

St. Luke's Table

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

All flesh shall see
the salvation of God
Luke 3.4, 6



Peaceable Kingdom

Good Morning and Welcome!

A service of Holy Eucharist from the Book of Alternative Services.

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Opening Hymn



The Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Last Sunday we lit the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope.

We light it again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

(The Candle of Hope is Lit)

The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. Peace is a word that we hear a lot.

It is one of the things that we hope for. Christ brought peace when he first came to us and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again.

We light the candle of peace
to remind us
that Jesus is the Prince of Peace
and that through him,
peace is found.

(The Candle of Peace is Lit)



Light of the World - Peace

Peace is like a light shining in a dark place.

As we look at this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Prayer:

These Candles Shine with Glorious Light

These Candles Shine with Glorious Light
(to the tune of On Jordan's Bank)

**These candles shine with glorious light,
give peace and hope to those in night.
They brightly shine in night's dark day,
give peace and hope for us today.**

**Give peace, O Lord, to us this day,
make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our King of Peace, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.**

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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 Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

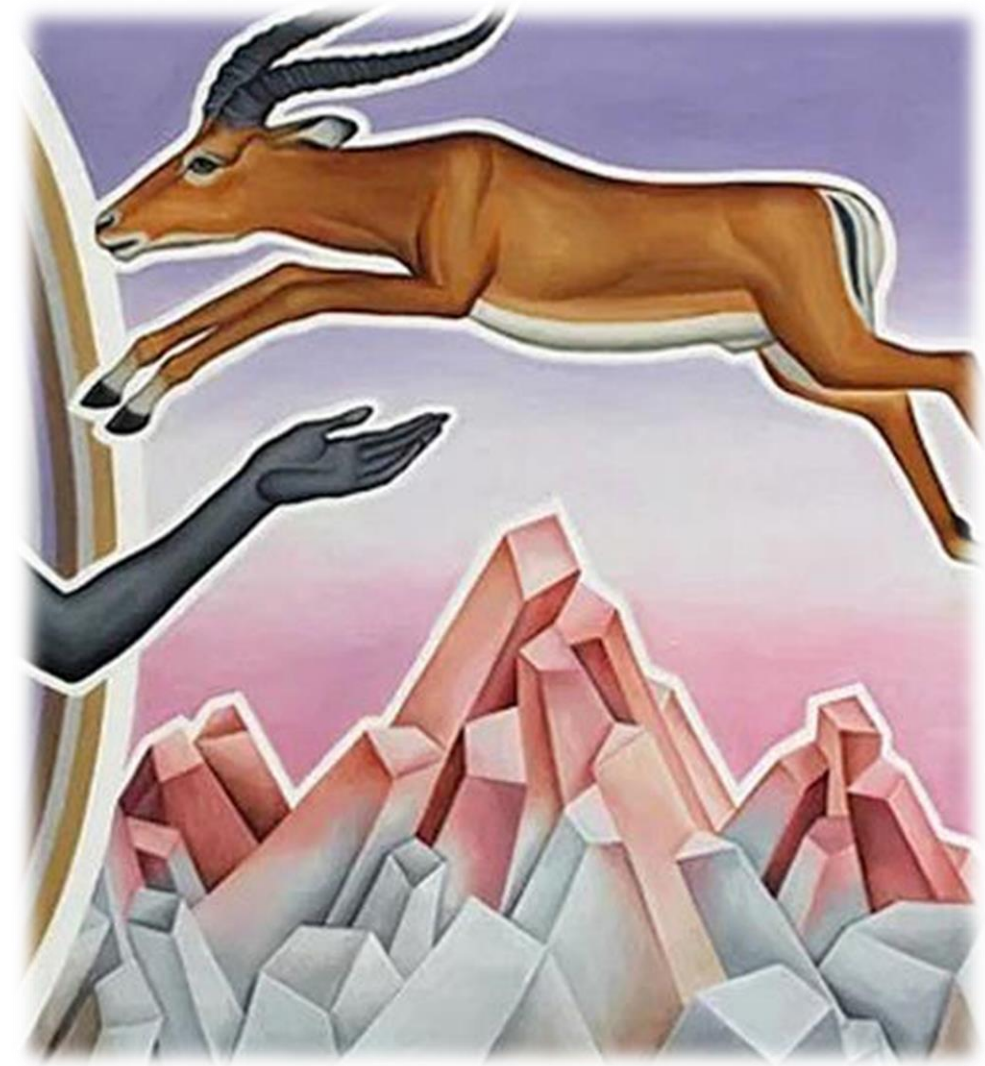
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

**Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation
of the Word

First Reading:
Baruch 5.1–9



Like a Deer Leaping Mountains

Canticle 19a: (alternating verses)

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 Saviour, *
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.**

Second Reading:
Philippians 1.3–11



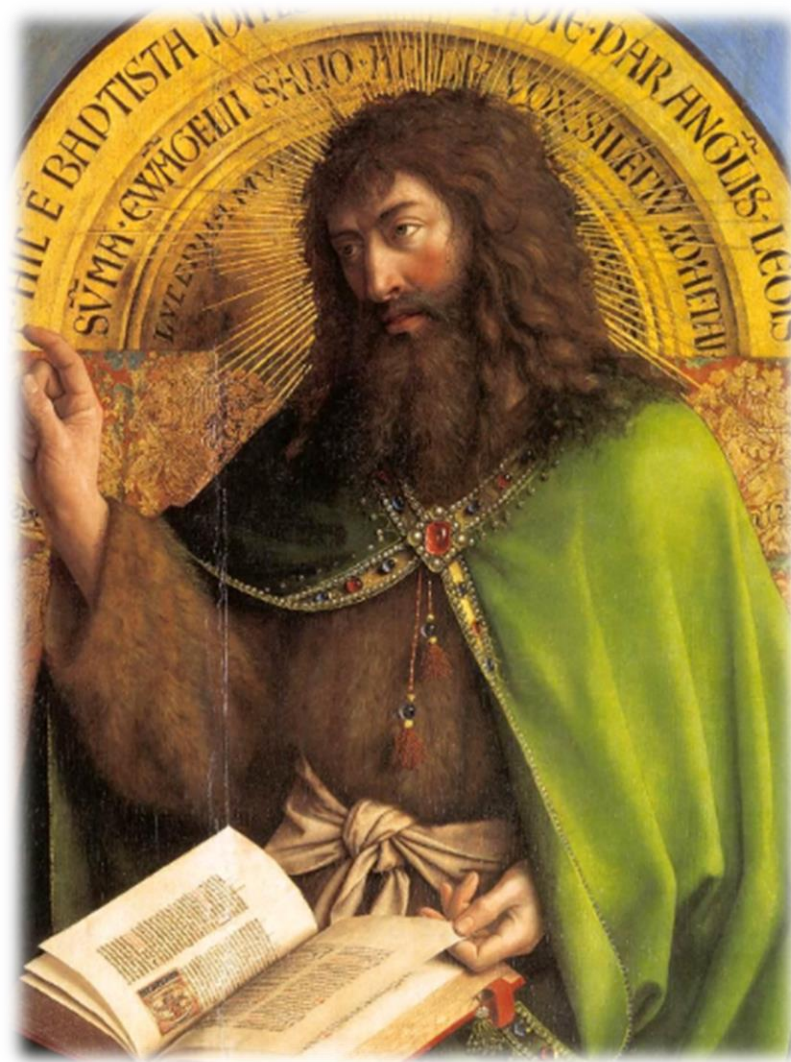
Christmas Eve -- Carlton Smith, 1901

Gradual Hymn



The Good News:

The Holy Gospel of
Luke 3.1–6



John the Baptist, Jan van Eyck Ghent Altarpiece
St. Bavo Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium

Sermon



John the Baptist Preaching -- JESUS MAFA, Cameroon

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
as we say,

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers
of the People



Maestra Peace Mural

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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 neighbours 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.**

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn:



Prayer over the Gifts:

**God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise,
almighty God, for the gift
of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

You created us to love you
with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you
by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing,
**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.**

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because
in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross he defeated the power
of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and
we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray

**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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for
the Children of God.

Thanks be to God.



Peace begins with love!

Prayer After Communion

**Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

**Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn



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