

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The Third Sunday of Advent
December 13th, 2020 ~ 9:00 am

*No matter who you are or where you are in your spiritual journey,
you are welcome here.*

For this Zoom service, we ask that you be mindful of background noises and mute your microphone when not speaking. Thank you!

Prelude *Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you holy and living one.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray together.

All 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.

Song of Praise

New Plainsong, David Hurd (b. 1950)

(During the music, you are invited to ring your bells as the spirit moves you.)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

After a moment of silence, the Presider continues:

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.**

A Reading from Isaiah — Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of

a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

after the Lesson:

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

VENI, EMMANUEL

Revised text: Boston College Center for Christian-Jewish Learning

(During the music, you are invited to ring your bells as the spirit moves you.)

O come, Incarnate Word revealed; your people you both taught and healed.
You trusted Abba's love would save, and so were raised up from the grave.
Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel shall come again and with us ever dwell.

The Holy Gospel — John 1:6–8, 19–28

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

after the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Phil Brochard, *Rector*

A silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

Said by All, standing:

**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,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Prayers of the People

Ast. Minister Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world and for the unity of all peoples, as we await the coming of Christ and the turning of the year, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop and Marc our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President Elect, our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, that they might act in solidarity with the poorest among us, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Berkeley, and for our unhoused friends living here in this cold season, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering those who have been subjected to violence in the name of law and order, including victims of police violence and children separated from their parents at the border, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for all who are struggling right now, especially Gerda Kontovrakis, Elvis Jones, the Duthie family, Phil Holbert, Dot Gates, Garek Druss, Dick Jackson, David Kern, Sr., Laura Ramirez, Katherine Crawford, Emmanuel Thomas Reed, Bryan Miller, Gaile Nirvana Nuñez, Annie Boutelle, Ron Sullivan, Mara Alexander, Andrew Dixon, Terry and Cindy MacDougall, the Kobrinsky Clan of Fargo, together with Raul Gomez, Rosemary Nelson, Alan Davis, John Heisner, Carol DeCatur, Cecilia and Rod Hunkler Reetz, Mark, Jill, and Carl Anderson, Episcopal Archbishop Samuel Peni and the people of South Sudan, the Kyakameena skilled nursing facility staff and residents, all those impacted by the Coronavirus, and those we now name (*Silence*). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, for those who died without hope, and for all the departed, especially Jennifer Boehler and Grace Wahlberg, and those we now name (*Silence*). Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Presider Lord, it has been a long season of waiting already. Hear our prayers as we focus on the beacon of your Son, who is on His way, and the many blessings you continually offer in your goodness. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Ast. Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All may remain standing or kneel. After a pause for silent reflection, the Assisting Minister continues:

All God of all mercy,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider 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 Having been forgiven and made whole through our Peacemaker, let us live together in peace. God's peace challenges us and guides us toward the acts of justice, peace, and integration of the whole creation. Let us offer 'Shalom' to one another and give each other a sign of reconciliation and peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you:

People **And also with you.**

Please take a moment in prayer to extend Christ's peace to the people in your life.

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgivings of the Community

At this time, as we gather for the Great Thanksgiving around Christ's table, we invite any here this morning to share thanks (via Zoom chat) for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, an unexpected act of compassion, or other grace-filled change in your life.

Song of Thanksgiving

Spiritual

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord; we just want to thank you, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider When his friends asked him how to pray, Jesus gave these words,

All **Our Father in heaven,**
hallowed be your Name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Communion

Presider Let us pray.
Merciful God of all creation,
holy Parent of all people,
who through our Lord Jesus Christ united all things in his fullness,
we join your whole creation in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness.
You have touched us with new life and filled us with new hope that your reign will come,
that the hungry will be fed,
that the oppressed will be set free from evil,
that your reconciling work will be done,
that love and faithfulness will meet together,
that justice and peace will kiss each other
and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider Go into the world in peace; have courage, hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may the blessing of the Triune God be with you now and always.

Dismissal

Ast. Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude *People, look east*

BESANÇON CAROL

PARTICIPATING TODAY

9:00AM SERVICE

Preaching The Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers
Presiding The Rev. Phil Brochard
Assisting The Rev. Maggie Foote
Musicians Bennett Schreiner, *violin*
Tess Taylor, *cantor*