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Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

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December 6, 2015 - The Second Sunday of Advent

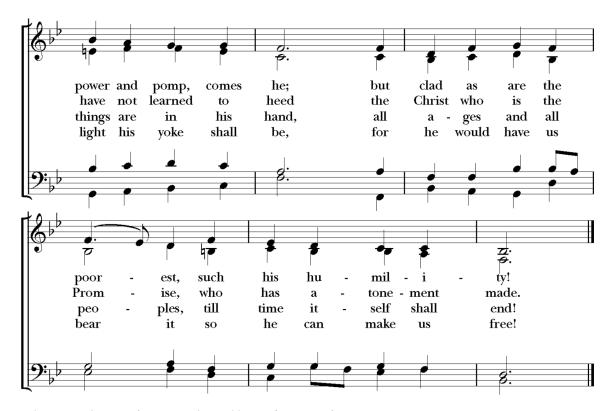
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Welcome to Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd! We're delighted to worship God with you this morning. If you're visiting and would like more information about Good Shepherd, please fill out a guest card found inside your bulletin or call the parish office (723-8032). At Good Shepherd you'll find friendly people, engaging sermons, joyful worship, practical teaching, and lots of kids. Welcome!

Holy Eucharist

December 6, 2015 – The Second Sunday of Advent A Service of Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, and Reception





The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

The people remain standing

Bishop The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh,

People And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.

Bishop Your old men shall dream dreams,

People and your young men shall see visions.

Bishop You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,

People that he is the Lord and there is none else.

Bishop And it shall come to pass

People that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People And with your spirit.

Bishop Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And with your spirit.**

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*.

The Lessons

The people sit for the reading of the lessons.

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

Pew Bible pg.802, LP pg.1021

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

Psalm 126



- When the Lord restored the fortunes of / **Zi**on, * then were we like / **those** who **dream**.
- Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, * and our tongue with / shouts of joy.
- Then they said among the / nations, *
 "The Lord has done great / things for them."
- The Lord has done great / **things** for us, * and we are / **glad** in**deed**.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O / Lord, * like the watercourses / of the Negev.
- Those who sowed with / tears * will reap with / songs of joy.
- Those who go out weeping, carrying the / **seed**, * will come again with joy, shoulder-/**ing** their **sheaves**.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

Pew Bible pg. 981, LP pg. 1247

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

Those between the ages of three and eight are dismissed for Children's Chapel.

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The Gradual

Wait for the Lord

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The Gospel

Wait

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

People Glory to You, Lord Christ.

for

Luke 3:1-6

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SermonBishop David Bena

The Nicene Creed

The people stand, if able, and say

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.*

The Presentation of Candidates for Confirmation and Reception **Preface to Confirmation**

Anglicanism requires a public and personal profession of the Faith from every adult believer in Jesus Christ. Confirmation by a bishop is its liturgical expression. Confirmation is evident in Scripture: the Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on those who had already been baptized (2 Timothy 1:6-7; Acts 8:14-17; 19:6).

In Confirmation, God, through the bishop's prayer for daily increase in the Holy Spirit, strengthens the believer for Christian life in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Grace is God's gift, and we pray that he will pour out his Holy Spirit on those who have already been made his children by adoption and grace in Baptism.

At the direction of the Bishop, and after public reaffirmation of their baptismal promises, those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions (including those confirmed in other traditions) are received into the Anglican Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Confirmed believers who are already members of this Church (including those received from other traditions as above, those returning to active Christian discipleship after lapse, and those experiencing a renewal of Christian commitment or significant life transition) may also reaffirm the pledges made to Christ and his Church with prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop.

Presenters Right Reverend Father in God, we present these persons to receive the laying on of

hands.

Bishop Have they been adequately prepared?

Presenters They have.

Dearly beloved, it is essential that those who wish to be Confirmed in this Church must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; become his disciple; know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments; and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church. God's grace is imparted in baptism where we are grafted into the visible body of Christ and the promises of regeneration and forgiveness of sin are signed and sealed by the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Now, these candidates here desire publicly to confess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and their commitment to follow him as Lord. They also desire the strengthening of grace through the laying

on of hands that the Holy Spirit may fill *them* more and more for *their* ministry in the Church and in the world.

The Bishop then addresses the candidates

Bishop Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises

and vows made at your Baptism and commit to keep them?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel

against God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which

corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of

God?

Candidates I renounce them.

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of

the Old and New Testaments?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them

all the days of your life?

Candidates I will, the Lord being my helper.

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

Bishop Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in

their life in Christ?

Congregation We will.

Prayer and the Laying on of Hands

The Bishop stands and says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

Each confirmand kneels in front of the Bishop. The Bishop, then laying his hands upon the person's head, shall pray

Bishop Defend, O Lord, this your servant *N*. with your heavenly grace, that *he* may

continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more

until *he* comes into the fullness of your everlasting kingdom.

People Amen.

For Reception

Those having made adult professions of faith in other Christian traditions are Received with the laying on of hands as follows

N., we recognize you as a member of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church; and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and empower you.

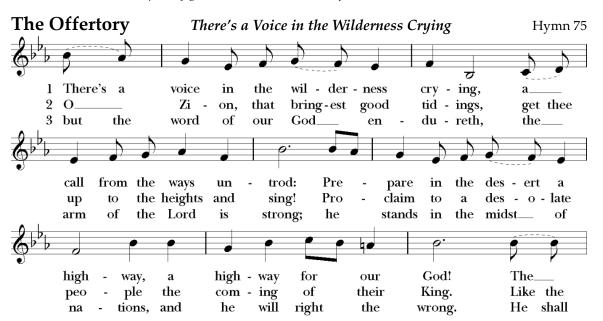
People Amen.

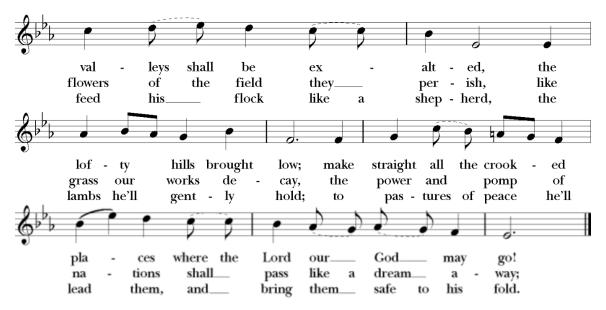
The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

Then the Celebrants and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.





The Presentation of the Gifts

The people stand, if able, and sing

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

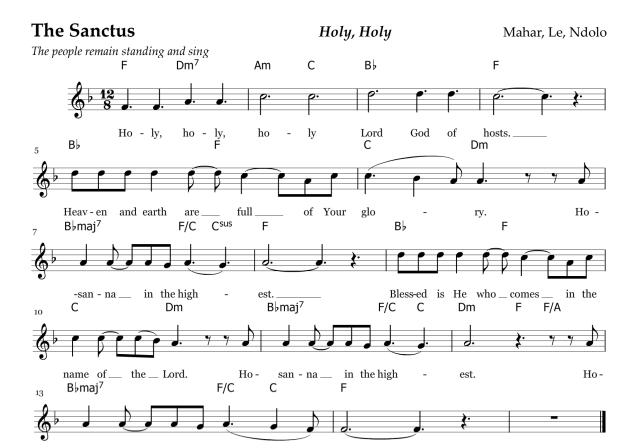
The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd with your spirit.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is just and right so to do.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:



The people kneel. The Celebrant continues

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All praise and glory is yours, God our heavenly Father, because of your tender mercy, you gave your 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 instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

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And now, O merciful Father; in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your 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.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

Celebrant and People sing together

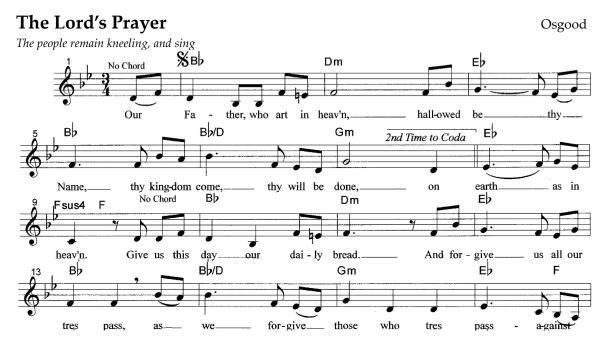
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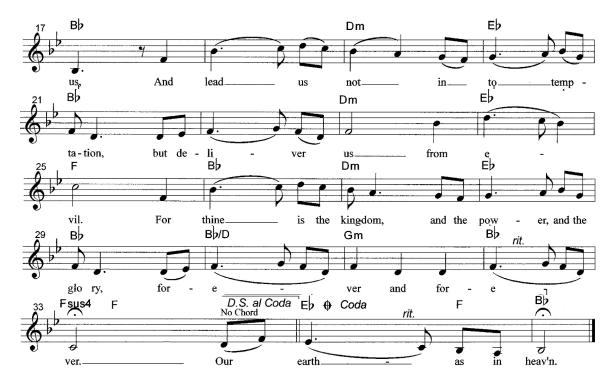
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly pleading that all those who shall partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ; that, by the Holy Spirit, we may be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us, and we in him. 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 forever.



And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:





The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant and people say together

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



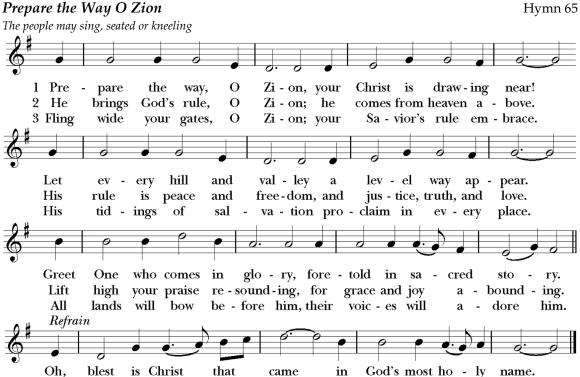
The Communion of the People

All Christians baptized in any denomination are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a Christian or are unbaptized, you are warmly invited to the rail for a prayer and blessing: just place your hands across your chest and one of the pastors will bless and pray for you. If you are in a wheelchair or are unable to come forward for any reason, please let an usher know and we will bring the Sacrament to you in your pew. Gluten free wafers are available.

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 by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Hymn during Communion



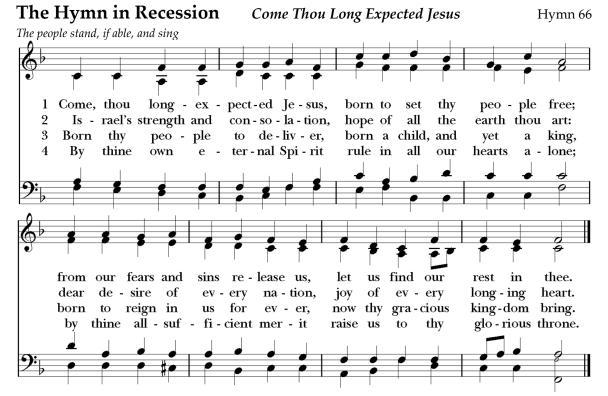
The Prayer after Communion

Éternal 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.

Celebrant

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn 65



The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

 $Thank\ you\ for\ worshipping\ at\ Anglican\ Church\ of\ The\ Good\ Shepherd\ this\ morning!$

Please join us for coffee and a light snack in the fellowship hall downstairs immediately following the service.

We would be so grateful if you would deposit your used bulletins in one of the recycling bins located near the exits of the sanctuary as you pass by.

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- "Wait for the Lord". Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent
- "There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying" Detail: Henry Hugh Bancroft Tune: © 1938, Church Publishing, Inc., Covered under OneLicense.net license # A-724677
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- "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: Stuttgart, melody from Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesange, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

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Scripture

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