



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, Rector  
The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, Assistant Rector

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9 December 2018

Rite One, Eucharistic Prayer II  
at 8 and 10 AM

**ORGAN PRELUDE** Gerald Near, b. 1942

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

**OPENING HYMN 76**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Celebrant:* We light a second candle on our Advent Wreath recalling the peace we are given through Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace.

*(The second candle is lighted.)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Loving God, thank you for the true and lasting peace you bring to our hearts and lives through your son, Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for his presence, his life, his way.

*People:* To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

**OPENING SENTENCES** Prayer Book 323

**TRISAGION** Hymnal S100

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**M**erciful God, who didst send 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 WORD OF GOD**

**THE FIRST READING**

*Our First Reading offers a tender message of encouragement to Jerusalem, a vision of the gracious Lord bringing the people home from exile and leading them in glory. A Reading from the Book of Baruch (5:1-9).*

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**THE CANTICLE** (*Canticle IV: Luke 1:68-79*)

*(Please respond following the asterisk.)*

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.

**THE SECOND READING**

*In our Second Reading Paul greets the new disci-  
ples in the town of Philippi, gives thanks for their  
sharing in the Gospel, and prays that they may be  
found without fault on the judgment day of Christ.  
A Reading from the letter of Paul to the 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 con-  
fident 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 com-  
passion 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 deter-  
mine 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn 67**

*Comfort, comfort ye my people*

**The Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**n the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Ti-  
berius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Ju-  
dea, 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**THE SERMON** The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde

**THE NICENE CREED** Prayer Book 326

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Prayer Book 329

**CONFESSION OF SIN** Prayer Book 331

**ABSOLUTION AND PEACE** Prayer Book 332

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE OFFERTORY** Glenn L. Rudolph, b.1951

*Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills  
the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in  
thy presence rest.*

*Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can  
the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest  
Name, O Savior of mankind.*

*Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt  
be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, and through  
eternity. Amen.*

*-12th cent. Latin,*

*tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78*

**THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

All things come of thee, O Lord,  
and of thine own have we given thee.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Prayer Book 340

**SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS** Hymnal S114

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** Prayer Book 336

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

**AGNUS DEI** Hymnal S158

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

On Receiving Communion: *You may stand or  
kneel at the rail to receive the Sacrament. (If you  
would like a gluten-free wafer, please let one of*

*the clergy know.) If you do not wish to receive  
Communion you are invited to come forward for  
a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over  
your chest. Members of the Daughters of the King  
will be at the Chapel rail at both services to ad-  
minister prayers for healing and thanksgiving.  
Please go to the Chapel rail after your Commu-  
nion.*

**PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** (to be said by all)

In the name of this congregation we send  
you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those  
to whom you go may share with us in the  
Communion of Christ's body and blood. We,  
who are many, are one body, because we all  
share one bread, one cup.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** Prayer Book 339

**THE BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN 53**

*Once he came in blessing*

**THE DISMISSAL**

**ORGAN POSTLUDE** Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

*On Jordan's bank*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of  
God by Tad Bird in loving memory of  
Carolyn from her family.

**W**e extend a warm welcome to our guests  
and visitors and we are delighted to  
have you worship with us. Our Communion  
Table is open to all baptized Christians. Please  
join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall af-  
ter the service, and please complete the Visi-  
tor's Card found in the pew racks and place it  
in an Offering Basket or hand it to an Usher  
or Greeter after the service.

*Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.*

**PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde  
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde  
Lector: Bill Wells  
Prayers of the People: Judy Craig  
Acolyte: Wayne North  
Ushers: Susanne Fairman,  
Ken Adams  
Greeters: Bill Miller,  
Susan Davis,  
Steve Hickman  
Organist: J. Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Arnie Berglund

**PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK**

Preacher: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde  
Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier  
Lector: Stephen Schwarzman  
Prayers of the People: Bobbi Tucker  
Crucifer: Glenn Matto  
Acolyte: Bud Tripp  
Ushers: Jack & Roberta Davis,  
Dorothy North  
Greeters: Charlie & Julie Reppenhagen  
Organist: J. Michael Case  
Sound Technician: Craig Jones

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*Sextons*

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