

Saint George's Episcopal Church

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *THE FEAST OF SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP OF MYRA* December 6, 2020

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Organ Prelude	Dee Stallings	
We gather in the name of God	ALL	Hymn 56, verses 3 and 4

THE WORD OF GOD	ALL	BCP 355
Collect for the Day	Fr Tom Hudson	
The Epistle	Lynda Folk	Second Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years,
and a thousand years are like one day.

The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you,
not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire,
and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire?
But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace,
without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Response	Jim Rice	Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13
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- ¹ You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, * you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- ² **You have forgiven the iniquity of your people * and blotted out all their sins.**
- ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- ⁹ **Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- ¹¹ **Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

Gospel Acclamation	ALL	Hymn 628
Gospel	Fr Tom	Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way;
 the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Sermon Hymn	ALL	Hymn 554
Sermon	Fr Tom	
Nicene Creed	Fr Tom	BCP 358
Prayers of the People Form III	Jim	BCP 387
Confession and Absolution	ALL	BCP 360
Sign of Peace		
THE HOLY COMMUNION	Fr Tom	BCP 367 — Eucharistic Prayer B
Offertory	Dee	
<i>Sanctus</i>	ALL	Tune: <i>Land of Rest</i>
Post-Communion Prayer	ALL	BCP 366
Blessing	Fr Tom	
Announcements	Jim	
We go forth into the world to serve God and neighbor	ALL	Hymn 76
Dismissal	Fr Tom	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!
Postlude	Dee	