

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022 | 8:45am

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*The people's responses are in bold.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Rorate Caeli* ("Drop down, ye heavens" from Isaiah 45:8)

*Jeanne Demessieux*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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*Please stand, as you are able.*

### THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Grant us Lord, the lamp of charity which never fails, that it may burn in us and shed its light on those around us, and that by its brightness, we may have a vision of that holy city, where dwells the true and never-failing Light, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN • 72 Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

*RICHMOND*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
**His mercy endures forever.**

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p.351*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

*Please kneel, as you are able.*

### CONFESSION OF SIN

*BCP, p. 352*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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 ABSOLUTION

*BCP, p. 353*

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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Hymn S96) Schubert

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 212

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
 Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

THE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 146:4-9 *Chanted by the choir*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

*Please stand, as you are able.*

SEQUENCE HYMN • 65 Prepare the way, O Zion

*BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN*

*Children ages 6 through 11 process to Johnson Hall for Kids Chapel, returning at the Peace.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:2-11*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

*The Rev. Dr. David Barr*

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**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, FORM II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin; for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; and our Bishop, John; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for our president, Joe, our governor, Bill, and our mayor, John; for the members of the armed forces serving our country; for our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for the well-being of all people. Pray especially for the conflict in Ukraine. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble. I especially ask your prayers for Reba Barker, Sandy Berry, Bill Davis, Lizzie Kappleman, Susan Narramore, Acra Samuels, Trish Thomas, Edie Wenczl, and Trilby Williams.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those who seek God or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. I especially ask your prayers for Cathy Barksdale and Thomas Hobson Fuqua II, son of Cathy Fuqua.

*Silence*

You are invited to add your own intercessions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence is kept.*

*The celebrant prays the concluding Collect and the people respond Amen.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please be seated.*

### THE OFFERTORY

*O thou, the central orb*

*Charles Wood*

O thou the central orb of righteous love,  
Pure beam of the most high, eternal light  
Of this our wintry world; thy radiance bright  
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,  
Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
In fellowship with thee, transforming day  
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,  
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.  
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,  
As stars about thy throne, set in the height  
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight  
Gives measured grace to each thy power to prove.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### AT THE PRESENTATION *The Doxology*

*(Hymn 380, verse 3) Old 100th*

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.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*BCP, p. 367*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The celebrant says a Proper Preface.*

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

*Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.*

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,

**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.**

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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE FRACTION ANTHEM

BCP, p. 364

Christ our Passover

(Hymnal S156) Near



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.

NOTES ON RECEIVING COMMUNION *All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament, regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available at the side station.*

***After receiving communion, those who desire it may go to the Chapel for healing prayer.***

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Magnificat in G*

Charles V. Stanford

Soloist: G. Olivia Troyer, Choral Scholar

My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And His mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please kneel, as you are able, for the prayer.*

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

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

BCP, p. 339

*Please stand, as you are able.*

CLOSING HYMN • 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

WOODLANDS

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 340

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP NOTES

*Clergy* The Rev. Colin Ambrose, celebrant; the Rev. Dr. David Barr, preacher; the Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, and the Rev. Richard Kew  
*Verger* Don Greene

*Acolytes* Maida Harwell, Max Montgomery, and Izzie Playfair

*Advent Wreath Lighting* The Stimart Family: Hilary, Aaron, Wyatt, William, Luci, and Charlie

*Lector* Don Padfield

*Oblation Bearers* The Vogel Family: Sarah, Stephen, James, Caroline, and Benjamin

*Prayers of the People* Red Martin

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Red Martin, Ella Redkevitch, Matthew Smith, and Greg Wilbur

*Greeters* De Dawkins and Christy Dismukes

The Advent greens in the Nave today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Julia Jarman by Mark A. O'Brien.

The aumbry candle in the Nave today is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Margaret Moore by her sons Arthur and Robert Schwartz.

## MUSIC NOTE

Charles Wood (1866-1926) was an Irish composer and well-known music educator, teaching other significant English composers such as Ralph Vaughan Williams and Herbert Howells. *O thou, the central orb* is one of his best-known works which describes our waiting for the light and clearing of darkness. Written in ABA form (three sections where the opening and closing sections share the same musical ideas), the organ sets a majestic tone, and the choir has wonderfully soaring lines. *Magnificat in G* reflects the alternate canticle reading from today's lectionary. Known as the "Song of Mary," this particular setting by Charles Villers Stanford (1852-1924) illustrates the Scripture passage wonderfully with a soloist singing the majority of the text, a great representation of Mary's own words of praise and glory. The organ part is well-known for both its pleasant rolling effect as well as for its difficulty.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*In your prayers this week, please pray for the following:*

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya.

In the Diocese of Tennessee, we pray for St. David's Episcopal Church in Nashville.

In the community, we pray for Immanuel Baptist Church.

In our parish, we pray for our Inreach Shepherds and Lay Eucharistic Visitors; our Nashville Fellows, Ridge, Viona, Josh, Morgan, and Hannah; and our Choral Scholar, Olivia.

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05am

#### ADULTS

Christian Moral Reasoning in a Contentious Age - Johnson Hall  
The Letters of Paul: A Man, a Map, a Message - Library  
Equipping Christian Parents - Dandridge Hall (upstairs)  
Grandparents Forum - Room 218 (upstairs)

#### YOUTH

Life Revealed (9th-12th Grade) - Akers Hall  
Confirmation (8th Grade) - Youth Confirmation Room  
The Gospel Project (7th Grade) - Room 219

#### CHILDREN (The Gospel Project)

Toddlers - Room 112  
Pre-K - Rooms 114  
Kindergarten - Rooms 115  
1st Grade - Murray Hall (downstairs)  
2nd Grade - Room 206  
3rd Grade - Room 203  
4th Grade - Room 205  
5th-6th Grade - Room 204

10:00pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave  
with Choral Prelude at 9:30

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

*\*The 10:00am service in the Nave will be the only service offered on Sunday, December 25.*

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:30am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

9:00am The Table in Legacy Hall

10:00am Holy Eucharist in the Nave

5:00pm Evening Prayer with Eucharist in the Chapel

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#### Inreach Shepherd for December

Emily Walker, 865-789-5798

**Together Sunday** Today, we celebrate and offer thanks TOGETHER for God's grace in our lives and pray for God's continued blessings over the ministries of our parish for the upcoming year. Please place your 2023 Annual Campaign pledge card in the offering plate. You can also make your pledge at [stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/annualcampaign).

**Silent Night Service** Recognizing that Advent and Christmastime can be a particular challenge to those suffering from grief, loss, and anxiety, St. George's offers Silent Night: A Service of Hope and Healing this evening, December 11, at 6:00pm in the Nave. This beautiful traditional service of prayer and candlelight makes space for those seeking God's healing touch as we look forward to his coming in glory.

**Prime Time Speaker Series** "Christmas Songs & Music" is on Thursday, December 15, at 11:30am in Johnson Hall. Join our very own Associate Director of Music Ministries, Gerry Senechal, for a sing-along full of good-hearted fun. Bring guests and enjoy! Make your reservations by Monday, December 12, at [reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org](mailto:reserve@stgeorgesnashville.org) or 615-385-2150 x 262.

**Christmas Flowers** Each Christmas, we invite church members to make a special donation toward Christmas flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please use a flower envelope in the pews or visit [stgeorgesnashville.org/news](http://stgeorgesnashville.org/news) to donate online by Tuesday, December 13.

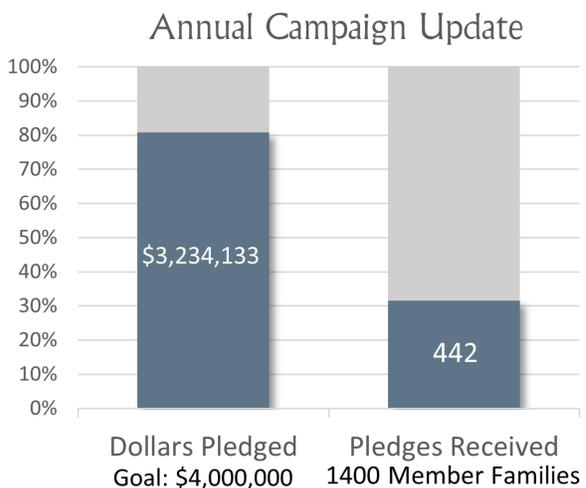
**Ukraine Now & Our Responsibility** Back by popular demand, Olivia Kew-Ficus will return to St. George's on Sunday, December 18, to share an update on the situation in Ukraine. Please join us at 10:05am in Johnson Hall for her talk.

**Christmas Services** There is no better way to mark the birth of the Savior than by sharing the Eucharist together.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

3:00pm Family Eucharist in the Nave

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Nave

### ORGAN INSTALLATION UPDATE

Installation of the organ pipes is underway. As each group of pipes is fitted into the housing, the Buzard team spends time tuning the pipes. The process of tuning involves the delicate process of physically trimming and adjusting the pipes to refine the quality of sound. With approximately 3,000 pipes in our completed organ, this process will continue for the next several weeks.

## STAFF MINISTRY TEAM

The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam, Rector  
The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice Rector & Chief of Staff  
The Rev. Dr. David Barr, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Chris Jones, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Margery Kennelly, Associate Rector  
The Rev. Richard Kew, Priest Associate  
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The Rev. Sarah Puryear, Priest Associate  
The Rev. Roger Senechal, Priest Assoc. for Senior Ministries  
The Rev. Tim Taylor, Priest Associate

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Gerry Senechal, Assoc. Dir. of Music Ministries & Organist  
Becca Jordan, Music Leader for The Table  
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Daniel Huff, Dir. of Youth Ministries  
Catherine Beemer, Dir. of Parish Giving  
Rebecca Teel, Dir. of Communications  
Laura Zabaski, Parish Administrative Officer

## 2022 VESTRY

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Suann Davis, Receive Commissioner  
Stephanie Gillmor  
Amy Harwell  
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## SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30am, 8:45am, 11:00am | Holy Eucharist  
9:00am | The Table  
5:00pm | Evening Prayer with Holy Eucharist

## WEEKDAY SERVICES (CHAPEL)

7:00am Monday - Saturday | Holy Eucharist  
10:00am Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayer



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