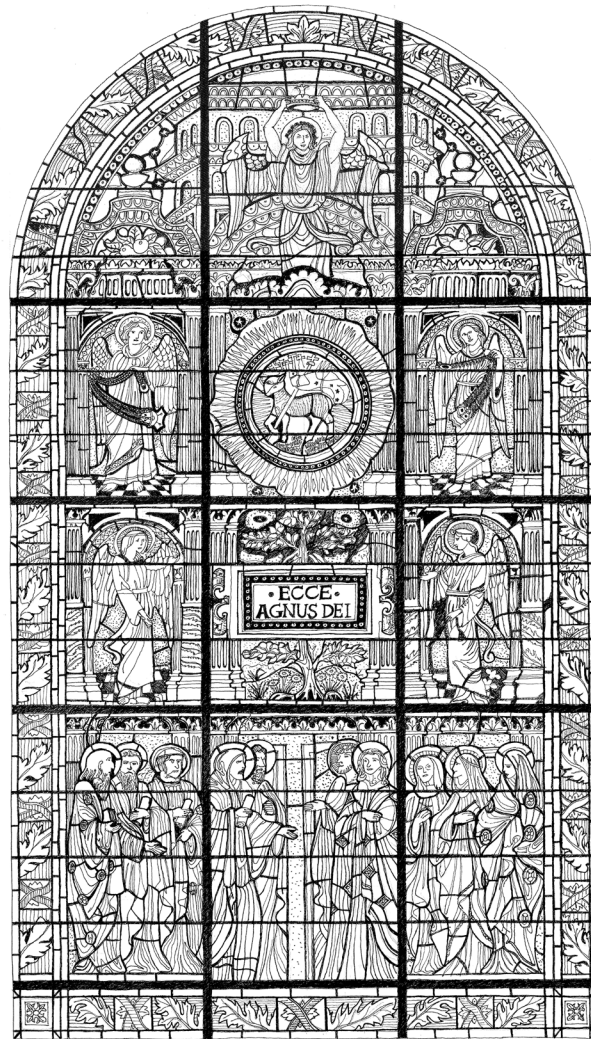


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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM: RITE I

DECEMBER 4, 2022 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I

HOLY COMMUNION AND BAPTISM: RITE I

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15 "Raindrop"
Kate Panizza, *piano*

Frédéric Chopin (1810-1849)

THE INTROIT

Prepare the Way

Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye lofty mountains, the Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory, foretold in sacred story.
O blest is He that came in God the Father's name.
O Zion, He approaches, your Lord and king for aye!
Strew palms where He advances, spread garments in His way.
God's promise faileth never, Hosanna sound forever!
Fling wide your portals, Zion and hail your glorious king;
His tidings of salvation to every people bring,
Who, waiting still in sadness, would sing His praise with gladness.

Text: The Swedish Psalter 43:1, 7, 3. Music: Bereden väg för Herran, arr. Anders Öhrwall (1932-2012)

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are invited to stand and sing the opening hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!
Then cleansed be every breast from sin: make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.
To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent dost thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin ((1676-1749) tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the celebrant says

Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People ***Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!***

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People ***There is one hope in God's call to us;***

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People ***One God and Father of all.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

Merciful 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. ***Amen.***

The people sit for the reading of God's word.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN 9

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Merton

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
May he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

Text: Charles Coffin ((1676-1749) tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)
Music: *Winchester New*, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

The people stand. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Sirens and Spotlights

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

The people stand and sing the baptismal hymn.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
 Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only for my King;
 Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
 Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
 Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

HOLY BAPTISM

THE EXHORTATION

The priest says to the people

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”; and he commissioned the Church to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ’s body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

THE PRESENTATION AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The priest says

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I present Allen Franklin Davis Jr. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The priest says

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as he is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. He must come to put his faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord’s Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When he has embraced all these, he is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that he may publicly claim the Faith for his own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

Then the priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

The priest prays over the candidate, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer **I do.**

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The priest then addresses the congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with this candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed. Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People **I do. I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People **I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People **I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

LITANY FOR THE CANDIDATE

The priest then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this candidate who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader That this child may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That this candidate may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That he may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which he has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That he may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever he falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That he may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That as a living member of the Body of Christ, he may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Leader That, looking to Jesus, he may run with endurance the race set before him, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

People **We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.**

Other petitions may be added.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

The priest now prays for the candidate as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify him through your Holy Spirit, that he may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, he may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

The priest continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the priest touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

The candidate is presented by name to the priest, who then baptizes him.

When the candidate has been baptized, the priest prays over him, saying

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received him as your own children by adoption, made him a member of your holy Church, and raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

This is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Johnathan White, *tenor*

This is the record of John,

When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ.

And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias?

And he said, I am not.

Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself?

And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,

Make straight the way of the Lord.

Text: John 1:19-23. Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625) arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

All are invited to stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.
 Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
 Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

The celebrant faces the people and says

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.**

All remain standing as the celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The people are invited to sing

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

The Bronxville Eucharist

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

4
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power 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.

Setting: *The Bronxville Eucharist*, Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977). Used by permission.

All kneel. The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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.

Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing

THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977)

2
 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.

Setting: *The Bronxville Eucharist*, Philip W.J. Stopford (b. 1977). Used by permission.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We 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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Communion at the high altar or the standing stations in either one kind (bread only) or both kinds (bread and wine). Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive Communion (including children who do not yet receive) are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor Alme Siderum

Choir: Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

Choir: In sorrow that the ancient curse should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Saviour, to set free your own in glorious liberty.

All sing: When this old world drew on toward night, you came, but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, blameless mother mild.

All sing: At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

All sing: Come in your holy might, we pray, redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.

All sing: To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.

Text: Conditor Alme. Music: Latin, 9th century; Hymnal Version, 1940, after J.M Neale (1818-1866)

COMMUNION HYMN

Give Me Jesus

Give Me Jesus

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

O, and when I am alone, O, and when I am alone,
O, and when I am alone, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

O, and when I come to die, O, and when I come to die,
O, and when I come to die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Words & Music: Traditional Spiritual arr. by Eric Wyse (b. 1959) & C. Walchesky (b. 1989). Used by permission.

COMMUNION HYMN

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

McCracken, Moore

Refrain



We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re-stored. He has



done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our
 2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my soul, be not a -
 3. Ev-ery vow we've bro - ken and be trayed, You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the
 afraid. For the prom - ised morn - - - ing, oh, how
 One. And from the gar - - - den to the



flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
 long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
 grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people join in saying this prayer

Almighty 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

All are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ is the World's True Light

St. Joan

Christ is the world's true light, its Captain of salvation,
 The Day-star clear and bright of every race and nation;
 New life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway;
 Freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting,
 The whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting;
 When Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear,
 To ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee;
 Cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee;
 The world has waited long, has travailed long in pain;
 To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Text: George Wallace Briggs, 1933. Tune: *St. Joan*, Percy E.B. Collier, 1941

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata Brevis

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choral Evensong with a high voice schola of the St. Philip's Choir will be this evening at 5:30 p.m. (note updated time). All are invited to this contemplative service of prayer and song.

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting Vestry nominations through December 16. Please visit our website for details: stphilipchurchsc.org/vestry-nominations.

The Monthly Men's Lunch is this Wednesday, December 7, at 12 noon in the Parish Hall. Men of all faiths are invited to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Chef Connie Stahl and to hear the faith story of David Gilbert, St. Philip's Youth Minister.

The Greening of the Church is this Friday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m., and we need as many helping hands as we can get! Bring gloves and clippers (if you have them) and a breakfast treat to share.

Our Lessons and Carols service is next Sunday, December 11, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service, join us in the Parish Hall for our annual **Wassail Bowl** reception, and please pick up a **poinsettia** (or a few!) to deliver to someone who lives near you or on your route home. The poinsettias and cards from the Compassion Committee will be arranged by ZIP and go to those who are especially in our hearts this season.

The Angel Trees will be in the narthex through next Sunday, December 11. Please stop by, pick up an ornament and an instruction card, and learn how you can bless our neighbors in need this Christmas. Gift cards may be returned Wednesdays or Sundays at church or to the church office by Monday, December 12, at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas flower memorial/thanksgiving dedications are due by December 14 for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Scan the QR code at right or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/christmas-flowers to submit your loved ones' information (preferred method for accuracy). Forms are also available in the narthex.



Important Dates:

- **December 11:** Final Sunday school, Rector's Forum of 2022
- **December 11:** Charleston Men's Chorus Christmas Concert (4:00 p.m.)
tickets available at charlestonmenschorus.org
- **December 13:** Final Theology on Tap of 2022
- **December 14:** Final Wednesdays Alive! of 2022
- **December 15:** Final Rector's Bible Study of 2022
- **December 24:** Christmas Eve services (4:30, 7:30, 10:30 p.m.)
- **December 25:** Christmas Day service (10:00 a.m.)
- **December 26-January 2:** Church office closed
- **January 8:** 20s-30s Oyster Roast (register at stphilipchurchsc.org/events)
- **January 26-28:** Mere Anglicanism Conference (register at mereanglicanism.org)

Please check your email inbox or visit stphilipchurchsc.org/news for further information about the above announcements and the rest of this week's news.



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