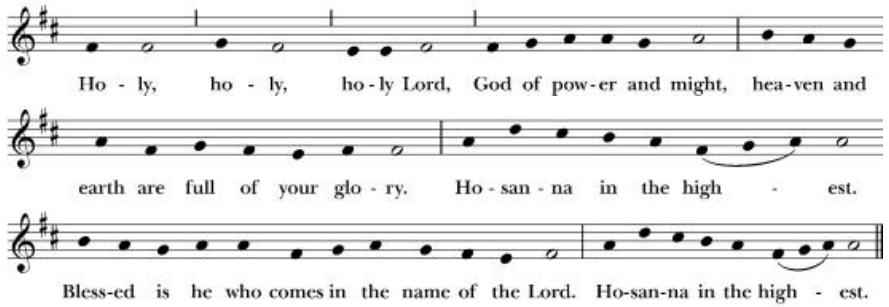
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Priest adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

Hymnal # S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as they are able

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.†

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.”†††

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify ✕ us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.†

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.

All **AMEN. †**

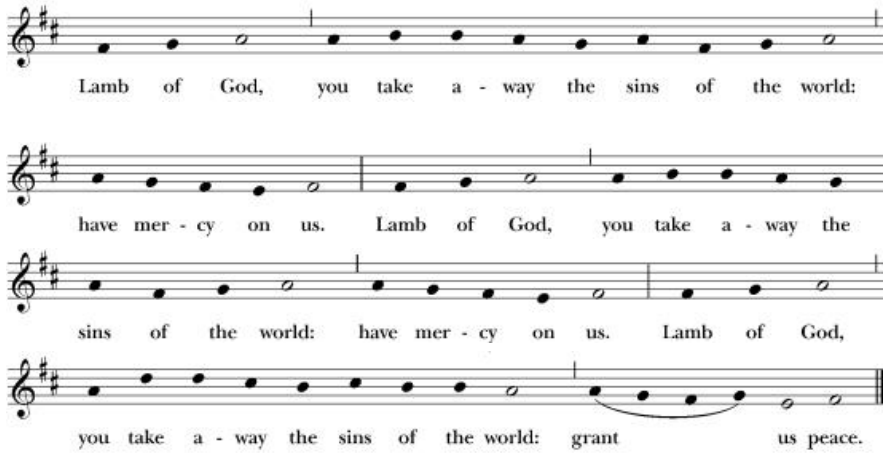
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, and in the language of each heart, we are bold to say:

All **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.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei "O Lamb Of God"

Hymnal #S-161



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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

The Altar belongs to the Lord, and not to the Episcopal Church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at this altar. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers and stand or kneel at the rail to receive by extending your cupped hands. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may cross your hands over your chest for a blessing. If you wish to have the host intincted, simply lift the host up to the chalice bearer in your open hands, let them take it from you, intinct it, and return it to you or place it on your tongue. Gluten-free wafers are available.



Communion Hymns

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”

Hymnal 59

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies,
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Post-Communion Prayer *All stand*

BCP 365

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing *The Celebrant blesses the people.*

Processional Hymn

"Prepare The Way, O Zion"

Hymnal 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Please keep these people in your prayers this week

Please submit the names of those you wish to be added to the published Prayer List and notify Nancy when prayers have been answered. Contact David Sims (davidsims82420@gmail.com) to place a request on St Michael's unpublished confidential Prayer Chain.

For those with health concerns: Kim Kline, Brother James Phillips, Charles Kietzman, LaVetta Dent, Mike Scott, Antone Godding, Anne Burris Grieves, Woody Campbell, David Zittel, Susan Bennett, McKenzie Million, Keith & Jeanne Giles, David & Susan Nagel, Syra Vaz, Josh Yarbrough, Kim Capps, Bill Armstrong, Jennifer Warren, James Smith, Russell Badder, Kate Kelly, Kris Taylor, Pam Wallace.

For those experiencing long-term illness: Robert Harrington, Cory Chesnut, Amy Schones, Will Blair, Cindy Croom, Charles Woltz.

Birthdays: 12/10 Rosemary Carlyle, 12/12 Judy Phillips

For the Departed: 12/9/1992 Nellie Mae Underwood, 12/10/1992 Elizabeth Roberts, 12/10/2019 Robert Franklin, 12/12/2022 Gary Ramsey Eckle, 12/13/2002 Melbourne O'Neal, 12/13/2019 Heidi Brandenburg

This week at St. Michael's

Monday, December 9

6:30 p.m. Crafts

Wednesday, December 11

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Lectio Divina

7:00 p.m. Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 12

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 13

Wild Men's Night Out

Saturday, December 14

10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 15

5:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols

Advent and Christmas Schedule

*Advent Formation Events on Sunday mornings
from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.*

Wednesday, December 11 Blue Christmas Service 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 15 Advent 3 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 Advent 4 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Greens after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services

Caroling at 4:45 p.m., service at 5:00 p.m.

Caroling at 10:30 p.m., service at 11:00 p.m.



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