

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
RESURRECTION
STARKVILLE, MS

Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 8, 2024
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We're glad you've joined us for worship today! It's customary in the Episcopal Church to observe silence before the service to help create a prayerful environment. Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart. During the service, let God speak to you through Word and Sacrament, and after the service, speak with your neighbor!

All you'll need to follow the liturgy is this service booklet. The congregation plays an important role in our worship, and you're encouraged to take part as you are comfortable.

Christians from any tradition are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you'd like to receive, please come forward to the altar when the priest indicates. You may choose to stand or kneel at the rail. To receive the bread, simply hold out your hands, palms up, one on top of the other. To receive the wine, you can either hold on to your wafer to intinct (*carefully dip*) the bread into the cup, or you can assist a chalice bearer and take a small sip. Also, know that communion in one kind (*just the bread or wine*) is sufficient. If you wish to participate but not receive, come forward to the altar rail and simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing from the priest.

If you'd like to know more about our church, please call us at (662) 323-3483.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to seek Christ and to make Him known in a dynamic place of worship and to create a loving and supportive community that shares spiritual and physical help with others.

DIOCESAN INCLUSION STATEMENT

We respect the dignity of all persons, regardless of national origin, race, gender, age, or sexual orientation, and welcome and encourage them to fully participate in all areas of parish life.

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

H 65

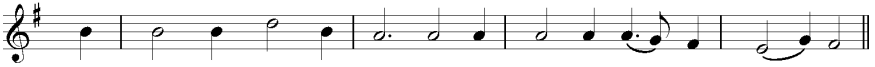
Related Scriptures: Is 52:8, Zech 9:9, Micah 4:1-5 & Mark 11:1-10



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.

Celebrant

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

People

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

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.*

Trisagion

S102

(sung 3 times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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

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

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 sal/**vation** *
by the forgiveness of their / **sins**.

In the tender compassion of our / **God** *
the dawn from on high shall break u/**pon 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 forever. ^ A/**men**.

Second Reading

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

Comfort, Comfort, ye my people

H 67

Related Scriptures: Is 40



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



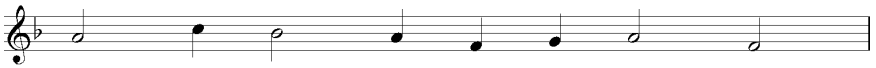
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



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.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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."

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

Sermon

Fr. Walton

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

Presider or deacon

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of his glory.

Deacon or other leader

For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Dorothy our bishop and all bishops, for Walton our priest, and for all priests and deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Celebrant

O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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

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All stand.

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Announcements

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven 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.
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."

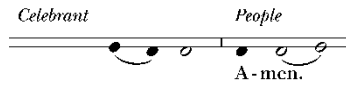
Celebrant and People

*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 forever.



Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

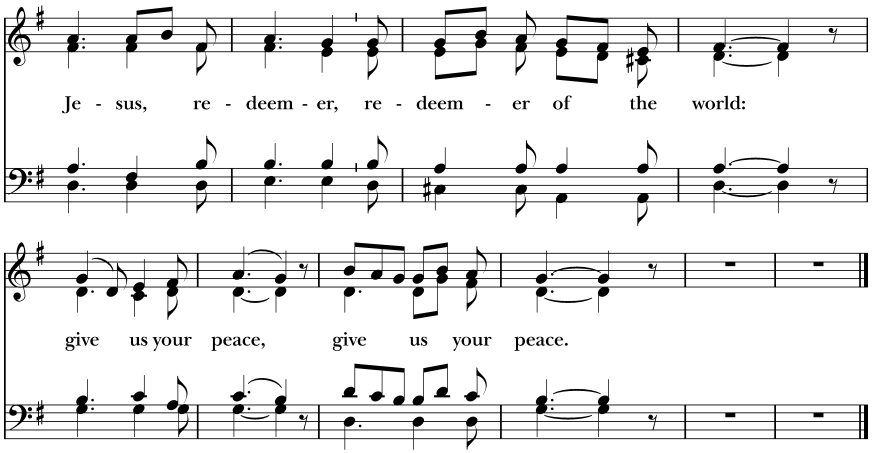
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Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first line of musical notation for the Breaking of the Bread. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

The second line of musical notation for the Breaking of the Bread. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn *Here O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

H 318

Related Scriptures: 1 Cor 13:12, 1 John 3:2 & John 1:1-14



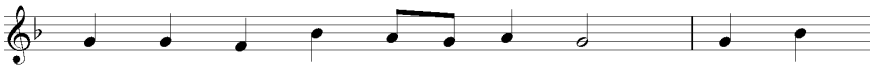
1 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2 Here would I feed up - on the Bread of God;
3 I have no help but thine; nor do I need;
4 Mine is the sin, but thine the right - eous - ness;
here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
here drink with thee the roy - al Wine of heaven;
an - oth - er arm save thine to lean up - on;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing Blood.
here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
it is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;
Here is my robe, my re - fuge, and my peace;
and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
my strength is in thy might, thy might a - lone.
thy Blood, thy right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.

Communion Hymn

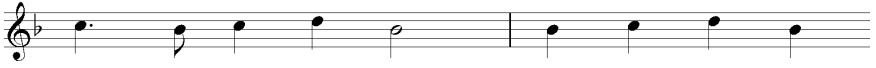
Savior of the nations come

H 54

Related Scriptures: Luke 1:26-45, Is 49:6 & John 1:1-14



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant says Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

People look East

WLP 724

Related Scriptures: John 13:34, Mat 2:2 & Rev 1:5-8



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



Dismissal

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Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

* One-time license to reprint hymns for congregational use given by Rite Song.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Liam Lamb, Vicki Coleman, Christine McBee, Roman, June Dooley, Rosemary Shaner, Peyton Passons, Patsy & John, Nav Ashford, Jane Perry, Clayton Butler, Judy Childs, Clifford Kelton, Barbi Hughes, David Evans, Loise Dillenvig, Jamie Inmon, Loren Zimmerman, David Callahan, Sheila Sellers, Coleigh Thomas, The Shramenko's, Richard Walters, Sam Baker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Service/Pageant (5pm)
Candlelight Eucharist (9:30pm)

THIS WEEK AT ECR

Sunday, December 8

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
5:00 p.m. EYC (*Dunn's House*)

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Freshman/Sophomore Breakfast (*Starkville Cafe*)
6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Wednesday, December 11

5:30 p.m. Healing Service
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Junior/Senior Breakfast (*Starkville Cafe*)
10:30 a.m. Centering Prayer (*Centering Prayer Room*)
6:00 p.m. Casserole Kitchen

Friday, December 13

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Saturday, December 14

11:00 a.m. Casserole Kitchen

MINISTERS AT TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Homilist | The Very Rev. Walton Jones |
| Bellringer | Eileen Dunn |
| Greeter | Laura Dunn |
| Lector | Brian Pieralisi |
| LEM | Bob Collins |
| LEM-Prayers | Quentin Boccaleri |
| Oblation Bearer | Charlotte Long |
| Ushers | |
| Acolytes | Joseph Thompson, Jude Dunn, Leo & Val Pieralisi |
| Vestry on Duty | |
| Verger | |
| Altar Guild | Tracy Arnett, Jane Anna Waide |
| Flower Guild | Marc DeVenney, Hellen Polk, Robert Long |



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Callie Ellis, *Choir Director*
Todd Fayard, *Organist*
Teresa Kennard & Miss Megan Aucoin, *Nursery Staff*
Lucie LeBlanc & Morgan Bevon, *EYC Leaders*
Sarah Walker, *Interim Lay Chaplain*

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY

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| George Dunn, <i>Senior Warden</i> | Jeffrey Duckworth, <i>Junior Warden</i> |
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| Clarissa Balbalian | Rex Buffington |
| Hellen Polk | Tracey Millsaps |