



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
HOLY COMMUNION

December 10, 2017: The Second Sunday of Advent at 10:30am

Music

Prelude	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645</i>	J.S. Bach
Entrance	<i>On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry</i>	Hymnal 76
Gradual Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Hymnal 56, v. 4 & 5 before the Gospel; v. 6 after
Offertory Anthem	<i>Paeon of Advent</i>	by Eugene Butler
	<i>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh, Come then and hearken for he brings glad tidings from the King of Kings.</i>	
	<i>Then cleansed be every Christian breast and furnished for so great a guest! Yea, let us each our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.</i>	
	<i>For thou art our salvation Lord, our refuge and our great reward; Once more upon thy people shine, and fill the world with love divine.</i>	
	<i>All praise, eternal Son to thee, whose Advent sets thy people free; Whom, with the Father, we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore.</i>	
Communion Hymns	<i>Creator of the Stars at Night</i>	Hymnal 60
	<i>We're Marching to Zion</i>	LEVAS 12
Exit	<i>Comfort, Comfort Ye My People</i>	Hymnal 57
Postlude	<i>Paeon on "Wachet auf"</i>	David Lasky

Scripture

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

1st Lesson *Please be seated*

Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the

Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*

based on "Conditor alme siderum"



Show us your mer - cy, O ——— Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

You have been gracious to your land,
 O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins. **Refrain.**

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
 for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
 and to those who turn their hearts to him.
 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him
 that his glory may dwell in our land. **Refrain.**

Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness
 shall look down from heaven. **Refrain.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness shall go before him,
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **Refrain.**

2nd Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel *please stand*

Mark 1:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Installation of Chester Hines as Deacon

The archdeacon presents Chester Hines to be installed as deacon of Holy Communion, after the presentation the rector asks:

Rector: Will all of you witnessing these promises do all in your power to support our deacon in this new ministry?:

Congregation: **We will!**

Worship Leaders

Presider	The Rev. Mike Angell	Acolytes	Amanda Willingham,
Preacher	The Rev. Chester Hines		Scott Lunte
Assisting	The Rev. Marc Smith	Chalice	Mary Haggerty
Lectors	Cassandra Gonzalez, Katie Kramer	Usher	Ron Bulloch
		Altar Guild	Bonds/Wilkes Family

Announcements

Stewardship Update: Our Annual Campaign so far has yielded fantastic results.

2017 (final)	2018 (to date)
Total Pledges: 107	Total Pledges: 100
Total Pledged: \$225,497	Total Pledged: \$245,654

New pledges for 2018: 17

Percent of 2018 Pledgers under age 40: 20%

Historic Pledges Increase/Decrease: + \$10,048

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2018, there is still time. You may pledge online at www.holycommunion.net or use a pledge card (on the round table in the lounge.) Pledging helps our vestry complete the work of budget planning for 2018.

Godly Play on Sunday mornings! (9:15am) Children are invited to head downstairs at 9:15 for our Montessori-based Christian formation program. Registration is not required. For info email Heidi Olliff: hmolliff@holychommunion.net.

Advent Soup Supper and Prayer – Continuing Wednesdays, Dec. 13, 20) (6:00pm) You are invited to step away from the busy holiday pace for a shared meal and some quiet prayer time. We gather at 6:00 p.m. for contemplative prayer, and then those who can stay will share a simple soup supper. A sign-up sheet is available in the entryway for those who plan to attend and/or help make the soup.

Advent Party – Tonight, Sunday, Dec. 10 (5:30pm – 7:30pm) Tonight we welcome the Rev. Chester Hines and his wife Elizabeth back to Holy Communion at our annual party to kick-off the season of Advent. There will be food and drinks, music and fun for everyone and, of course, an Ugly Sweater Contest. The Brewers' Guild will premiere the first Holy Communion Ale. Sign up in the entryway if you plan to attend, and if you can volunteer to bring a sweet or savory treat to share. All are welcome, invite a friend!

Christmas Pageant! (Christmas Eve, 5:00pm) All children and youth are invited to participate in this year's Pageant during the 5:00pm service on Christmas Eve. The rehearsal will be Saturday, December 23, at 10:00am. To help us plan, please sign up on the table in the lounge or online at www.holycommunion.net. For more information, please contact this year's Pageant Director, Brooklyn Payne at youth@holychommunion.net.