



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

December 5, 2021
8:00 AM Worship Service
10:30 AM Worship Service
Advent 2

Welcome & Introduction *(8:00 AM Service)*

Prelude Gigue on "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Aaron D. Miller

Opening Hymn "On this day earth shall ring"

Hymn #92

1. On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain:

**Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!**

2. His the doom, ours the mirth;
when he came down to earth,
Bethlehem saw his birth;
ox and ass beside him
from the cold would hide him.

Refrain

3. God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.

Refrain

4. On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.

Refrain

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.
Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Collect of Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

People **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.**

Gloria *(8:00 AM Service Spoken, 10:30 AM Service Sung)*

Hymn S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

A Reading from the Book of Malachi (3:1-4)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 92

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Luke 1:68-79

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.

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.**

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians (1:3-11)

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

**“Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people shall see the salvation of our God”**

The Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke. (3:1-6)

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.'"

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Sermon The Rev. Angela Lerena

Meditation

“O Children, Come”

Sung by Lily DiSilverio (8:00 AM Service)

Sung by Elena Zarecky and St. Michael’s Choir (10:30 AM Service)

Mary Anne and Vincent Lemoine, strings

by Kristyn Getty,
arr. Paul Campbell

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, help us prepare our hearts and minds; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Leader O God, surely it is you who saves us. We pray for the Church and her leaders. We hold before you our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Kym, and our clergy, Matt, Angela and Gary. Unite us and make us one.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your deeds, O Lord, are known among all peoples. We pray for our nation, and every nation, as you guide the people of the earth.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

Leader In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people comfort and your presence. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Scott and all those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Bob, Roger, Kelsey, Claudia, Charolette, Laura, Edwina, Debbie, Christina, Cheryl, James, Carol, Ji-bril, John, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Kitty, Kathy, Leona, Miles, Venessa, & Austen.

If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service, please email Rev. Angela at angela@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for all who by their work and calling are in harms way. We remember those who are deployed and serving in the military, especially Ben, Carson, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, and Rick.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We know you are here with us, and we give you thanks for your presence with those we love but see no longer.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In this season of preparation for the birth of your Son, may we celebrate the birthdays in our community this week, especially for Lorrie, Ann C., Dorothy, Benjamin, Isaac D., B.J., David N., Aria Quinn, Keith, & Beverly R. We also give thanks for the anniversaries of Daniel & Sarah Tucker and Debbie & Doug Swanson.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, help us prepare our hearts and minds; that we may be ready for your coming. All this we pray in the name of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People **Amen.**

The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

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 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.**

(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)

Announcements



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2. Then click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.
3. Or scan the QR code to the left.

Instrumental Offertory Music (8:00 AM Service)

Offertory Choral Anthem "The Angel Gabriel" Traditional Basque, arr. M. Dover
Sung by St. Michael's Choir (10:30 AM Service)

Presentation Hymn "O come, O come Emmanuel"

Hymn #56, v. 2

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 361

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

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

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 364

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymns:

"The Snow Lay on the Ground"

1. The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,
when Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.
Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus Do-mi-num.
Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus Do-mi-num.

Refrain:

**Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus Do-mi-num.
Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus Do-mi-num.**

2. 'Twas Mary, daughter pure of the holy Anne,
Who brought into this world the God made man.
She laid him in the stall at Bethlehem;
the ass and oxen shared the roof with them.

Refrain

3. And thus that manger poor became a throne,
for he whom Mary bore was God the Son.
O come, then, let us join the heavenly host;
to praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Refrain

"Prepare the way, O Zion"

1. Prepare the way, O Zion,
your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley
a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory,
foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

**Oh, blest is Christ that came
in God's most holy Name.**

Hymn #65

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion;
he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom,
and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding,
for grace and joy abounding.

Refrain

3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation
proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him,
their voices will adore him.

Refrain

“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn “Go tell it on the mountain”

Hymn #99

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.**

1. While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Refrain

2. The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior’s birth.

Refrain

3. Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth preparing our hearts for Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude Proclamation on “Sleepers Wake”

Aaron D. Miller

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