St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgía



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
Those who live in a land of deep darkness
— on them light has shined.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 5, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M

Prelude

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

13th Century Plainsong



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The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People You come to your people and set them free.

The Collect for Purity said by the Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

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.

The First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the

earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah, Ecce, Deus

Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid."

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, * and he will be my Savior..

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; * see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, * and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, * for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The Second Lesson Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

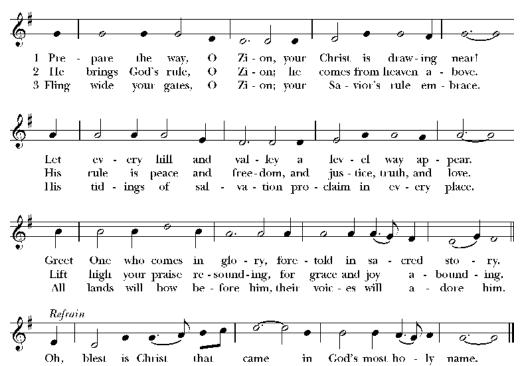
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg főr Svenska



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The Gospel Luke 3:7-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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, who with the Father

and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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

Advent Prayers of the People

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **Margaret Michaelides; Liwellyn Bell; Bessie Holland; Donna Thomas; John Maloney; Susan Glenz-Pierce;** and **Beth Zimmerman**. May they experience your healing presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially: **Anne White Connell**, sister of Llwellyn Bell, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Christine & Jim Bird; Greg & Jane** and **Greer** and **Whit Blount; Charis & Soli Bowling;** and **Nina Braziel.**

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"The Advent of Our God"

Southwell, William Damon (1579) Arr. Richard Shephard

The Advent of our God, Shall be our theme for prayer, Come let us meet him on the road, And place for him prepare.

The everlasting Son, Incarnate deigns to be, Himself a servant's form puts on, To set his servants free.

O Zion's daughter rise, To meet your heavenly King, Nor let the faithless heart despise, The peace he comes to bring.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free, With Father, Spirit, ever one, Through all eternity. Eternity.

Offertory Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel On following page Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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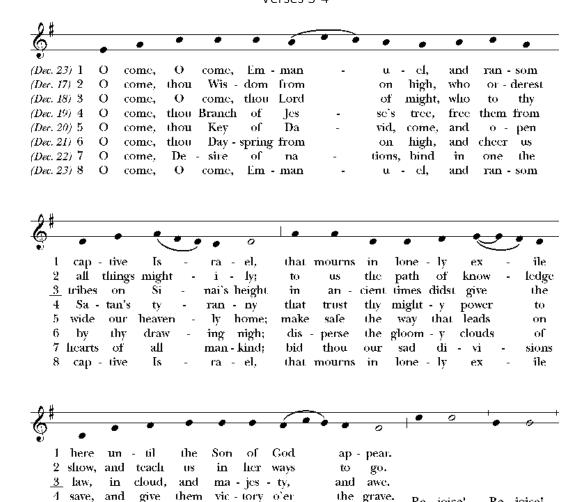
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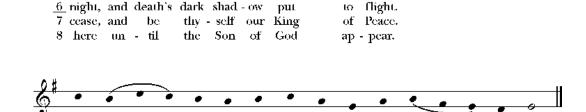
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The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

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Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130 Holy, holy, holy Lord Franz Peter Schubert

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

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Untie us to our Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

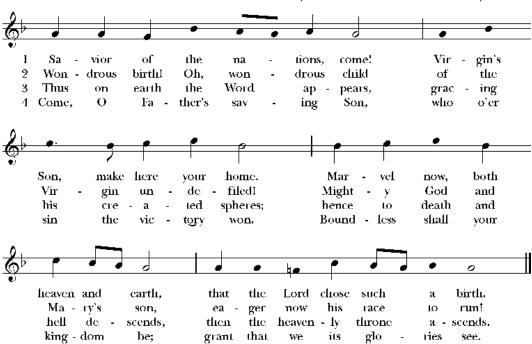
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



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Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The Communion of the People



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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

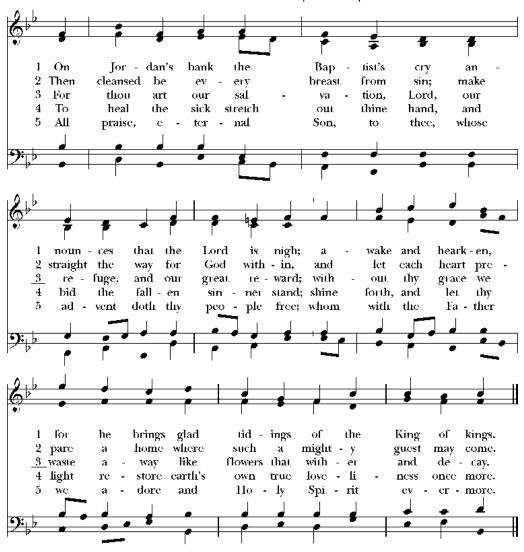
Advent Blessing

The blessing of God, who has promised to come into our lives, be with you today.

The blessing of God, whose love ransoms us from all captivity, be with you forever.

The blessing of God, whose breath brings new beginnings, send you forth into the world to create a new day for the good of all.

Amen.



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The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Emmanuel Comes"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel Arr. Mark Hayes

Ministry Schedule

	December 5th	December 12th
Vestry on Duty	Vivian Siggers	Lynn Hood
Lay Reader	Claudia Gimson	Lynn Hood
Lector – 1st Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Nancy Dillon
Lector – 2nd Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Luis Ottley
Lector – 3 rd Lesson	~	Harriett Smith
Lector – 4 th Lesson	~	Sandra Dobbs
Usher	Rhea Hannah	Wayne Hood
Altar Guild	Claudia Gimson	Cathy Leake & Elizabeth Wong Mark
Flower Guild	St. Dunstan's Flower Guild	St. Dunstan's Flower Guild
Coffee Hour Hosts		Harriett Smith

hristmas Gratitude

If you would like to remember a special person and / or event with a Christmas flower and / or music contribution, special donation envelopes are available in the pews, or donations may be made through our online giving portal – just designate Christmas Gratitude in the memo line and email Claudia at office@stdunstan.net with the following information by Sunday, December 19th for inclusion in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Given by:	
n Memory of:	
n Thanksgiving for:	

Advent Symbols

Our Advent vestments were made by Lena Dot Templeton, Tricia's mother, who is now a member of St. Dunstan's. They contain several symbols of Advent. The five-pointed star is intertwined with the Tau cross, both foretelling the coming and sacrifice of the Messiah. Mary and Joseph are symbolized by the rose and carpenter's square. The leather girdle and locusts are symbols for John the Baptist. And flames symbolizing the Holy Spirit swirl through the design.

Advent/Christmas Calendar

November 29 – December 23

8 p.m. Compline online, Monday thru Friday

December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Bethlehem Candle

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped. him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2: 4-7

December 12 Third Sunday in Advent.

10 a.m. Advent Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

December 14 Toys for Emmaus House deadline

December 19 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Decorating of the Christmas Tree; Notifications for Christmas Flower and / or Music due to

Claudia for inclusion in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

December 24 Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Eucharist with Festive Music

December 25 Christmas Day

10 a.m. Simple Eucharist

December 26 First Sunday after Christmas

10 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

Happy Birthday Connor Mark December 5

Prayers

Parishioners: Michele Smither, Margaret Michaelides; Llewlyn Bell; Bessie Holland; Susie Throop; Donna Thomas; John Maloney; Susan Glenz-Pierce; and Beth Zimmerman.

Family: Danny Woodard, son of Sheila Woodard; Janet Ashford, sister of Gloria Nelson; Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; The Green & McIlhatton Families, Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Fred Gimson, uncle of John Gimson; Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Brenda Patten, mother, of Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Gloria DeSilva, cousin of Anil Weerakoon; Nick Raj; The Adams Family; Florence Deater, Tiff Wilson, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Martha Springer, mother of Randy Springer; Matt Stanhope, nephew of Martha O'Brien; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Pete Webb, brother of Hulan Webb; Vincent Lafitte; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Tammy Hauser, sister-in-law of Steve and Susan Hauser; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Deborah Smith, wife of Leon Smith.

Friends: The Snider & Poll Families (Jackie & Mark O'Connell); Cas Smith (Jace Kaltenbach); The Ginden Family, Ellen, The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); Anne Henry, Tim Embry, Irmgard Tatic, (Davis Family); Sam Sterling Mitchell, (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Bob Gabel, Pat Park & Rev. Canon Lynell Walker, Gladys Pfaff (Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon); Imogen Gunn (Charis Bowling); S.J. Purdy, William Page, (Debbie Jones); Mike Carscaddon (Bob Longino); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Sara Jane Gower (Lindsey Reece); Kirby Husbands, (Hulan Webb); Eric Copeland; Cliff Frierson; Jim Bass; The Green Family; Christina & Francesco Ianni, Pat Buffington, Frances Cortez, (Rhea Hannah); Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Marilyn McCroskey, (Alan Toney); Judy, (David Abner); Lenay Horten, Gregory Olvey, Myrtle Alexander, (Gloria Nelson); Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

For those who have died, remembering especially **Anne White Connell**, sister of Llwellyn Bell. •

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Vestry 2021 – 2022

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Bruce Lafitte, Jr. Warden; Lucy Kaltenbach; Jackie O'Connell; Gwen McAlpin Zimmer; Lynn Hood; Elizabeth Wong Mark; Vivian Siggers; Michele Smither

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Dr. Luis Ottley, Seminarian
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

