



1712 St. Peter's Church 2019

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 22, 2019 ~ 10:30AM A SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light these four candles of Advent to proclaim the great humility of God our Savior.

Priest: The Lord be with you People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

Priest and People:

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest: Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore Him.

ADVENT HYMN #56 (stanza 7)

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!





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10:30 A.M. ~ LESSONS AND CAROLS

~ Sunday School and Child Care ~

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PRELUDE: ES IST EIN ROS ENTSPRUNGEN JOHANNES BRAHMS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE MATIN RESPONSORY

PALESTRINA

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

(The congregation joins the singing at verse 3)

IRBY

+ BIDDING PRAYER

+ HYMN: SEE INSERT

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

CAROL: CAROL OF THE ADVENT ARR. NEIL KEEN

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 40:1-8

CAROL: THE HOLLY AND THE IVY ARR. WALFORD DAVIES

THE SECOND LESSON: JEREMIAH 23:5-6

CAROL: JESUS CHRIST THE APPLE TREE ELIZABETH POSTON

THE THIRD LESSON: ZECHARIAH 9:9-10

CAROL: COME, O BLESSED LORD TCHAIKOVSKY

THE FOURTH LESSON: HAGGAI 2:6-9

CAROL: ADAM LAY YBOUNDEN BORIS ORD

+ HYMN: 56 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

(Stanzas 1-6)

THE FIFTH LESSON: ISAIAH 7:10-17

CAROL: JOHN TAVENER

THE SIXTH LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-6

CAROL: A SPOTLESS ROSE HERBERT HOWELLS

THE SEVENTH LESSON: ROMANS 1:1-7

CAROL: ANGELUS DOMINI FRANZ BIEBL

THE EIGHTH LESSON: LUKE 1:26-38

CAROL: DIXIT MARIA HANS-LEO HASSLER

THE NINTH LESSON: MATTHEW 1:18-25

OFFERTORY CAROL: TOMORROW SHALL BE MY DANCING DAY JOHN GARDNER

THE GREENS ON THE MAIN ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's Blessings

VESPER RESPONSORY: Responses sung by all

V. Judah and Jerusalem, fear not, nor be dismayed.

R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with <u>you</u>.

V. Stand ye still, and ye shall see the salvation of the Lord.

R. *Tomorrow go ye forth and the Lord, he will be with <u>you.</u>*V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Tomorrow go ye forth, and the Lord, he will be with you.

V. We wait for thy loving kindness, O Lord.

R. In the midst of thy temple.

PRAYERS AND 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 sins. *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 of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

+ HYMN: 100 JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH

POSTLUDE:

IN DULCI JUBILO

J. S. BACH

(+ All Standing)

THE USHERS at the 10:30AM Service are Chris Grill, Mark Lundberg and Michele Lundberg

~ Parish Notes ~

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour will not be held today due to the Hanging of the Greens and the luncheon.

Christmas Giving Tree: Today is the deadline to return the gifts for the men of the Overflow Shelter. If you took an ornament from the Christmas tree please give your wrapped gift, with the paper ornament attached, to Pat Shortall or Janice Chenot or leave it under the tree in the Pumpelly Room. Thank you for giving these men a very 'Merry Christmas'.

Hanging of the Greens: The decorating of the church will take place today immediately following the 10:30AM service and the traditional ham luncheon will be served at 1PM. We hope that you will stay for this long-time festive tradition.

Hanging of the Greens Donations: Although the deadline to have a memorial included in the Christmas Memorial Leaflet has passed, it is not too late to donate towards the rising cost of decorating this beautiful church for Christmas. This year, the cost of the wreaths, greens and poinsettias was in excess of \$5,000. We hope that you will consider a contribution so that we can continue this long time tradition of beautifying our church for all to enjoy.

Christmas Eve Choral / Family Service: Tuesday, December 24th at 4:30PM. All the children of St. Peter's are invited to join in the procession of the Crèche. Each child will carry a piece of the manger to be put together before the service. Please meet in the Pumpelly Room for your piece. Questions? Give Laura Rulison a call at (518)368-4284.

Christmas Eve Choral Service: Tuesday, December 24th at 10PM. Prior to this service the choir will sing a choral prelude at 9:30PM.

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Adams, Tom Arnold, Betsy Ballard, Ruth Bornt, Sharon Bornt, The Rev. Thomas Burr, Inga Carpenter, Ann Collins, Bill Collins, Morris Daly, Nicky Desso, Anne deVos, Marie Dolan, Hunter Dolbert, James Dykeman III, Moriah, Donna Hershey, Doreen Johnson, Gordon Lattey, Mark Lundberg, Kevin Mastro, Ed Murphy, Lindsay Norville, Bill Purdy, Missy, Edmund Schupp, Cyndy Shaffer, The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Eileen Smith, Carol Stafford, Earl Stafford, Dean Tessitore, Carol Tripp, Liam, Christer Westin, Christina Wright, Aunt Rosie and Family.

Birthdays: 12/28 ~ Farrell Leon

Anniversaries: 12/22 ~ Terrence & Barbara Kelly

OFFICE HOURS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30AM Holy Communion and Sermon 10:30AM A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday School and Child Care Hanging of the Greens immediately following the 10:30AM service 1:00PM Ham Luncheon

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Christmas Eve

4:30PM Christmas Eve Service with Crèche 9:30PM Choral Prelude 10:00PM Christmas Eve Choral Holy Communion

Wadnesday December 25th ~ Christmas Day

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Office Closed

Thursday, December 26th Office Closed

No Choir Rehearsals 5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, December 27th

No Organ Concert 5:30PM Spath/Closson Wedding

Christmas Day Service: On Wednesday, December 25th there will be one Service of Holy Communion held at 9AM.

Church Office Closed: In observance of Christmas and New Year's, the church office will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th, Thursday, December 26th and on Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, respectively.

Waldron/Troiano Wedding: All are invited to attend Mtr. Sue and Jimmy Troiano's wedding next Sunday, December 29th at 10:30AM.

Annual Parish Meeting: On Sunday, January 26th, 2020 the Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately following the 10:30AM service. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee and join us in the church.

Pledge Cards: Pledge cards for 2020 have been mailed out to all parishioners. If you did not receive a pledge card please call the church office. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please take a minute to complete your card and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate during the service. Pledges can also be made on the St. Peter's website at www.stpeterschurchalbany.org by clicking on the "Get your pledge card" button. You may also call the church office and we would be more than happy to complete a card for you. Thank you to those that have promptly completed and returned their pledge card or pledged online.