

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
10 a.m.

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Liturgy of the Word, Celebration of the Word of God

9:55 a.m. Opening Video of the day with announcements on slides and general introduction

9:56 a.m. LIVE: Prelude with Dr. Marvin Curtis at the Organ

10 a.m. LIVE: Welcome at the Font

Procession to the Altar with opening hymn

At the sound of the bell, please stand for the entrance of the Ministers into the church.

Processional

We're marching to Zion

LEVAS

1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
 2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
 4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're

1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
 2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
 3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
 4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's

1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
 2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
 3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
 4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—

We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,

Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,
Zi - on, Zi - on,

The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

Hymn of Praise & the Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Come, Come Emmanuel

Grayling Hawkins

Advent Gathering Song

Refrain

All:

Come, come Em - man - u - el. Come, Em -

Cantor:

come.

man - u - el.

Verses

Cantor:

1. For the Lord of cre - a - tion will
 2. Oh the son of Mar - y will
 3. See God's mar - vel - ous deeds and
 4. For God chose us, and so we will
 5. For the an - gel pro - claims he will
 6. As the ser - vants of God we
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us and
 Christ, have mer - cy up - on us and
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us and

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.**

You may be seated.

The First Lesson

Reader: Shery Roussarie: A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

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.

Reader: Charlene Bollman: Please pray with me the Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1: 68-79

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.

Epistle

Reader: Carol Nickel: A Reading from the letter to the Philippians

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.**

Please stand for the Proclamation of the Gospel

Gospel Hymn

Prepare the way o Zion

Hymnal 65



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.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Holy Gospel

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

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.'"

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

The Homily

The Very Rev. Dr. John Houghton

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

**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.**

Live from the pulpit

Prayers of the People for Advent

Julie Wilkins

Reader Praying together following the **Prayers of the People for Advent** found in your bulletin on page seven, let us pray for the Church and for the World.

Reader: God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

People: God of the prophets, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of all angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.

People: God of all angels, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.

People: God of our mothers, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

People: God of our fathers, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

People: God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

People: God of the magi, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

People: God of the victim, hear us and help us!

Reader: God of the Church we pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Doug our Bishop, and we pray for whomever God is calling to serve Saint Michael's as our next Rector, may they be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacrament.

People: God of the Church, hear us and help us!

Let us offer the prayers of the Church.

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others,
especially those on our hearts at Saint Michael's.

Thanksgivings:

Reader: We give thanks for the all guests and pilgrims worshipping with us today, in person and online. Thank you for calling us to be the family of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

We give thanks the Birthdays this week:

12/5 Jennifer Dunlap
12/6 Reid Bollman
12/7 Joshua Bussan
12/7 Rachel Bussan
12/9 Barbara Wilson
12/10 Laura Knoppers

~~We give thanks the Anniversaries this week:~~

Reader: Let us name our Thanksgivings today before God.
A little silence.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Intercessions:

Reader: For guidance and strength, and for those in sickness and distress we pray for those
especially committed to our prayers at St. Michael's:

Rob Auer

Lucy Vellner
Tony & Beryl Cockram
Grandma Ma
Rosetta
Victoria
James Smedely
Nora Arnold
Anne Gruenig
Lorraine Bay
Harriet Virkstis
Chuck Brugh
Will Stackhouse
Barb Wilson
Susan Slack
Barb Coddens
Anita Thomas
Mike Thomas
Ken & Susan Johnson

Reader: and for those needs and intercessions we now name, for ourselves and for others.
A little silence.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

For our Beloved who have Died:

Reader: We pray for those who have died, especially this week we remember,

Frederick Goodman
Vivian Lee Harwood
Brenda Brewer
Kay Canary
Lyle Rogers
Robert Bertles
Stephanie Silla
Will Stackhouse

Reader: And for those we now name.
A little silence.

Reader: May our beloved in Christ rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

The Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Please kneel as you may be able.
Silence may be kept.

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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

A sign of peace is exchanged among the people.

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays

BCP

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O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Anniversaries

adapted from **The Book of Occasional Services 163**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon this couple who come to renew their promises to each other, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together

may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

Prayer for Travelers

BCP 831

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion, Celebration of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ

The Offertory

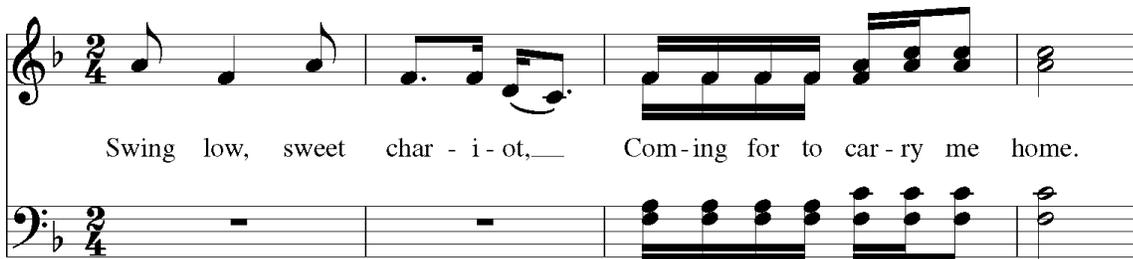
to the Lord.

The Celebrant offers a biblical passage inviting the offering of sacrifice

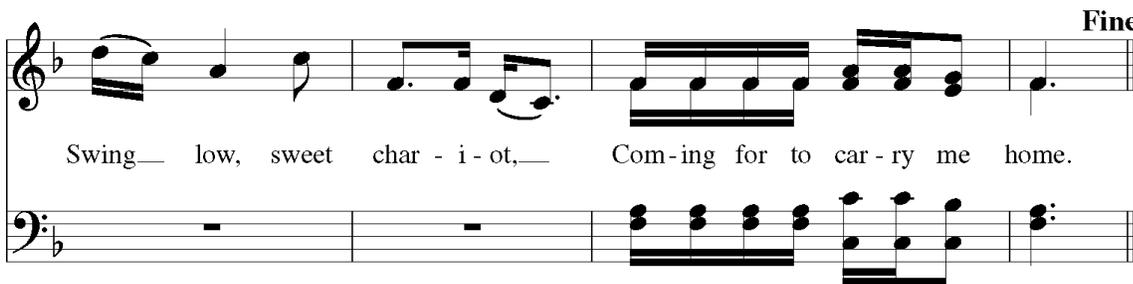
Offertory Anthem

Swing Low

LEVAS 18



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com-ing for to car - ry me home.



Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. **Fine**



1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see
2. If you get there be - fore I do,
3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw
4. I'm some - times up and some - times down,



1. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. A band of an - gels
 2. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm
 3. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
 4. Com-ing for to car - ry me home. But still my soul feels

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

The Celebrant then continues:

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

Hymnal 1982 S160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: 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.

SLIDE: Spiritual Communion

**Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest,
as you were present with your disciples in the upper room.
Since we cannot, at this time, partake in the Holy Sacrament
of your Body and Blood at the Altar of your Church,
send us your Holy Spirit, meet us right where we are,
that we may greet you in our bodies and in our blood.**

**In this act of Spiritual Communion,
redeem all our days by your victory over death;
forgive our sins, banish our fears,
make us bold to praise you and to do your will;
and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day;
Through you, O Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit
we worship and praise, One God, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion music *Lord of all Hopefulness*

Hymnal 482



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Please stand.

Celebrant and People: 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.

Concluding Blessing

Peaceand the Blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

Recessional Hymn

By and by

LEVAS 207

Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

THEN OUTRO Video with IN-ROOM Audio

1. We are of - ten tossed and driv'n on the rest - less sea of time,
 2. We are of - ten des - ti - tute of the things that life de - mands,
 3. Tri - als dark on ev - 'ry hand, and we can - not un - der - stand,
 4. Temp - ta - tions, hid - den snares of - ten take us un - a - wares,

1. Som - ber skies and howl - ing tem - pest oft suc - ceed a bright sun - shine;
 2. Want of food and want of shel - ter, thirst - y hills and bar - ren lands;
 3. All the ways that God would lead us to that bless - ed prom - ised land;
 4. And our hearts are made to bleed for many a thought - less word or deed;

1. In that land of per - fect day, when the mists have rolled a - way,
 2. We are trust - ing in the Lord, and ac - cord - ing to His word,
 3. But He guides us with His eye and we'll fol - low till we die.
 4. And we won - der why the test when we try to do our best.

1. We will
 2. We will
 3. For we'll
 4. But we'll

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by, by and by.

By and by — when the morn - ing comes, When the saints of

God are gath - ered home, We'll tell the sto - ry

how we're o-ver-come; For we'll un-der-stand it bet-ter by and by, by and by.