



St HELENA *The Parish Church of*

KNOWING *the Savior*
ALIGNING *with the Lord*
SEEING *the Kingdom come*

An Anglican Congregation • Beaufort, South Carolina

The Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Welcome to our Worship Service

Giving to St. Helena's

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please keep your offering as part of your spiritual practice. You can give online by visiting www.StHelenas1712.org (click the blue "Give Online" button on the homepage) or by texting the number (843) 202-4739. You can also mail your check to the Parish Church of St. Helena, PO Box 1043, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Order of Worship

Prelude: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

arr. J. S. Bach

Welcome

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heav'n reflect thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ring meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals join the mighty chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father-love is reigning o'er us; brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

The celebrant prays:

The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie:

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (*Remain standing*)

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge

the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of God's Word.

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.
¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: "God of the Impossible "

The Rev. Shay Gaillard

The Prayers of the People (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, and Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, especially for Mark Cameron Richardson and Margaret Tedder Rodgers , in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

People: *Hear our prayer.*

The celebrant concludes:

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The priest says:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to 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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: Gabriel's Message arr. Edgar Pettman

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

"For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
all generations laud and honor thee,
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,
most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
"my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say--
"Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls

Please stand as you are able.

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

The Sanctus

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.

Kneeling or seated as you are able.

The Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

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

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation

Celebrant: 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.

The Ministration of Communion

Agnus Dei

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

The Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: Tell Out, My Soul

Woodlands

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power
of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude: This is the Day That Is So Joyous

arr. J. S. Bach

*Please take your bulletin with you and be mindful of
social-distancing recommendations as you leave.*

Sermon Notes

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This Week's Prayer List

Let light perpetual shine upon them ...

Mark Cameron Richardson
and
Margaret Tedder Rodgers

Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:

For those in our parish family: Elsa and Jere Ayers, Becky Baldwin, Doris Bland, Mary Grey Boatwright, Lonny and Tedda Burton, Tamy Cargill, Susan Cato, Sarah Christofek, Jack Clark, Harry Councill, Carroll Crowther, Wyatt deTreville, Bill Elliott, John Ellsworth, Biddie Fox, Frank Giammona, Kay Gorse, Angel Gray, Stephanie Gulbrandsen, Darcy Heidt, Maude Hornsby, Lori and Bob Jackson, Lin Johnson, Ross and Celeste Jones, Carol Kamm, Chuck and Carole Knapp, Pat and Janet Matlock, Steve and Beverly Melvin, Sally Miller, Steve Mix, Margy Oehlert, Debbie Parker, Doadie Parker, Anne Pinckney, Annie Pollak, Ric Schwank, Tommy Schwank, Keith Strawn, Shirley Sutton, Bob Tremonte, Patti Teter, Jani and Annie Ubelis, Betty Walsh, and Ray Williams.

For extended family or friends of our parish family: Sally Babin, Peter Balsam, Jessica Bass, Eva, Ron and Francis Blais; Jan Bodnar, Morgan Bradley, Ashley Bush, Ben Byrne, Andrea Cain, Jean Carlson, Meghan Carter, Brian Cook, Joe Credle, Brendon Dasher, Ashley Demosthanes, Angela Devine, Zachariah Driggers, Dave Fariior, Bill and Judy Gaines, Veena Goburdhun, Robert Gould, Brad Grove, Hume and Virginia Guerard, Christopher Hathaway, Clint Heyd, Linda Heyd, Hyatt family, Steve King, Mike Johnston, Crawford and Phyllis Kennedy, Lou Lachicotte,

Martha Lachicotte, Peggy Leadholt, Tammy Lentner and family, Gage Lowe, Ashleigh McGillivray, Anne Merritt, Zoran and Annie Masic, Milledge Morris, Wade and Peggy Otey, Cheryl Parker, Sarah Pergande, Stuart Mitchell Philp, Debbie Pollak, Pete Pratt, Karen Ranieri, Joe Ritchie, Bruce Roberts and Family, Schnieder family, Connie Chesnutt Simmons, Sarah Smith, Debbie Steed, Lettie Stoops, Mary Sumner, Jon Thomforde, Christopher Thompson, Agnes Truluck, Jerome Walen, Jason Ward, and Bernadette and Bob Wilks.

For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas:

Tommy Bardenwerper, Robert Batts, Rodney Parker, Austin Sneed, and Michael Joseph Tollison.

For these expectant parents: Julia and CR Cumbee (via adoption), Bradshaw and Jordan O'Farrell, Marie and Bill Payne, and Gretchen and Jamie Sosnowski (via adoption).

For our foreign and local missionaries supported by St. Helena's: Fr. John, Kim, Philip, Roger and Joanne Griffin, Lacy, Marentes, Todd and Patsy McGregor, and Carolyn Wolfenbarger.

Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations.

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For pastoral care concerns for yourself or another parishioner, please contact Anne Mitchell, our Pastoral Care Coordinator, at (843) 575-1780 or email her at amitchell@sthelenas1712.org.

From the Tuesday eNews



NEWS FROM THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HELENA † AN ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

- Family Night and Thursday Equip
IN RECESS and will return the week of Jan. 4
- 1928 Worship Service, Wednesday 5 pm, Dec. 16
1928 Worship Service will recess after Dec. 16 and will return on Jan. 6
- Blue Christmas Service, Monday, Dec. 21, 6 pm
- If you requested offering envelopes for 2021, they are available for pick-up in the Parish Hall Ridley Room

Sunday Worship Service Updates

- Remember to make reservations for the 8:30 am Sunday worship service by 3:30 pm each Friday
- No reservations needed for the 5 pm worship service on Sunday
- Live-stream available Sundays at 8:30 am and up on our website by 10 am each Sunday
- 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service is full
Please call the office at 843-522-1712 to be placed on the waiting list
- 7:30 pm and 9:30 pm Christmas Eve Service seating available

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Check your inbox for more details for events and news around campus.*



Christmas Eve Schedule

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

USCB CENTER FOR THE ARTS

HOLY EUCHARIST • 3:30 PM

Family Worship with Communion

A NO-practice Nativity Pageant for all children.

All ages are encouraged to participate.

805 Carteret Street, Downtown Beaufort

HISTORIC CHURCH

RESERVATIONS FOR SEATING REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES

(RESERVATIONS WILL OPEN TUESDAY, DEC. 8)

HOLY EUCHARIST • 5:30 PM

Nursery available by reservation for 5:30 pm service only

This service will be live-streamed

HOLY EUCHARIST • 7:30 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST • 9:30 PM

HABERSHAM

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE • 5 PM

On the parking island next to the River Retreat

If you are not yet comfortable returning to indoor worship, please continue to worship with us from home via live-streaming or at the outdoor services.

Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector
The Rev. Joe Lawrence, Associate Rector
The Rev. Keith O'Neal, Deacon
Jeff Harbin, Choirmaster and Organist
The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls
Freda Woodward, Lector

High altar flowers

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joseph Anthony Mix, William Devlin McCormick,
William Laird and Jessie Mary McCormick,
Bronislaus John and Armella Mix,
Nancy Stevens Mix, Elizabeth and John Valantiejas,
Alan Walker Jones, Jr., Deeda, Hjordi and Susie.

Flowers at the baptismal font

To the glory of God and in loving memory of
Annie Hutchison Bonds, Neil C. Bonds and Michael Thomas Moye.

The wreath placed around the Paschal Candle

is given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of the Calcraft and Whitcomb families.

Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel
and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional
discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and
worshipping communities in Beaufort and beyond,
seeing the Kingdom come.

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