

Parish of the Good Shepherd

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN WABAN, MASSACHUSETTS

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025 - 10:00AM

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT
WITH HOLY EUCHARIST, Rite I

Voluntary *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659

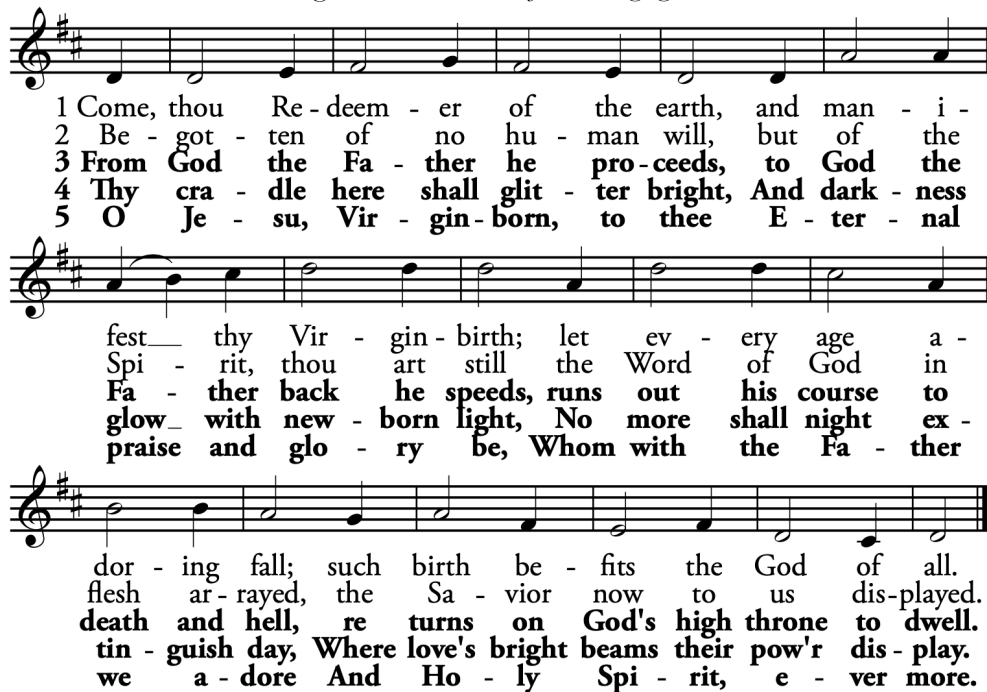
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn

All stand

Puer nobis nascitur (Descant: Apgar)

The Choir sings verses 1 and 2; all join in singing at verse 3 below



1 Come, thou Re - deem - er of the earth, and man - i -
2 Be - got - ten of no hu - man will, but of the
3 From God the Fa - ther he pro - ceeds, to God the
4 Thy cra - dle here shall glit - ter bright, And dark - ness
5 O Je - su, Vir - gin - born, to thee E - ter - nal

fest - thy Vir - gin - birth; let ev - ery age a -
Spi - rit, thou art still the Word of God in
Fa - ther back he speeds, runs out his course to
glow - with new - born light, No more shall night ex -
praise and glo - ry be, Whom with the Fa - ther

dor - ing fall; such birth be - fits the God of all.
flesh ar - rayed, the Sa - vior now to us dis - played.
death and hell, re turns on God's high throne to dwell.
tin - guish day, Where love's bright beams their pow'r dis - play.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spi - rit, e - ver more.

Words: Ambrose (340-397), tr. J.M Neale (1818-1866)

A Bidding Prayer

The Book of Occasional Services

The people remain standing until the conclusion of the Bidding Prayer, then sit for the First Lesson.

Lesson I

Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?"' The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked;

and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.'

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree* *Seated* Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

Lesson II *Seated* Isaiah 7:10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us"

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.'

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #71* *Standing* *Bristol*

Lesson III *Seated* Isaiah 11:1-9

The Prophet foretells Peaceful Kingdom

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem *A tender shoot* *Seated* Kerensa Briggs (b. 1991)

Lesson IV *Seated* Baruch 5:1-9

The Prophet Baruch calls Jerusalem to Arise and Greet with Joy the Coming Glory of God

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height: look to the east; see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of glory, with mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #67*

Standing *Psalm 42*
“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Lesson V *Seated*

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist Prepares the Way of the Lord

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

Canticle *The Song of Zechariah*

Seated

Chant: Kellow J. Pye (1812-1901)

Lesson VI *Seated*

Luke 1:26-38

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, ‘Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 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 ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘How can this be, since I am a virgin?’ The angel said to 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 holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’

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

Hymn *The Hymnal 1982 #265*

Standing *Gabriel’s Message*
“The angel Gabriel from heaven came”

Lesson VII *Seated*

Revelation 22:12-17, 20-21

The Church implores the Lord Jesus to come quickly

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’ Let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’ Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints.

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

Anthem *E'en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come* *Seated* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

The Prayers of the People and Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Standing- The Celebrant leads the Prayers of the People. The people may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant concludes with the Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Welcome, Announcements, and Offertory Sentence

THE HOLY COMMUNION



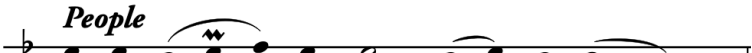
Offertory Anthem *Keep your lamps!*

arr. André Thomas (b. 1952)

The Great Thanksgiving

The people stand

BCP 340

<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And with thy spi - rit.</p> <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them up un-to the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is meet and right so to do.</p>
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The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface until saying, *The Book of Common Prayer 341*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

"Holy, holy, holy" *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982 S 114

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.

The people kneel. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until saying,

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Almighty Father, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

"Our Father" *The Lord's Prayer*

The Book of Common Prayer 336

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

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

“O Lamb of God” *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982 S 158

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 Presentation and Invitation

We welcome all baptized persons, regardless of denomination or tradition to receive Communion. Please come forward as the ushers direct you. The Celebrant communicates every individual with bread. To receive wine, you may either drink from the common cup or by intinction. Those wishing to receive a blessing instead should indicate by crossing their arms.

During the Administration of the Sacrament

Anthem *Domine, praestolamur*

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

O Lord, we await thy coming, that thou come quickly and dissolve the bonds of our captivity.

Hymn *the Hymnal 1982 #69*

St. Mark's, Berkeley

“What is the crying at Jordan?”

The Postcommunion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer 339

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Last Gospel *The People stand.*

John 1:1-5

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Processional Hymn “Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

Blaennvern
(Descant: Apgar)

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy
 2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us,
 yet a king, Born to reign in us for ev - er,
 let us be; Let us see thy great sal - va - tion,

let us find our rest in thee. Is - rael's strength and
 now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e -
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee: Changed from glo - ry

con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art: Dear de -
 ter - nal Spi - rit, rule in all our hearts a - lone; By thine
 in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place, Till we

sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Dismissal

People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Sortie on "Venez, divin Messie"

César Franck (1822-1890)

Serving in the Liturgy Today

Ted Ritchie

Usher & First Reader

Chris Sole

Second Reader

Covie Edwards Pitt

Third Reader

Sarah Kupovykh

Fourth Reader

Jonathan Teubner

Fifth Reader

Tara Karyanis

Sixth Reader

James Oldfield

Seventh Reader and Subdeacon

Rachel Teubner

Chalice Bearer

Gene Wayne

Audio & Video

Ella Weldon

Crucifer

Miles Scott and James Weldon, III

Torch Bearers

Charlotte Baker

Atrium Assistants

Marilyn Crone

Altar Guild

The Reverend Jay Weldon, Officiant and Celebrant



Music Minute - Today's Offertory anthem is arranged by André J. Thomas. A pianist in his youth and young adulthood, Thomas shifted his focus to choral conducting: after his first church music post at age 16, he completed a master's degree at Northwestern and a doctorate at the University of Illinois, and subsequently enjoyed a long tenure on the music faculty of Florida State University. He has worked with numerous ensembles across the world and has dozens of choral compositions and arrangements in print.

Parish Notes for the Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee Hour – Please join us in the Common Room with today's hosts

Sarah Kupovykh

This Week at Good Shepherd:

<u>Sunday</u>	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Coffee Hour Follows
	11:45 AM	Adult Forum in the Loring Room and on ZOOM
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30 PM	Bible Study on ZOOM
<u>Wednesday</u>	6:45 PM	Midweek Eucharist

Adult Forum December Series: Advent and Christmas in the Arts, High & Low

Dec 7 *Handel's Messiah; What story does it really tell?* with Elise Groves

Dec 14 *Pearl Clutching at the Messiah; from (not so) good will to Christmas tradition,*
with Elise Groves

Dec 21 *No Adult Forum, Good Shepherd Annual Christmas Pageant*
Festive Coffee Hour to honor Jamie Apgar

Christmastide Service Schedule:

Sun - Dec 21	10:00AM	Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist
Wed - Dec 24	4:30PM	Family Christmas Eucharist, Rite II
	10:00PM	Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Sun - Dec 28	10:00AM	Christmas I Choral Holy Eucharist
Sun - Jan 4, 2026	10:00AM	Christmas II with Epiphany Brunch

Christmas Flower Donations – Offering envelopes for Christmas flowers are available at the back of the church. Donations in any amount may be given in honor or memory of someone. Please print names clearly and mark checks “Christmas Flowers,” or e-mail the information to the parish office. **Donations must be received no later than Friday, December 19, 2025 at 12:00PM.**

2025 Auction - There are still events with availability, please email Callie Emery if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Cabaret at the Rectory: Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7PM

Showpieces & Serenades: Friday, February 27, 2026 at 6:30PM

Tacos & Tequila: Saturday, May 9, 2026 time TBD

A Birdwalk with Marygrace Barber: Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 8:00AM

Ladies Backyard Tea: Saturday, May 30, 2026 time TBD

The Last Gospel - During Advent and Christmas, we read from the Prologue to John's Gospel following the Post-Communion Prayer. This stems from the Medieval tradition of reading John 1 at the conclusion of every Mass. According to our adaptation of this tradition, in Advent, the reading ends with light shining in the darkness; it is extended in the season of Christmas with the Word becoming Flesh.

Sustain - The Vestry announces the Sustain Campaign, a small capital campaign to preserve our church and renew our future through building upgrades and climate modernization, to provide financial and environmental stability for the future. As you consider your year-end giving, please prayerfully consider supporting Sustain.

The Reverend Dr. James A. Weldon, Jr., Rector
The Reverend Kevin Vetia, Priest Associate
Dr. James C. Apgar, Organist/Choirmaster
Dr. Rachel Teubner, Christian Education Director
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