

A GROWING COMMUNITY OF LOVE, JOY, AND HOPE

*Whoever and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome.
Our message is that God's unconditional love is extended to you right now through Jesus Christ.
Here in this church, God says, "You belong, this is my family, and you have a place in it."*

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II**

November 28, 2021 8:00 a.m.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

O come, O come, Emmanuel
Dana Anderson, organ

arr. Lorie Line

AT THE PROCESSION

All stand

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Reader The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promises I have made.

People ***To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.***

The one who is coming will show us the path of steadfast love and faithfulness.

Teach us your ways, O God of our salvation.

We light this candle in the sure hope that God's promises endure.

We will live in the light of hope as we await the coming of the Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer BCP (red) 323

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

KYRIE

BCP (red) 324

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP (red) 159

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; though him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE LESSONS

All are seated.

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9 *Read responsively by the whole verse*

BCP (red) 614

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 21:25-36

All stand and turn to face the Gospel procession.

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to Thee, O Christ.***

THE SERMON

All are seated

The Reverend Rick Veit

THE NICENE CREED

All stand

BCP (red) 326

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 worshipped 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: ADVENT

All stand or kneel

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may establish among the nations his sceptre of righteousness:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world:

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church in Big Piney and we pray for the Diocese of Ifo (Nigeria).

Your own prayers and petitions may be added at this time.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father.

Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he is now alive and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Adapted from Church of England, Common Worship, Advent Times and Seasons

CONFESSION

BCP (red) 330

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

BCP (red) 830

Watch over Your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may Your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Long ago and far away

Thane Yennie (1993/94)

Thane Yennie

An offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Officiant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP (red) 340

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

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

Officiant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.

All are welcome at the altar. All Christians who desire to receive communion and those wishing to receive a prayer of blessing are invited to the altar rail. Gluten free wafers are available at the communion rail. Please inform the servers at the altar rail if you desire gluten free wafers.

COMMUNION

Psalm 42-Freu dich sehr

Genevan Psalter 1551
Arr. Harold Rohlig

SENDING FORTH

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP (red) 339

The people kneel or stand

Officiant Let us pray.

People *Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent, be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

AT THE PROCESSION

All stand

THE DISMISSAL

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

POSTLUDE

Soon and very soon

Andrae Crouch

If you are unable to make it to church and would like communion, please contact the church office.

ST. MARK'S INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

Diocesan Prayer: St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Big Piney

Anglican Cycle of Prayers: The Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, the Diocese of Idoani (Nigeria), the Diocese of Ifo (Nigeria), the Diocese of Ige East (Nigeria), The Diocese of Ifo (Nigeria), the Diocese of Igbomina (Nigeria), the Diocese of Igbomina-West (Nigeria).

SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT WEEK ARE:

Baruch 5: 1-9 Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6 Canticle 4 or 16

Website for weekly scriptures: <http://www.lectionarypage.net>

ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS

You may sign up for a Sunday in the altar flower dedication book located in the rear of the church. More than one donor per Sunday is gratefully welcomed and due recognition given accordingly. Cost is \$70.00.

ST. MARK'S PARKING

We are thankful to the Cheyenne family that allows us to use their parking lot west of the church on Sunday mornings. It is a parking lot that is leased by others Monday through Saturday. If you have any concerns, please contact the church office.

MUSIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Dana Anderson, organ; Thane Yennie, guitar/vocal

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8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 Children's Time (online only)
10:30 A.M. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Children's Chapel/Sunday School and Nursery

Rector: The Reverend Rick Veit