



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
Celebrated on December 07, 2023, for St. Marks  
Diocese of Southern Virginia  
The Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop  
The Rev. Dr. C. Derek Pringle, Celebrant  
The Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin, Deacon  
Year C



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**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY**



**Second Candle - The Candle of Peace**  
**The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus**

**Celebrant:** May your hearts be filled with peace as you hear the words of the prophet Isaiah who told of one who would be born the Prince of Peace.

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

**Advent Reader: (Bert)** Last Sunday we lit the First Candle of Hope in our Advent Wreath and celebrated the patriarchs. We light it again as we place our hope in Jesus the blessing of God for all nations.

*(A person now lights the first candle)(Andy)*

Isaiah Chapter 9 (**Advent reader continues**)

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

*(A person now lights the second candle)*

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

**All:** *Lord God you spoke through your prophets and promised a kingdom of peace. We welcome you Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, and our hearts long for the establishment of your kingdom of justice and righteousness. Amen.*

**(all may be seated)**

**MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTIONS**

**[Announcements by the Wardens](#)**

## **Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)(Blue)**

**The Opening Acclamation**

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**The Collect for Purity**

**The Gloria**

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**The Collect of the Day**

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**The Collect**

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.*

### **PRAYER FOR TRANSITION**

*O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Guide us throughout our time of transition. Empower each one of us to use our unique gifts in ministry, to share openly and honestly our thoughts, to respect the opinions of others, and to encourage humility, patience, and joy. Guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest, that we may receive a faithful shepherd, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. All this we ask in Your Holy Name. Amen*

### **Old Testament**

### **Baruch 5:1-9      AI**

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 Response**

### **Canticle 16**

### **BCP-92**

**The Song of Zechariah    *Benedictus Dominus Deus***

*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 for ever. Amen.*

## **The Epistle**

## **Philippians 1:3-11**

**Jim**

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 Gospel (please stand)**

## **Luke 3:1-6**

*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.'"

*Praise to you Lord Christ*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE w/CONFESSION FORM VI Ann Marie

THE PEACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer A

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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**Prayer of Spiritual Communion For those on Zoom**

**Please Stand**

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our heart. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER [\(please note the page change\)](#)

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BLESSING

Fr. Derek

[\(Please Wait for Procession to Exit before stirring\)](#)

DISMISSAL

**Prayers for those who suffer in Body, Mind, and Spirit:**

*Ann E. (health), Mike D. (friend of Jim F.), Megan (granddaughter of Chuck & Kathy), Tina (Danny's sister), Irene (sister of Jim), Ronda (friend of St. Mark's), Irene K (health), Shawn, Randy (health), Bert (Health), Joan Winters (shut in)*

**For those feeling alone and/or depressed**

**For those traveling**

**For those not mentioned here that are known to you Lord**

**NO BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARIES KNOWN TO THE OFFICE THIS WEEK!**

**THANKSGIVINGS:** For our Celebrant, the Rev. Dr. C. Derek Pringle, and for the continued service of Deacon Dana. For the joys of the season, and for the blessings of friends, family, and fellowship. For all those who have helped to sustain the church through change and transition.

**Upcoming events**

- **December 10th – Hands & Feet ministry meeting (Zoom)**
- **December 13th – Bethany (Andy and Bert's home)**
- **Combined Christmas Eve (Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>) Service @ St. George's – 3:00pm**

