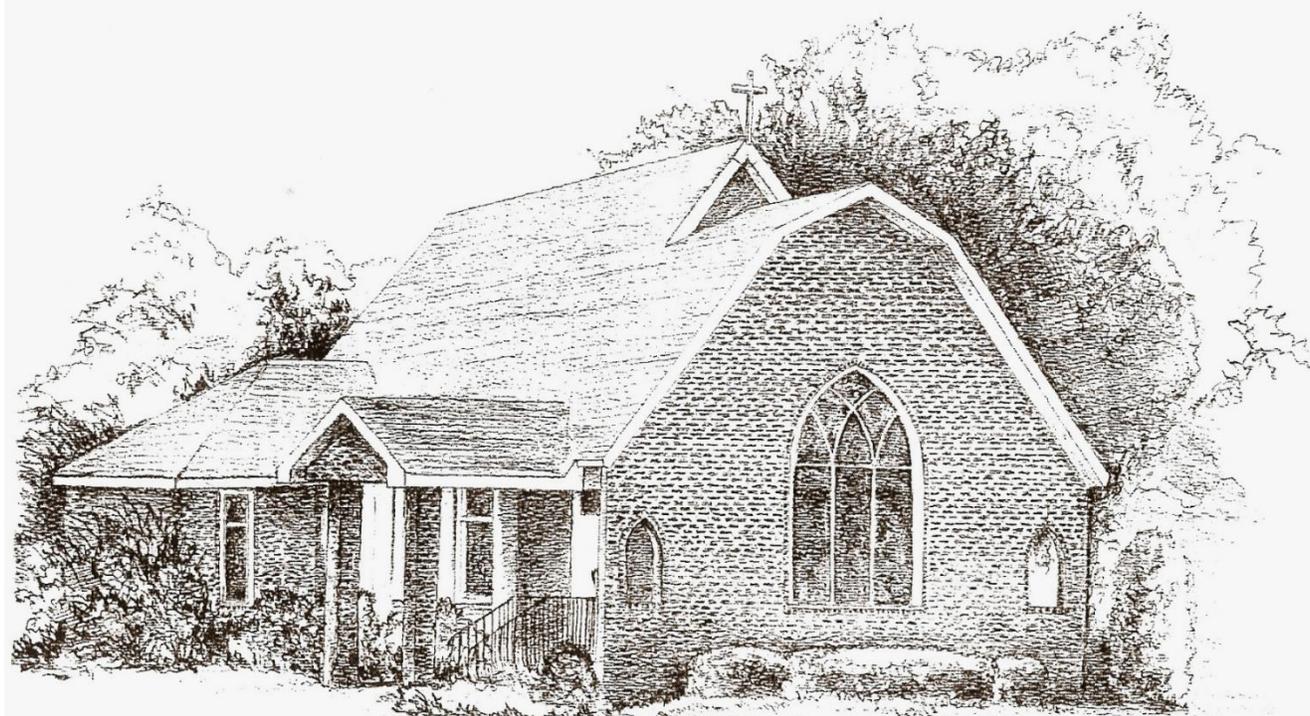


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## The Second Sunday of Advent

### December 5, 2021

# Processional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 66

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The people standing:*

### Second Sunday of Advent: Peace in Each Step of the Journey

***Leader:***

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her  
that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!'  
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'  
All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.  
Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
'Here is your God!'  
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep (Isaiah 40:1-11)

*Light the second candle, the candle of Peace*

Leader: Isaiah calls the people to get up to a high mountain. For generations people have cried out as Isaiah does that the paths are

crooked, the valley too far down, and the mountains too high. We fear stumbling on uneven stretches of the journey. What if we could see it all from God's perspective, that through it all God is the eternal source of peace?

Leader: Action for the Week: Each time you set out on a road or pathway today, pause and ask Gd to grant you peace. Driving to work, walking into the office, or taking the dog for a walk. Remember God's promise of peace.

Leader: Prayer for the Week:

Leader and People: **God of our journeys, whether we walk with purpose or wander without clear direction, whether we are in a valley or on the mountaintop, grant us your eternal peace. Amen.**

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

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

*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

*The Celebrant may say*

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.***

***Kyrie – Cursillo Song Book #60 - (Yellow Book)***

Kyrie eleison ***Christe eleison*** Kyrie eleison

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

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.

A Reading from 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Canticle 16                      BCP Page 92

The Song of Zechariah    *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 forever. Amen*

## **The Epistle**

### **A reading from Paul's Letter 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 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. The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

### **Gradual Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - #410**

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:1-6**

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Homily**

Graeson Dean and Caroline Simpson

## **The Nicene Creed**

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.

## The Prayers of the People Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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 Priest 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**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### **Offertory Hymn #73**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is said on all Sundays*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Hymnal 1982 - S129 – Sanctus** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

***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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

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

**Hymnal 1982 – S161 – Agnus Dei** (*service music is located in the front of the 1982 Hymnal and prefixed with the letter “s”*)

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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.

**The Communion of the People** (*All Baptized Christians are invited and encouraged to receive the Holy Sacraments of Bread and Wine*)

**Communion Hymn –Hymnal 1982 - #304**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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.*

**Blessing:** *The Priest offers a blessing.*

## **Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 1982 - # 680**

*The Deacon, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*The People respond* ***Thanks be to God.***

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**In an effort to keep current needs on the prayer list, names will remain for a month. If you see a name that needs to remain longer, please call or email the church office.**

**PRAYER LIST** The prayers of the parish are requested for: Larry Rambach, Ethel Johnson, Kenny Boudreau, Joan Blake, Fr. Lance Horne, Baya Harrison, Jon Boggus, Jack Alger, Brantly and Susie Helvenston, Bill Kosty, Martha Patton, Wyman & Marion Harvard, Robert Burns, Joe & Judy Paul, Opal Law, Doris McClain, Sue Mobley, Rachel Hingson, , Lila Poston, Reece Hopkins, Rick Buxton, and Sarah Giddens

Sustained Illness/Concern: Phyllis & Bill Taylor, Darel Burns, Meredith Mobley, Craig Jacobsen, Brad Green, and Brittany Smith, Sister Maria Ann, Brent Trost, Kris Cheatham, Doug Helgeson,

Vivian Bass, Bill Green, DeLaine Cribb, Susanne Walters, Bob Stross, Kristen Braddy, Russell Johnson, Glenn Miller, Mtr. Tulia, Herrington/Thomas families, Tanya Fulgham, and Albert Sutton.

Our soldiers deployed: Logan Ragans and 868 Engineer Company, Jonathan Richichi, James Smith, Casey Brewer, Sean Beegle, Cody Beegle, Edward Owen and stateside; Brent Trost, Matthew Beegle, Lincoln Queale, Dillon Ellis, Andy Chamberlain, and Robert Ice. Pray for the Diocese of Cuba, our companion church: Fielés á Jesus, and their rector Mtr. Tulia. Pray for Dukatole and the children, and Shepherd's Hands of the Suwannee Valley Free Clinic

**ALTAR FLOWERS** The altar flowers are given by Marion & Wyman Harvard in thanksgiving for St. Luke's Youth Group.

**RECORDING HELP:** The communications ministry has asked for back up help pressing the record button before service. This is easily trained, and you'd be doing a great service for St. Luke's. Please call or email Jasmine in the office to help.

### **DEACON'S CORNER:**

Dear St. Luke's family, Mtr. Tulia sends her love and greetings to all of us. There are no words to say how much she appreciates our faithful love and support for her and her family and for Fieles A Jesus. We are literally their life-line and because of what we are able to send, they are able to live. The girls start school this week and it is a bit nerve wracking for them because they have a long ways to walk and it is necessary to take food for lunch or they have to walk home and then return to school after lunch. Tulia and Osmani believe that because of the incessant oppression that continues to get worse and worse that there is no future for their girls in Cuba. Thursday they

had an appointment to apply for passports for all of them. This is just the first step in a long process, but they want to be ready should the opportunity arise for them to leave. Please be much in prayer for them as they consider what they should do. We will continue to send food and money as long as they are there and to support them in any way we can – especially be our prayers. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.

**DINNER ANGELS** The Youth Group meets Sunday evenings at 6pm. If you would like to volunteer to be a Dinner Angel and prepare a meal, the sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please call/text Shannon McCook for more information 386-208-5741.

**THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE'S** We are excited to announce that St. Luke's is beginning a discerning class for The Order of St. Luke's which is a ministry where you learn to pray as a Healing Ministry. We will begin classes on "The 26 Miracles of Jesus" in January. If you are hearing a call to learn about healing prayers, please contact Deacon Lydia or Evelyn Walden for more information.

Website - <https://osltoday.org/about-us/>

**BOOK STUDY** The Daughters of the King are beginning an Advent book study with "I Witness" by Dean Kate of St. John's Jacksonville, this week. This invitation extends to **anyone interested**. See Ann Thompson or call 386-208-2764 for more details. If you would like to order a book, they are \$5- please let Jasmine in the office know asap.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** Daughters of the King have coordinated an Advent Devotional book for St. Luke's. Much thought, prayer, and devotion were poured into this gift for the St. Luke's Family. Please pick up your books at the church door. If you

do not see one in your name, please let Jasmine or Ann Thompson know and we will update our records and get one for you.

**YOUTH SUNDAY** Today is Youth Sunday! The youth will lead the service, provide a homily, and Coffee Hour to follow service-don't miss this special day to support St. Luke's young people.

**BUSY HANDS ANNUAL SALE** – Mark your calendars for **Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**. Busy Hands will hold our Christmas sale before and after both services. We will have our usual items for sale: aprons, towels, ornaments, and many new items. Come see what we have and enjoy Coffee Hour hosted by Busy Hands.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE KING MEETING** Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @4:30. Business meeting, meal and fellowship.

**VESTRY MEETING** Dec 13<sup>th</sup> @5:30

**SHEPHERD'S HANDS CLINIC**- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 5:30

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON THE TROLLEY**- Dec 15<sup>th</sup>  
@6pm

**Looking ahead at next Sunday, Dec 12th- Third Sunday of Advent**

Candle Lighting/Reading: 9am Felknors/11am Need Volunteer

Altar Flowers: Diane Stiles

Altar Duty: Sharon & Judy

Acolyte: 9am: Frank & Tamara / 11am Marshall B

Lectors 9am: Tamara & Terri/11am: Sue, Bill K, Barbara C

Ushers: 9am: Brothers 11am: Airths