



Laying the  
Foundation  
Second Sunday of Advent

# St. BERNARD'S Church

88 Claremont Road, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

Episcopal Community Services of NJ Sunday

December 5, 2021

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

*Welcome to St. Bernard's Episcopal Church. We celebrate your presence and extend our hand to you in friendship and love. Thank you for sharing in our worship today.*

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN 662

### Abide with me

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| <p>1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;<br/>the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:<br/>when other helpers fail and comforts flee,<br/>help of the helpless, O abide with me.</p> <p>3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;<br/>ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.<br/>Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?<br/>I triumph still, if thou abide with me.</p> | <p>2 I need thy presence every passing hour;<br/>what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?<br/>Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?<br/>Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.</p> <p>4 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;<br/>shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;<br/>heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;<br/>in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.</p> |
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### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org

*Celebrant*

If life was a home, then we would pray –

*People*

**may love be the foundation. / May God be the cornerstone.  
May the Spirit be the windows – ushering light in.  
And may hope be the walls – holding us together.**

*Celebrant*

In this hour of worship, let us work toward building that home together.

*People*

**We may not know the path ahead, but God is here, even now.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks for a foundation of love.

*People*

**Let us worship Holy God.**

### KYRIE

Lord have mercy (*Kyrie Eleison*)

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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A: As we reflect on the foundation of our faith in our lives,  
we gather together around the candle of peace.

B: The home we long for is a home that knows peace –  
A: peace that rests between us and our grief,  
B: peace around our anxiety,  
A: peace between us and our self-criticism,  
B: peace amidst our relationships,  
A: peace at the core of our being,  
B: peace hovering through and in our world.  
A: The home we long for is a home that knows peace.  
B: So today we light the candle of peace – as a reminder and as a prayer.  
A: Let it be so. **Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR ECS-NJ SUNDAY**

Collect by Rev. Dr. Dave Snyder

Let us pray. O God of omniscient wisdom, relentless love, and boundless generosity, we thank you for the Gospel of Grace which reminds us of your undeserved favor and calls us to reach out in love and compassion, to our neighbors in need. On this ECS Sunday, we ask that you bless and direct our work with Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey – that, following in the footsteps of Jesus, the Christ, we might encourage and advance the work of justice and mercy throughout our Diocese, and proclaim the truth of your fierce and unconditional love for this world. Bless and prosper, O Lord, our work with ECS-NJ, and help us all in our efforts to advance your Kingdom of justice, peace and love. We pray this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ who promised that when we minister and care for the least of our fellow human beings, that we minister to Him as well. **Amen!**

**FIRST READING:** Baruch 5:1-9

*Al Hudgins on Zoom*

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever 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 splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and 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 up, 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 his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

**CANTICLE 16:** *The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)* *said by the half-verse Mary Kempen* BCP p. 92

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.**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11**

*Mary Kempen in church*

*Lector* A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.**

**GRADUAL HYMN** There's a wideness in God's mercy tune: *Corvedale*, Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

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1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the sea; there's a  
 2. For the love of God is broa - der than the meas - ures of man's mind; and the  
 3. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is

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 kind - ness in his jus - tice which is more than li - ber - ty. There is  
 heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. But we  
 joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head. There is

no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven; there is  
 make his love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; and we  
 grace en - ough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this; there is

no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judge - ment given.  
 mag - ni - fy his strict - ness with a zeal he will not own.  
 room for fresh cre - at - ions in that up - per home of bliss.\*

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Matthew 25:31-46

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

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

We encourage you to listen to the Gospel. To read along, the Gospel can be found in your pew Bible on p. 861.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino

**THE NICENE CREED**

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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**

John Smith

adapted from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons* p. 10

Leader For our deepest and most holy longings we pray:

People **Renew us, O God.**

Leader For all who wander, who hunger, who thirst:

People **Renew us as people of service and compassion.**

Leader For this planet, our home:

People **Renew our will to be healers of creation.**

Leader For your church and your mission:

People **Renew us to live and love like Jesus.**

Leader For this and every nation:

People **Renew in all people the will for good and the longing for peace.**

Leader For those whom we hold in our hearts. We prayer for all on our Prayer List (*names read*).

People **Renew them in body, mind, and spirit.**

Leader For all who have died:

People **Renew them in your eternal presence.**  
Leader Bless all creation with your goodness,  
People **and renew our trust in your love. Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

**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 The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *Please exchange the Peace without touching those outside your household.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People **And also with you.**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

BCP p. 830

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*During the Offertory Anthem an offering is collected for God's mission and ministry. Thank you for your generosity.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Zechariah's Lullaby tune: Cradle Song, text by Anna Strickland  
commissioned by A Sanctified Art

*When old Zechariah held his baby son  
He blessed him and dreamed of what he would become  
As baby John rocked in the temple that morn  
This song Zechariah sang for his newborn*

*"And you child will be called a prophet of Christ  
To bring hope to hearts and to shadows the light  
For God has sent visions of what you will do  
A dream to proclaim and a world to renew"*

*We lay a foundation for what is to be  
Not knowing yet praying for what we can't see  
We trust in God's imagination to build  
From the blueprints and hope for a dream yet fulfilled*

### PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS Hymn 56, stanzas 1 and 2

*The people stand and sing.*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**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 B, BCP p. 367

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.**

## SANCTUS FOR ADVENT

Text adapted by Donna DiBella

Freely, as in plainsong

Tune: Divinum Mysterium

D A D D Bm G A sus A

Ho - ly, ho - ly, God al - mighty, — Heav'n and earth Your prais - es sing!

G D/F# G A Bm G D/F# Em A D

Shout Ho - san - nas to the Sav - iour, Bless - ing, hon - or to — the King.

Bm A D/F# Em A sus A Bm E/G# A

In the name of the Lord, the bear - er of light tri - umphs o'er the dark of night

D/F# Bm Em A D

ev - er - more and ev - er - more. —

## MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

**We remember his death, / We proclaim his resurrection, / We await his coming in glory;**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*Deacon* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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 *Silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*You are welcome to say (on mute) A Prayer for Spiritual Communion found on the next page while Holy Communion is shared in church. To have Communion brought to you at home locally, contact Pastor Beth.*

*Optional for those at home:*

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Latin prayer, 14th Cent.*

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, refresh me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me. Within your wounds hide me.

Let me never be separated from you. From the malicious enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to you

that with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION *Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive the real and living presence of the Body of Christ. The Celebrant will bring the Bread to those in the pews who wish to receive. Gluten-free hosts are also available. To receive a blessing instead, please tell Pastor Beth.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Father of all, / we give you thanks and praise, / that when we were still far off / you met us in your Son and brought us home. / Dying and living, / he declared your love, / gave us grace / and opened the gate of glory. / May we who share Christ's body / live his risen life; we who drink his cup / bring life to others; / we whom the Spirit lights / give light to the world. Amen.

## ADVENT RESPONSIVE PRAYER

<i>Deacon</i>	With love and compassion,	<i>People</i>	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	With judgement and mercy,	<i>People</i>	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	In power and glory,	<i>People</i>	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>
<i>Deacon</i>	In wisdom and truth,	<i>People</i>	<b>come, Lord Jesus.</b>

## ADVENT BLESSING

### RECESSIONAL HYMN 707

Take my life and let it be

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| 1 | Take my life, and let it be<br>consecrated, Lord, to thee;<br>take my moments and my days,<br>let them flow in ceaseless praise.<br>Take my hands, and let them move<br>at the impulse of thy love;<br>take my heart, it is thine own;<br>it shall be thy royal throne. | 2 | Take my voice, and let me sing<br>always, only, for my King;<br>take my intellect, and use<br>every power as thou shalt choose.<br>Take my will, and make it thine;<br>it shall be no longer mine.<br>Take myself, and I will be<br>ever, only, all for thee. |
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## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## ORGAN VOLUNTARY

ASSISTING TODAY AT OUR SERVICE	ST. BERNARD'S WARDENS AND VESTRY
<i>Celebrant &amp; Preacher</i> The Rev. Beth Rauen Sciaino <i>Guest Deacon</i> <b>The Rev. Deacon Danielle Baker</b> <i>Director of Music</i> Dr. Martin Sedek <i>St. Bernard's Choir</i> <i>Lectors</i> Al Hudgins, Mary Kempen, John Smith <i>Usher</i>	Julia Somers, Christopher Thomas, <i>Wardens</i> Michael Myers, <i>Treasurer</i> ; Linda Engleby, <i>Clerk</i> Thomas Brooks, Paul Edwards, Linda Engleby, Libby Galpin, Beth Gustafson, Taylor Hwong, Mary Kempen, Valerie McEntee, Jennifer Moss, Michael Myers, Sue Smith