

The CATHEDRAL *of* ST. PHILIP

SERVING ATLANTA AND THE WORLD

The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent: Year A

4 December 2022

7:45 A.M.

The Reverend Canon Julia B. Mitchener, *Celebrant and Preacher*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

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

All **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day: Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Lector A Reading from The Book of Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

 the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

 Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
 to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
 and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
 and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
 and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
 and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
 neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
 come, let us walk
 in the light of the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Said in unison.

The Sequence: Hymn 56, stanzas 3 & 4

words: Latin c. 9th century, vers. Hymnal 1940

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.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Homily

Canon Mitchener

All stand.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant With Christians across time and around the world,
we say together the Nicene Creed.

All 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.
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

Celebrant Let us stand or kneel to pray.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Intercessor Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and Godly love. In the Anglican Communion of churches, we pray for the work of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. We pray for the Diocese of Atlanta, for this Cathedral parish, and our ministry of the day: The Cathedral Stewardship Committee.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Robert, our Bishop; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President; Brian, our Governor; and Andre, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for all serving their country away from home, for their families and the communities who wait for their return.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for all those on our prayer list, including those with new or immediate concerns. We offer further prayers and intercessions, silently and aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially: Constance Vereen Dimling, Grover Allen Durant, Eugene N. “Gene” Martini, Amarjeet S. Ranhotra; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

For Immediate Needs: Elizabeth Alexander, Savanna Beane, Vivian Hartz

Long Term Prayers: R. Huntley Allen, Randy Allen, Virginia Bicksler, The Bryant Family, Connie Chapman, Geraldine Charles, Heather Clark, Robert F. Clayton, Paula Cowart, Sharon Crews, The Crossley Family, Rita Daly, Debbie Dewees, Terry Dornbush, Sarah duBignon, Deborah Ellington, Ruth Erwin, Paul Fekete, Joyce Egan Ferris, John Foxworth, Lauren Giles, Ken Griffiths, Jenny Ham, Karen Howard, Jane Jones, Louise Kan, Lisa Krysiak, Bonnie Lamberth, Jill Mahaffey, Tommy Mason, Carol McDonald, Jack McDowell, Glenn Miller, Lee Moran, Susan Myers, Jim Myrick, Charlie Neal, Marian Palmore, Gene Paradise, Robert Proctor, Charles Puckett, Rubye & Wayne Reid, Lorraine Reynolds, Karen Richardson, Agnes Elizabeth Robertson, Nora Robillard, Betty Roper, Louis “Skip” Schueddig, Julie Sutton, Tommy Truesdale, Ron Wallace

For Family & Friends: Layen & Shirley Adelman, Jean Amick, Bettina Bass, Charlotte Eloise Bell, Ray & Pat Bell, Marie Corrigan, Ava Corroon, Bob Crawford, Judy Crosby, Jean DeSante, Redell DuBose, Dan Elson, The Ewell Family, Jack Flanigan, The Giles Family, Mark Goodwin, Don Harp III, Michael Hale, Martha Heinze, Gayle Higley, Jackie Hoder, Jay Horton, Beth Ingle, The Kelly Family, Robin Kemp, Herb Larrabee, Pete Livezey, Carolyn R. Lusk, Lisa Madera, Lauren Makhlof, Pat Martin, Susan Mendivil, Katie McRae, Elaine Metcalf, Ruth Ann Metcalf, Denise Mims, Betsy Moore, Nan Nettleman, Linus Nickel, Mary Catherine Ogilvie, Carl Rudolph, Einar Sagstuen, James Sands, Betty Shelton, Don Smith, Michael & Kathryn Snider, Will Sutton, John & Cleary Tanner, Aleatris Tate, Pierson Thames, Donnie Waller, Cheryl Waybright, Tre Weicker, Christie Woodfin, Whit A. Wright, Hollis Youngner

The Confession

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The offering today, the first Sunday of the month, is designated for the Discretionary Fund for the Needy.

The Offertory and Pledge Ingathering

*Members and friends process with their completed 2023 pledge cards to the altar.
Or, you may bring a token of your already completed (or intended!) pledge,
available in the pew racks. Thank you!*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Said in unison.

The Sanctus and Benedictus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is the One that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All may receive the consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist. Come to the altar at the direction of the ushers. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread (a wafer) in the palm of your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Receive the wine either by drinking from the cup (guiding it to your lips) or by touching the wafer lightly to the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Said in unison.

The Closing Hymn: 597

words: Carl P. Daw (b. 1944)

O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.



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CHILDREN

Children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate fully in our liturgy. For parents who prefer it, **The Nurturing Center** is open for children three and younger from 8:30 a.m. through the end of the 11:15 a.m. service each week.

Children's chapel takes place during the 8:45 a.m. service as an option for parents and children who are not yet ready to experience the full liturgy together, though children are always welcome in “big” church. Children four years (by September 1, 2022) through fifth grade begin in the nave, then follow the children's acolytes and leaders out at the sequence hymn. Children will return to the nave at the Offertory. Two and three-year-olds attend their own chapel service, which begins at 8:45 a.m. Parents who would like their children three-years-old and younger to join them for communion may go pick them up from Room 227 at the Peace.

Godly Play is our curriculum for children ages 3–5th grade. All Godly Play classes are mixed-age groupings. If you have not registered for Sunday School, your child will be placed in an appropriate class when you arrive on the Children's wing this morning. **The doors to Godly Play will open at 10:00 a.m.**

YOUTH

*There will be no Sunday School on December 4.
However, come to the youth room, grab a donut
and we will gather together at the annual parish meeting in Child Hall
at 10:10 a.m. Our youth's presence is appreciated and encouraged.*

Sunday Evening EYC—Room 382
6:00-7:00 PM

MUSIC

Sunday Afternoon Recitals

Today's 3:15 p.m. organ recital is performed by Christian Schoen, Organist & Choirmaster at Saint Michael's Episcopal Church, Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. He will be performing works by James Mansfield, Hans Zimmer, Karl Jenkins, Louis Vierne, and Emma Lou Diemer. Sunday Afternoon Recitals are held in the Cathedral and live online at cathedralATL.org/recitals, immediately preceding the 4:00 p.m. Evensong service.

ADULT EDUCATION

*Please join us for the Annual Parish Meeting
in Child Hall at 10:10 a.m.*

Enjoying Biblical Greek—Room 239 (1:15 p.m.)

Open to beginners, this class includes long-term members who use translation aids including lexicons and commentaries to enjoy how probing the Greek of New Testament texts adds nuance and depth to reading Holy Scripture. Join us in person or on Zoom. For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Thee Smith (tsmith@cathedralATL.org, 404-365-1093).

MINISTRY OF THE DAY

Each week, the Cathedral community gives thanks for one of our many ministry groups. This Sunday, we give thanks for the **Stewardship Committee**. In the words of Dean Sam Candler, "Our Cathedral, like all good churches, is a place of holy community. Together, we offer and receive, we give and take. We enjoy the gifts of each other here." The Stewardship Committee encourages and works with all parishioners to contribute to the Cathedral and build holy community. If you would like to join the committee or for more information, please contact David Rocchio, (drocchio@cathedralATL.org, 404-365-1033).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

7:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Mikell Chapel
8:45 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
11:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Cathedral
11:15 a.m.	La Santa Eucaristía	Mikell Chapel
4:00 p.m.	Choral Evensong & Holy Eucharist	Cathedral

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Morning Prayer is held weekdays at 8:45 a.m. in Mikell Chapel or at the lychgate across from Child Hall.

Services of Holy Eucharist are held in St. Mary's Chapel, upstairs from the Atrium, every weekday at 12:15 p.m.

Taizé: Prayers for Peace is offered every third Monday of the month at 8 p.m. in Mikell Chapel. The **Indoor Labyrinth** is available in Child Hall prior to the service.

The **Outdoor Labyrinth** in front of the Lanier House is open daily.