



ST HELENA *The Parish Church of*

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

An Anglican Congregation • Beaufort, South Carolina

Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 6, 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: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. Praetorius/Brahms

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as seers of old have sung.
It came, a blossom bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the Rose I have in mind,
with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
she bore to us a Savior,
when half spent was the night.

The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls

Welcome

Opening Hymn: On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry *Winchester New*

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost forevermore.

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:

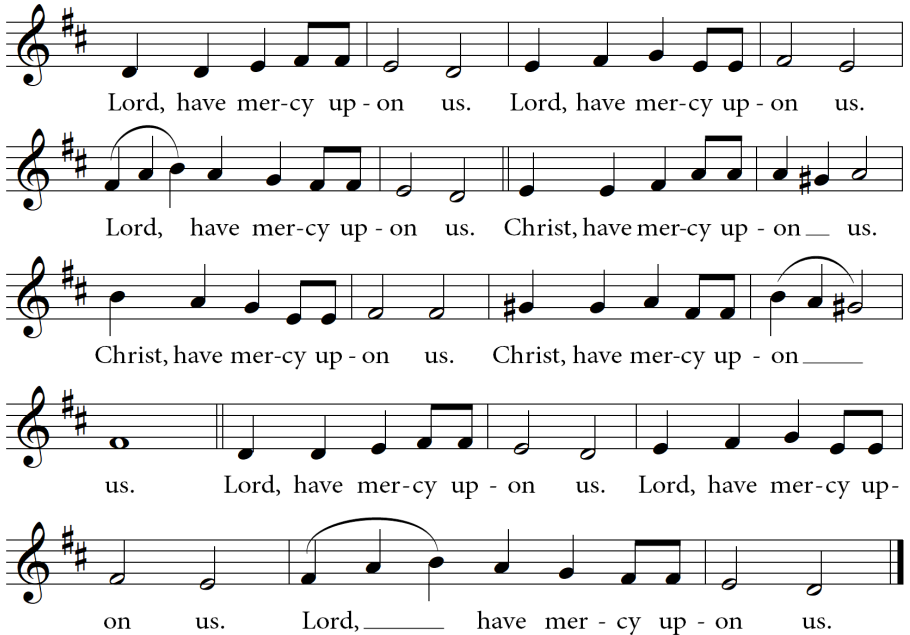
The Collect for Purity

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

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*)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

- ³ A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
- ⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”
- ⁶ A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
- ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass.
- ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
- ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”
- ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
- ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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. Mark.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of

sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon: "One More Powerful than I" The Rev. Joe Lawrence

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 Bill Schaphorst, 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: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People arr. Burkhardt

Comfort, comfort ye my people;
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is over.

Hark, the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet him
And the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That his word is never broken.

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: Prepare the Way, O Zion!

Messiah

Prepare the way, O Zion!
Ye awful deeps, rise high;
Sink low, ye lofty mountains;
The Lord is drawing nigh;
The righteous King of glory,
Foretold in sacred story.

Refrain: O blest is he that came
In God the Father's Name!

O Zion, he approaches,
Your Lord and King for aye;
Strew palms where he advances,
Spread garments in his way.
God's promise faileth never;
Hosanna sound forever. *Refrain.*

Fling wide your portals, Zion,
And hail your glorious King;
His tidings of salvation
To ev'ry people bring,
Who, waiting still in sadness,
Would sing his praise with gladness. *Refrain.*

The throne which he ascended
Is fixed in heav'n above;
His everlasting kingdom
Is light and joy and love;
Let us his praise be sounding
For grace and peace abounding. *Refrain.*

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: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People arr. Max Reger

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

This Week's Prayer List

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, 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, 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, Margaret Rodgers, 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 Farrior, Bryce Ferry, 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 Mistic, 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, Ryan Burns, Rodney Parker, 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, Wednesday 5:30 pm-6:30m pm, Dec. 9
Family Night will recess after Dec. 9 and will return on Jan. 6
- Thursday Equip, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm, Dec. 10
Thursday Equip will recess after Dec. 10 and will return on Jan. 7
- 1928 Worship Service, Wednesday 5 pm. Dec. 9 & 16
1928 Worship Service will recess after Dec. 16 and will return on Jan. 6
- 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
- Thanksgiving and memorial poinsettias for Christmas Eve due by Friday, Dec. 11 (Order forms at each entry door and online)
- Today is HELP Sunday
(Donations may be dropped off at the Parish House)

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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. Joe Lawrence, Associate Rector
The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, Bishop in Residence
The Rev. Keith O'Neal, Deacon
Jeff Harbin, Choirmaster and Organist
The Parish Choir and the Choir of Boys and Girls
Roberta Aimar, Lector

High altar flowers

are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of

Marvin Henry Dukes, Jr., Sadie Sanders Dukes Beasley,
Marvin Henry Dukes, Sr., Omar S. Beasley, Elizabeth Nolte Jones,
William Weston Jones and Howard Ellis Newton, III.

Flowers at the baptismal font

To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for
Gene Grace, Heath Simmons and Chilton Grace Simmons.

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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