

Canticle 16

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 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.



**ST. MATTHEW'S
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

December 9th, 2018 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church! Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians. Saint Matthew's Parish exists to be a supportive, friendly, Christ-centered worshipping community, offering comfort, education, and serving God's people and the world.

Today's Collect:

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.



The First Lesson Baruch 5:1-9
 Jerusalem is assured of help.

The Response..... Canticle 16

The Second Lesson Philippians 1:3-11
 Paul's prayer for the Philippians.

The Gospel..... Luke 3:1-6
 The proclamation of John the Baptist.



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

+ The Opening Hymn.....	Hymnal 75
+ The Opening Acclamation	BCP 355
+ The Collect for Purity.....	BCP 355
+ The Kyrie.....	BCP 356
+ The Collect of the Day	See Front Cover
The First Lesson.....	See Front Cover
The Psalm	See Back Cover
The Second Lesson	See Front Cover
+ The Gospel Hymn	Hymnal 59
<i>Verses 1—4 before the Reading; Verse 5 after the Reading</i>	
+ The Gospel Reading.....	See Front Cover
<i>Before the Reading: "Glory to you, Lord Christ"</i>	
<i>After the Reading: "Praise to you, Lord Christ"</i>	
The Sermon	
+ The Nicene Creed	BCP 358
+ The Prayers of the People	Form III, BCP 387
+ The Confession and Absolution.....	BCP 360
+ The Peace	
<i>Announcements</i>	
The Offertory	
+ The Doxology (To the tune of <i>Old 100th</i>)	
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i>	
<i>Praise Him all creatures here below.</i>	
<i>Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.</i>	
<i>Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.</i>	
+ The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy").....	BCP 367
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
+ The Prayer after Communion.....	BCP 366
<i>You may stand or kneel for this prayer.</i>	
+ The Blessing	
+ The Closing Hymn.....	Hymnal 65
+ The Dismissal	
<i>"Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!"</i>	

Items marked with + indicate that the congregation stands



Welcome! If you are visiting with us today, please know that

we greet you in the name of Christ. We hope you enjoy your time among us. St. Matthew's strives to be a Christian community where all are welcome, and where we Celebrate and Share God's Blessings. Please sign the Guest Register as a sign of your visit.

Communion in the Episcopal Church is open to all baptized Christians who are believers in Christ's miraculous presence in the Holy Eucharist. We invite you to receive with us.

Please join us for coffee and "goodies", following the 10:00 AM service, at our coffee hour held in the Fellowship Hall. We are happy you are here with us and would love to get to know you better.

Vestry Members:

Beth Taylor (Senior Warden)	Janet Romanowski
Tom Sanders (Junior Warden)	Becki Sanders
Joe Periard (Secretary/Clerk)	Donna Periard
Patti Williams	Rich Williams

Serving Today:

<i>Celebrant</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Hudson
<i>Preacher</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Hudson
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Sheryl Cherry
<i>Lector</i>	Patti Williams
<i>Acolyte(s)</i>	Rich Williams
<i>Music</i>	Jason Maurer
<i>Greeters</i>	The Williams Family
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Chris Bolyard
<i>Counters</i>	Rick Stuart and Kathy Tenwolde
<i>Sunday School</i>	
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	