

Holy Trinity Church

446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550
A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th, 2021

9:30 a.m. Choral Service

The Rev. Richard Signore, Celebrant & Preacher

Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist

Lorraine Brumskine- Reader

Prelude: *“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”*
Larkin, 13th c Plainsong, Mode V

Advent Canticle: *“Wait for the Lord” Sing Three Times*

Processional Hymn: #57 “Lo! He comes with clouds”

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.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the book of Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Silence

Canticle 16 *said by all, in unison*

BCP, p. 92

The Song of Zechariah

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.

Silence

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel Luke 3: 1-6

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon

Fr. Richard Signore

Prayers of the People III

Prayer Book, p. 387

Prayer for the Parish - - O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

Confession & Absolution

Prayer Book, p. 360

The Peace

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory: *People, Look East” Besancon Carol*

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C BCP, p. 369

Sanctus S-124 Holy, holy, holy Lord

The Lord’s Prayer Prayer Book, p. 364

Fraction Anthem S-154 Alleluia, alleluia

Communion Hymn: “ *Various Advent Carols*” Arr by Callahan

Post-Communion Prayer Prayer Book, p. 365

Recessional hymn #73 “The King shall come”

Dismissal Prayer Book, p. 366

Postlude: *Savior of the Nations, Come” Callahan, Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Flowers on the Altar: We would like to adorn our altar with flowers again! The flower sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please use a flower envelope to leave your payment. \$28 cut; \$38 arrangement
- The **Mission Plate** funds for the month November and December will be going to "The Episcopal Church in Navajoland."
- Special request from the Daughters of The King: Please donate to the Liberia Project. We are still collecting the following items: Spiral notebooks, binders, folders, writing paper, pens and pencils, markers, erasers, etc. There is also a great need for toiletries, including: shampoo, conditioner, bath (bar) soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotion (cocoa butter cream), deodorant, etc. This will be an ongoing mission. We are also seeking contributions toward the costs of shipping these materials to Liberia. You may donate by check or through Tithely. Please donate what you can and pray for them.
- Winter coats – We are still taking donations for our winter coat closet, which will be open on Saturday’s 9-11
- Gratitude luncheon for Fr. Richard following today’s service**