



**The Second Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer, Rite II**

**December 8, 2024
10:00 am**





GOOD MORNING!

We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today.

Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you *are* here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate or scan the QR code to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!



Online
Visitor Card

Our services follow *The Book of Common Prayer*, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the *Hymnal 1982*, the blue books in the pew rack.

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Fill out a pew card or email office@episcopalloudon.com to be placed on on the weekly email, *Parish Tidings*, for the latest information from Resurrection.

If you can't make it here in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook, or watch when you can on Vimeo! facebook.com/episcopalloudon or vimeo.com/episcopalloudon



MORNING PRAYER, RITE II

Our service begins on page 78 of the Book of Common Prayer

Opening Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

The officiant says

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Station at the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant O God, make speed to save us.

People **O God, make haste to help us.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The officiant says

We prepare for our time together.

We take our places and allow the peaceful quiet to center and calm us.

The bold portions

are the parts the congregation says together. Remember that “liturgy” means worshipping together. It is important that we make our responses in a good, strong voice.

The **Confession of Sin**

helps us examine our hearts, and hear of God’s forgiveness.

In Morning Prayer, the confession has been at the beginning in every published liturgy since 1552.

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82

The officiant says

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

All say together

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of
his hand. ***

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Venite, which is Psalm 95:1-7 used as a canticle, was used among the opening psalms in the medieval office of lauds at daybreak on Sundays and festivals. It invites us to come before God's presence with a song, for He has created us, and He has chosen us.

The congregation may be seated.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

BCP 92

Lector We will read the Canticle in unison.

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.

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Lector A reading from the Book of Malachi

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 10, *The Second Song of Isaiah*

BCP 86

**Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.**

**Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;**

**And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have
compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.**

**For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.**

**For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.**

**For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,**

**Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,**

**So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;**

**But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.**

**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.**

The Epistle: Philippians 1:3-11

Lector A reading from the Paul's Letter to the
Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

Sequence Hymn

Once he came in blessing

Hymnal 53

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 3:1-6

All stand

Officiant A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

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.”

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

Sermon Ms. Kelly Johnson

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

The **Apostles’ Creed** and the Nicene Creed are both ancient statements of faith. In Morning Prayer, we use the Apostles’ Creed as a remembrance of our baptism.

Parish Announcements

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you.
Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

PAPER BAG PAGEANT GIFTS

Remember to have your wrapped, **BOLDLY** tagged gifts under the Parish Hall Christmas tree by December 13th. Thanks for helping to give our guests a wonderful Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

This Christmas we're bringing back our **Lessons & Carols** service on Christmas Eve. It's just what it sounds like: a short candlelight service with readings from scripture, each followed by a carol.

We'll have five readings - and anyone is welcome to sign up to read them. No lector experience is required! Just stop by the Parish Hall and pick your spot on the sign up sheet.

ALSO: Lay servers, please let me know how you'd like to serve for Christmas, too. The sign up sheet includes all our regular roles!

ANNUAL PAPER BAG PAGEANT December 15, 4:00 pm

We invite you to Resurrection's annual Christmas party with our guests from Adult Community Training (ACT). We'll gather in the Parish Hall at 4:00 pm on Dec.15th.

Each year we welcome our guests to join us for dinner, a simple pageant for all to participate in, carols, and a visit from Santa. If you've never been, it's a must for your holiday calendar! A long-time favorite, the pageant is always fun, usually touching, frequently funny, this evening is one of Resurrection's best offerings of the year.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for Christmas flowers can be made to the office or in the offering plate through Dec 22.

If your donation is in honor or memory of a loved one, please be sure to note their name on your check or envelope.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND COVERED DISH LUNCH

You're invited to stay today after our service for our annual Parish Meeting with a covered dish lunch.

In addition to brief updates on this past year, and what we're looking forward to for 2025, we will elect three new vestry members and we'll eat some yummy food, so come be part of it all!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Prayers & Thanksgivings

THIS WEEK'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

Aaron; Sara; Killia; Frances & Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/4 - Ruth Hennessy
12/11 - Rosemary & Gregg Kitts
12/12 - Dave St. John
12/17 - Jerry Ploeger
12/18 - Jenny Lucas
12/22 - Paul & Jeanette Fiebke
Will & Nancy Heathcote
12/23 - Vicky St. John
12/24 - David Baumgardner
12/25 - Keytha Graves
12/27 - Rame Coombes
12/30 - Mel Hines

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

Claire	Sandy
Rob & Sherry	Cheri
Jane	Shannon
Jim	Mel
Wayne	Diana N.
Jack	Ashley
Raynella	Ed & Jean
Kim E.	Joe
Beverly	Grace
Virginia	Bob & Betty Anne
Rame & Janey	Johnny
Karen H.	

DIOCESAN PRAYERS

St. Luke's - Cleveland, TN
St. John - Brown Valley - SD

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For Your Calendars

TODAY

Leader: Kelly Johnson
Lector: Betsy Schwindt
Usher: Andy Hadjian & Dave St. John
Counters: Dave St. John & Ginny Tolbert
Chancellor: Dave St. John
Altar Guild: Judy Egan
Flower Guild: Dianna Stimpson
Video: Bill Schwindt

COMING UP . . .

Wednesdays in Advent - Advent Devotions
via Zoom

December 15 - Paper Bag Pageant

December 24 - Christmas Eucharist
with Lessons & Carols

December 24-Jan 2 - Office Closed

Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 12/9

7:00pm - AA (open meeting)

Wednesday, 12/11

6:30 pm - Advent Study Zoom

Thursday, 12/12

5:30 pm - The Grove HOA Meeting

Sunday, 12/15

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Service

10:30am - Holy Eucharist Service

4:00pm - Paper Bag Pageant

Email office@episcopalloudon.com to have your ministry or committee's activities or meetings added to the parish calendar (and to let us know if you'd like it to appear here).

Dec 15th 8:00

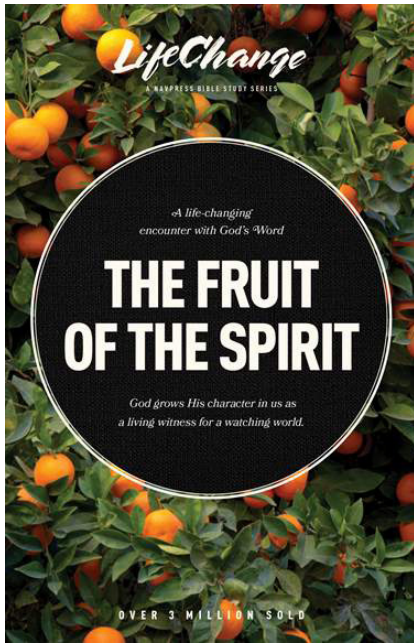
Acolyte: Jack Lefler
EM: Judy Hadjian
Lector: Jerry Ploeger
Usher: Andrew Wilkinson
Chancellor: Jerry Ploeger
Coffee Host: Donna Bye
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild: Betty Martin
Video: Monty Ross

Dec 15th 10:30

Acolyte: Mark Smith
EM: Judy Egan
Lector: Dawson Hope
Usher: Drew Hawley & Keytha Graves
Counters: Bill Schwindt & Dave St. John
Chancellor: David Baumgardner
Coffee Hour: Elizabeth & Steve Botica
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild: Bev Baumgardner
Video: Bob Cantine

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Check it out!



New Year Bible Study Offering

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th, Tony Adams will facilitate a Bible study offering on *The Fruit of the Spirit*. If you wish to participate, please contact Tony at (423) 884-3024 or adamsaj@aol.com.

Book Overview: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Jesus displayed these excellent qualities throughout his life on earth, because they reflect the character of God himself. And from the moment you received Jesus as your Savior and Lord, that “fruit” has gradually and increasingly begun to appear in your life. This study helps you recognize these truths and how you

can increasingly allow the Holy Spirit to work through you to bear good fruit in all walks of your life.

In this topical Bible study, we will look at each fruit of the Spirit one session at a time in the order that Paul presents them. Each session will focus on one key passage of scripture that fully describes the fruit being considered.

We’ll meet on Zoom, on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 am for 10 sessions (January 8 - March 19, excluding Ash Wednesday).

You may order a copy of the book if desired, but it isn’t necessary. Handouts will be provided by Tony, and come from the study book. You will need a bible (some are available in the parish hall library, if needed.)

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the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

This prayer of Jesus was given to his disciples as an example of how they should pray. The phrase “**Lord’s Prayer**” is not used in the New Testament. It is similar to Jewish prayers: it begins with an address to God the Father, continues with petitions which ask God to act in a way which would achieve his purposes, and then has petitions which ask for God’s help.

Suffrages - this set of prayers is based on those from the 1549 Prayer Book.

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

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 PEACE

BCP 360

All stand. The Officiant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

The ushers bring the people's offerings to the officiant.

Officiant: All things come of thee, O Lord;

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

The **Peace**, is a very ancient way for people to greet one another. When the celebrant says: "The Peace of the Lord be always with you," everyone responds: "And also with you." Then we share God's peace with one another.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy God, wherever we are, you are there. Stir our hearts wherever we may go that we may see you and offer thanksgiving for the life you have given us. Hear these prayers we offer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the church in every place: May we be ever mindful of the richness of the family of the God's people, those next to us here, those in neighborhood churches, and those worshipping today across the globe. Help us to grow into a unity of mission and ministry in our common devotion to Christ that we might be faithful witnesses of your love.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those in civil authority: That they be guided by hope and not fear.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this faith community; amid joys and sorrows: Let us remember those who have gone before us; those who have sacrificed for us. Let us give thanks for this gathering of God's people and for the renewal of life we are given.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the gifts of creation, for the sun that lights our day and the moon and stars that shelter the night: May our eyes be open to the beauty around us. Help us to protect and nurture the creation and ever proclaim its wonders.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those at greatest risk among us: Let us pray for those who are lonely or neglected, and for those facing illness and disability. Especially we pray for **Amy & Jon; Frances & Becky; Stephen; the Hentchel family; Maurie; all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest; and those we add, silently or aloud.**

The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, for those who are dying, and for those who grieve, that they might find hope in your promise of lasting life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place and time, and guide us to Christ, preparing the way for us by making every valley filled and every mountain low. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

All stand or kneel.

Officiant and people

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth
your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Bishop of Norwich composed this prayer of **General Thanksgiving**, inspired, some think, by a private prayer of Queen Elizabeth I, issued in 1596.

CLOSING HYMN

Herald, sound the note of judgment

Hymnal 70

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

The officiant concludes, saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all
evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

The '**Benedicamus Domino**' has been used in the church as a dismissal since about 1000.

You are invited to stay following worship for a potluck brunch and our annual Parish Meeting, and to connect with other parishioners in the Parish Hall.

Today's Art



Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness

1604

Michelangelo Merisi, called Caravaggio
(1571-1610)

Italian

Oil on canvas

Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City

This work is in the public domain in its country of origin and other countries and areas where the copyright term is the author's life plus 100 years or fewer.

This masterpiece, one of the Museum's greatest treasures, is one of only a few original works by Caravaggio in American collections. Although he never accepted pupils, Caravaggio's enormous influence on other artists played a vital role in the development of the Italian Baroque. In this Saint John the Baptist, Caravaggio has traded idealism for what oftentimes became in his own time a controversial realism. He has literally stripped the Baptist of nearly all traditional attributes (halo, lamb and banderole inscribed Ecce Agnus Dei or Behold the Lamb of God) leaving the brooding intensity of the saint's emotional state as the subject of the painting. Saint John's solemn pensiveness is reinforced by a Caravaggio trademark: the dramatic contrast of deep, opaque shadows, playing across his body and shrouding the sockets of his eyes, with a bright light that illuminates the Baptist from above and to his right. This stark contrast of light and darkness, the brilliant scarlet of the saint's cloak and Caravaggio's placement of him in the foreground, close to our own space, all contribute to the dramatic impact of the painting. Evidence of Caravaggio's working method, in which he incised lines into the gesso ground to guide his hand while painting, can be easily seen along the sitter's left leg in the right corner. Caravaggio most likely borrowed the Baptist's pose from one of Michelangelo's seated prophets and sibyls on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican, Rome.

Caravaggio's Saint John the Baptist was commissioned by a Roman banker, Ottavio Costa, for a small, private chapel on his estate near Genoa. The saint's brooding melancholy surely inspired silence and introspection in those who visited the chapel, an effect recorded in a guidebook of 1624:

“Before ascending to the...church, in the narrow but fruitful valley, one comes upon a small, holy oratory...formerly the parish church, restored in the modern style in honor of that mysterious nightingale who announces the coming of Christ, St. John the Baptist. The image of him in the desert, mourning human miseries, was painted by the famous Michelangelo Caravaggio, and it moves not only the brothers but also visitors to penitence.”

Glorifying God By
Refreshing Souls | Bridging Communities | Engaging People In Service

Thank you for joining us today! We hope to see you again soon.

We invite you to join us for worship at 8:00 or 10:30 am each Sunday.

If you can't make it in person, join us at 10:30, live on Facebook!

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