

# THE FALLS CHURCH EPISCOPAL

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*A welcoming community called to be an enduring  
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021



## Prelude

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry

*Winchester New*

Opening Acclamation

(EOW I, p. 50)

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People* **You come to set your people free. 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 S-91

Lord, have mercy

*Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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 First Lesson** (*seated*)

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**

**The Song of Zechariah**

Luke 1:68-79

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \***

**he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \***

**born of the house of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Epistle** (*seated; 11:15 service only*)

Philippians 1:3-11

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 75**      There's a voice in the wilderness crying      *Ascension*

**The Gospel** (*all standing*)      Luke 3:1-6

*Gospeler*      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.'"

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd. Dr. Mark Jefferson

*A period of silence follows the homily. Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Creed.*

**The Nicene Creed** (*all standing*)

(BCP p. 358)

*Celebrant and People*

**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 Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*A brief silence.*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Joe, our President; Ralph, our Governor; David, our Mayor; and this community,  
the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan, Jennifer, and Porter our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in God's Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We offer prayers for those on our parish prayer list, especially Rita, and Carolyn.

*Silence*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Paul and Roosevelt, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant*      We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### Welcome & Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

**9:00 a.m.**

*“What is the crying at Jordan”* *Tune: St. Mark’s, Berkeley*  
Gideon’s Trumpet

**11:15 a.m.**

*“E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come”* *Paul Manz (1919-2009)*  
The Historic Church Choir

*During the offertory anthem you are invited to make a gift to God’s mission at the Falls Church Episcopal through Realm (see QR code), on the website, by Texting TFCE at 73256, or by using the plate.*



#### Give Now Online!

You may “Give Now” electronically in one of the three ways  
(1) Scanning the QR code with your smartphone; (2) Visiting  
<https://onrealm.org/thefallschurch/-/give/now> or (3)  
Texting TFCE at 73256 to give using text messaging.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 Celebrant then continues*

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

*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.**

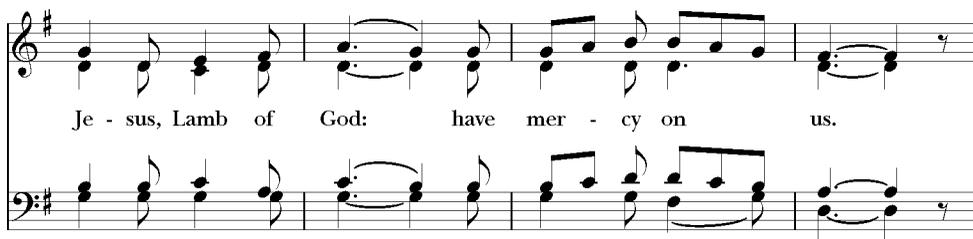
**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

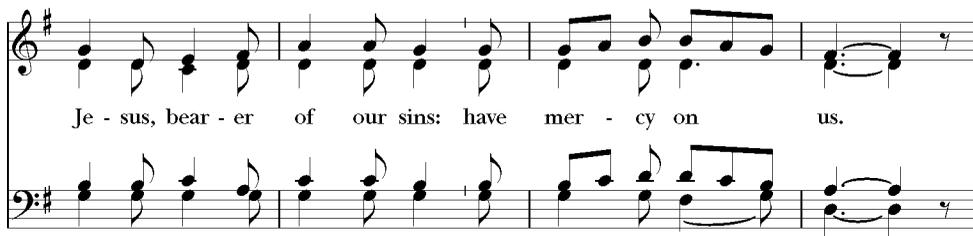
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

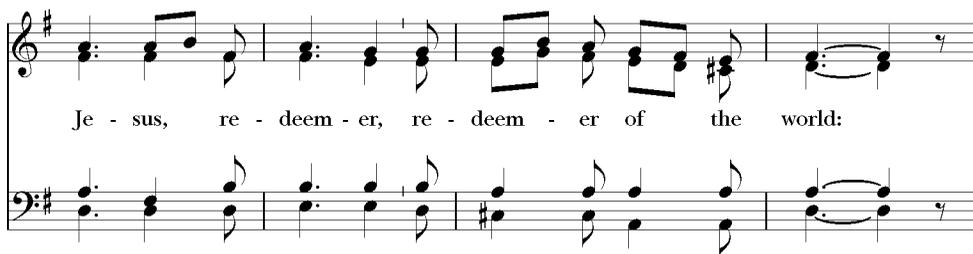
*A period of silence is kept.*



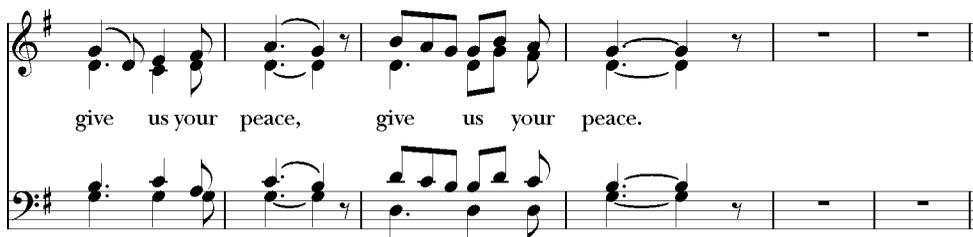
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

## The Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to one of the stations where the clergy will offer you the host (Communion in one kind only) by gently dropping the wafer in your*

*cupped hands while avoiding touching your hands. Please then step aside and consume the host, then quietly return to your seat.*

**Communion Hymn 65**

Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

(BCP, p. 366)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

**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**

(BOS, p. 9)

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn 54**      Savior of the nations, come!    *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

**Dismissal**

(BCP, p. 366)

*Gospeler*      Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Celebrants**

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon, The Rev'd. Matthew Dumont-Machowski

**Preacher**

The Rev'd. Dr. Mark Jefferson  
Assistant Professor of Homiletics, Virginia Theological Seminary

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**The Parish Prayer List**

**For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit**

*Immediate Needs*

Rita, Carolyn

*Long Term Prayers*

Robert, Megan, Peter, Tom, George, Michael,  
Eduardo, Robin, Nessa, Sam, Susan, Jan

*Family and Friends*

Michael, Chris, Claire, Sue

**For the Repose of the Soul of**

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Montgomery  
Paul Joseph van der Grift

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