



Welcome to St. Mark's Chapel

Open hearts, open minds, open doors

8 a.m. Sunday, December 5, 2021

The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite I

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy of the Word

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BCP – Red Book of Common Prayer, found in the pew.

Advent Lucinarium

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; **those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone, to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light. Jesus spoke, saying "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Amen.**

Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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Trisagion (Repeat 3 times)

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Collect of the Day

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All: Merciful 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.**

First Reading

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16

Benedictus Dominus Deus

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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.

Second Reading

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.'"

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord. *People:* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Brian D. Blayer

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People, Form VI

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The Peace (please remain in your seat)

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Commissioning

The Offering

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer II

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving (please stand)

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Dismissal

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Announcements

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

Advent wreath making and stewardship gathering

Today, December 5th, following 10AM Worship

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR DIAPER DRIVE

All funds and diapers donated benefit:

St. Mark's Diaper Bank

Dates: December 5-25, 2021

SUNDAY MINISTERS

If you would like to sign up but do not want to use Signup Genius, please call the office.

There is also a sign-up sheet in the Goodwin Hall.

3 WAYS TO GIVE

Church: Outdoor Secure Mailbox;

Mail: 42 N Eagleville Rd, Storrs, CT 06268

MyWell: Online: mywell.org/give/stmarkschapel or Text: stmarkschapel to 40101

SAVE THE DATES

December 17th: Lessons and Carols at 7PM

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services 5PM & 9PM

December 25th: Christmas Day Service 9AM