St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2009 10:00 a.m.



Vision: "Be One in Christ"

The Reverend Richard Aguilar, Priest The Reverend Ledly O. Moss, Sr., Deacon Mr. John M. Barrow, Organist & Choirmaster

The Holy Eucharist - Rite II The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn

All Hail King Jesus

Dave Moody



The people standing,

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: Soon we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. We worship God with joy in

our hearts as we are reminded of the words the angel said on that first Christmas Day: "Behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will

come to all the people."

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John:

Jesus said to the disciple, "As God has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love - just as I have kept God's commandments and I remain in God's love. I have told you this, so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete."

All: We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into the world. With the coming of this light there is joy, joy that is ours not only at Christmas, but always.

Three candles of the Wreath are lighted.

Celebrant: O Holy One, as Christmas draws near, there is a sense of expectant

joy in our lives. At the same time there is sadness in our world.

All: Help us to have the gift of joy that flows from your love for us. Fill us

also with the courage to share this love and joy with others.

Celebrant: Advent calls each of us to "Prepare" by living this life by which we pro-

claim, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain". Let us pray for each

other today and every day to "Prepare".

All: Amen.

Hymn 56 O come, O come Emmanuel

Verses 5 and 6

Veni, veni

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Collect of the Day

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

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day.

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.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

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.

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

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

The Reader says the words in *italics*. The People say the words in *bold*. 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.

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Second Reading

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.

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

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Sequence Hymn

Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Verse 1 before the Gospel is read, verse 1after the reading.

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3: 7-18

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Deacon Ledly Moss, Sr.

All standing,

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.

Prayers of the People: Form IV

Book of Common Prayer (red) p388

Leader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal

your glory in the world.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the

ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another

and serve the common good.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,

that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others

and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People Hear our pray.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may

serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them

courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will

for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share

with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader: Lord, in your mercy **People:** Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we asked in the Name

of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and

love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 undere

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.

Celebrant: 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.

We invite you to greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such

sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Hymn El Shaddai John Thompson

Chorus:

El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai El-Elyon na Adonai

Age to age, You're still the same By the power of the name.

El-Shaddai, El-Shaddai Erkamka na Adonai

We will praise and lift You high

El-Shaddai

1.Through Your love and through the ram, You saved the son of Abraham.

Through the power of Your hand.

Turned the sea into dry land.

To the outcast on her knees, You were the God

who really sees. And by Your might,

you set Your children free.

Repeat Chorus

2. Through the years,
You made it clear,
That the time of Christ
was near,
Though the people
couldn't see
what Messiah ought to be.
Though Your Word
contained the plan,
they just could not understand,
Your most awesome work was done
though the frailty of Your son.

Repeat Chorus



Doxology

Please stand

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: and of thine own have we given thee. / Chronicles 29:14

Eucharistic Prayer C

Book of Common Prayer 369

Please remain standing

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and

praise;

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be; the vast expanse of inter-

stellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this

fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed

us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned

against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages

you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the

way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with

prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in

their unending hymn:

Sanctus S-124 New Plainsong

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.

Then the Celebrant continues,

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanks-giving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table of solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, The Celebrant and People may join hands and say together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then the following is sung,

Agnus Dei

S-161

New Plainsong

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of he world: grant us peace.

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.

You who are guests this morning are welcome to worship at St. Margaret's and among the Episcopal Community of Miami Lakes. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.

Communion Hymn Alleluia He is Coming

Martha Butler

I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin' I looked up and I saw my Lord a comin' Down the road

Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here

I looked up and I saw my Lord a dyin' I looked up and I saw my Lord a dyin' On a tree

Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here

I looked up and I saw my Lord a risin' I looked up and I saw my Lord a risin' From the grave

Hallelujah, He is risen Hallelujah, He's alive Hallelujah, He is risen Hallelujah, He's alive

One day I'll look up and I'm gonna see my Lord a comin'

Yes I'll, I look up and I'm gonna see my Lord a comin' In the clouds

Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here Hallelujah, He is coming Hallelujah, He is here

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please kneel or stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and People say together,

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Then the following is said,

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at the second

Advent of Christ be rewarded with unending life.

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And the blessing of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you and

remain with you forever. Amen.

Announcements



Recessional Hymn

Majesty

Jack Hayford

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

Everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for the coffee hour and fellowship in order to meet and greet one another in Christ.

Observe the season of Advent through Las Posadas

Christians throughout the world count the days before Christmas. St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís Episcopal Church in Miami Lakes will have several services and opportunities in order to prepare our souls for the Nativity of the Christ Child.

Las Posadas is a pre-Christmas pilgrimage of song and story. In Latin America this ritual is manifested in several forms, such as pageants, caroling, reading Scripture, and prayers. In many places, Las Posadas is celebrated in neighborhoods and homes.

Here in Miami Lakes there will be several St. Margaret's and San Francisco de Asís households hosting Las Posadas during the Advent season.

The first was at the home of Michelle, Janet and Father Richard Aguilar, 6911 Bamboo Street on Sunday, November 29th at 6:00 pm with 59 attending.

Other homes hosted on Sunday, December 6th and Saturday, December 12th. Attendance at the Campos home on the 6th was 29. The last Las Posadas celebration will be on December 20th in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm.

A sincere thanks to all who have participated in walking the way of Mary and Joseph seeking an inn (la posada) to shelter the newborn King.

Assisting the Service Today

Greeters/Ushers The Dotts

Lector 1st Reading

Psalmist

Lector 2nd Reading

Miami Lakes Saints

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Chalice Bearers Davine Scarlett

Rubina Burke

Acolytes

Crucifer Ryan Lewis
1st Server Michael Nnadi
2nd Server Michelle Ola
Torchbearers Rachel Lewis
James White

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

Bread of Life

Reception Host

Vestry Person of the Day

Cathy Dott

The Saverys

Wayne Savery

Choir: Anita Buker, Rubina Burke, John & Mary Cox,

Hyacinth Ellis, Charles Foote, Adele Reese Tony & Mireya Medina, Juliet Nwahiri,

Nilda Brandy, Michelle Aguilar

Prayer Team Rubina Burke, Pam Decarreau, & Ann Goraczko



Prayers are asked for:

Hyacinth Ellis, Alison Cotterell, Louise Loftman, Adele Reese, Donnell Miller, Maria Escoda, Jean & Edwin Lopez, Lois Allison, Lois Ann Wilson, Jackie Nangle, Gil McDonald, Eileen Seiplax, and Gloria Bonilla

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Hyacinth Ellis

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