

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 AM

We welcome you to St. Catherine's!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.
All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion,
and gluten-free hosts are available upon request.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES BEFORE THE SERVICE.

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Support



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude

Welcome

The Rev. James H. Reho

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath (*see insert for musical responses*)

The Call of the Shofar

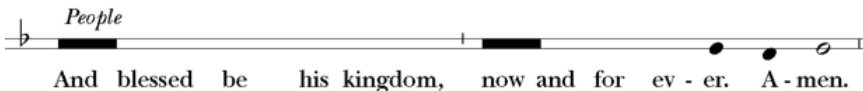
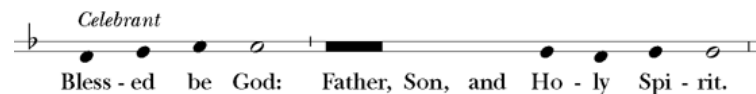
Ned Averill-Snell

Processional Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

Opening Acclamation



The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

The Song of Praise

Trisagion

Hymnal S-102

The Collect of the Day

BCP p. 211

The Lessons (*see insert for The First Reading, The Psalm, and The Epistle*)

The People sit for the readings. The People stand for the Gospel Acclamation and the Gospel.

Sequence Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal 75

The Gospel

(see Lectionary and Music Insert for The Gospel)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho

Silence may follow.

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People (Form I)

BCP p. 383

Confession of Sin

The Peace

BCP p. 360

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

BCP p. 830 (50)

Lectionary and Music Insert

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Choir: O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Choir: O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

All: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

BCP p. 708

At 8:00 AM the Psalm is prayed by the Lector and the People.

At 10:00 AM the Psalm is chanted by the Choir.

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-15a

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

People 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

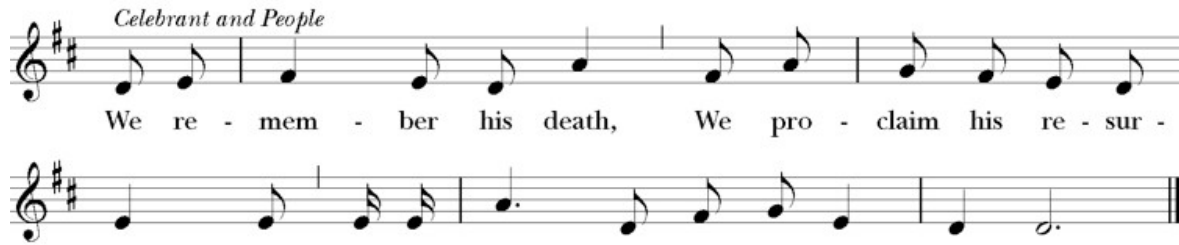
THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant



Therefore, according to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People



We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

The Offertory	<i>O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near</i>	John Carter
Presentation Hymn 380 (Verse 3)		<i>Old 100th</i>
<i>All stand who are able.</i>		
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 (Prayer B)		BCP p. 367
<i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S-130
The Memorial Acclamation <i>(see Lectionary and Music Insert)</i>		
The Great Amen <i>(see Lectionary and Music Insert)</i>		
The Lord's Prayer		BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p. 364
The Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>What is the crying at Jordan</i>	Hymnal 69
The Postcommunion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Announcements		
Sending Out of Eucharistic Visitors		
The Final Blessing		
The Concluding Hymn	<i>Comfort, comfort ye my people</i>	Hymnal 67
The Dismissal		BCP p. 366
Postlude		

THE GREENS AT THE ALTAR

are given to the Glory of Almighty God
and by Eleanor Wells in loving memory of Sarah Wells McKinney.

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

shines to remind us of our Lord's presence in the Sacrament
and is given by Suzette Lemrow in loving memory of Ruth Lemrow.

Worship Services

Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:00 AM
Choral Eucharist Rite II 10:00 AM

Wednesday

Holy Eucharist and Service of Healing 12:10 PM

The Rev. Dr. James H. Reho, Rector

For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr. James:
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*The mission of St. Catherine's
is to nurture each other in the knowledge and love
of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
and to share the Good News with all.*