

ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL PARISH
2220 Cedar Street, Berkeley California



The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 20th, 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

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.
Almighty God,
All **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)

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

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The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff.

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:

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A Reading from Samuel — 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.” But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

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

O come, O Bread of Heav'n sub-lime, who come to us in bread and wine.
Still sac-ra-ments will one day cease in God's e-ter-nal Reign of Peace.
Re-joice! Re-joice! Em-man-u-el shall come a-gain and with us ev-er dwell.

The Holy Gospel — Luke 1:26–38

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am

I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

after the Gospel:

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dani Gabriel, *Deacon*

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

Asst. 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 the Johnston family, Amanda Randles, the people of Haines, Alaska, Elvis Jones, Phil Holbert, Dot Gates, Dick Jackson, Laura Ramirez, Katherine Crawford, Emmanuel Thomas Reed, Gaile Nirvana Nuñez, Annie Boutelle, Ron Sullivan, Mara Alexander, Terry and Cindy MacDougall, the Kobrinsky Clan of Fargo, together with Raul Gomez, Rosemary Nelson, and Alan

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.

PARTICIPATING TODAY

9:00AM SERVICE

Presiding The Rev. Phil Brochard
Preaching and Assisting The Rev. Dani Gabriel
Musicians Jamie Apgar, *cantor*
Ed Hofmann, *guitar*