



St. Peter's
Episcopal Church

The Little Church with the Big Heart



4th Sunday of Advent, 12/1/24

The Rev. Shawn Rutledge Presiding

Prelude: Awake, O Israel (Merla Watson)

Lighting the Advent Wreath:

Advent 4 – Root of Jesse

Leader: As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches-- and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, 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.... 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.... 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. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.” (Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6, 9-10)

Candle is lit while All sing:

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny that trust thy might power to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you brought forth a royal branch from the ancient stock of Jesse's line: Grant that we who have been grafted into this heritage may bear fruit worthy of Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Welcome to St. Peters Episcopal Church

(Announcements, acknowledgment of the land.)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church is situated on land that was lived and traveled on by many tribes including: the Hohokam, O'odham Jewed, Sobaipuri, and Akimel O'odham. We honor and acknowledge all Tribal communities, past and present, for their ongoing fundamental relationship with this land and this region.

Processional: Lo, He Comes with Clouds – Hymnal #58

O ANTIPHON: Week 2 – Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, tarry not; o'er all your people, your banner waves. All rulers and nations worship you: Heal the nations!

The Acclamation:

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

God's mercy endures forever

Collect of Purity:

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**

Kyrie: S96

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The Collect of the Day:

The Lord be with you.

And, also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise, I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a

righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

To you, O God, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *

Let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

Let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O God, *

And teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

For you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *

For they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

Remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O God.

Gracious and upright are you; *

Therefore you teach sinners in your way.

You guide the humble in doing right *

And teach your way to the lowly.

All your paths are love and faithfulness *

To those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

The Gradual: O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Hymnal 1982 #56 (V4/v8)

The Gospel:**Luke 21:25-36***(Please stand as you are able)*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon:** The Rev. Shawn Rutledge**The Nicene Creed:***(Please Stand as you are able)***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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and
the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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:

Beloved, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially: Sean Rowe, our presiding bishop, Jennifer Reddall, our bishop, Shawn Rutledge, our vicar, and the people and clergy of All Saints of the Desert, Sun City, and the Diocese of Western Mexico. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

Come and redeem us for our life together.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

Come save us and do not delay.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open, and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering or in need, especially: John, Becky, Chad, Rick's family, Sharon's

family, Cheryl's family, Junie, Eric, Scott, Rachel, Elaine, Wayne, Helen, Tom's family, Ty, Mercedes, Steve, and Jerry. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in love.

Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially; Ruby Alcantera, Rick Hamilton, Taryn Hanehan, Sue Fossen, Todd Shoestring, Tom Devlin, Sharon Wudtke, Cheryl Enders, and Gary Conley, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Saviour, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life that we now name silently or aloud [pause]. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Collect:

Come among us O God, whether here in this church or watching online, and hear our prayers; so that your peace which surpasses all understanding might guard our hearts and our minds to prepare us for the coming of your Son, Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence)

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil we have done, and the evils done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.

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.

Peace: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

And also, with you.

(Please take a moment to offer your neighbors a sign of Christ's peace. This will be followed by some brief Announcements; and then we will offer blessings for any Anniversaries, Birthdays, Surgeries or Travelers)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory: O Day of God Draw Nigh – Hymnal #601

Doxology: The Hymnal 1982 #380 V3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer 1 (EOW)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Hymnal 1982 #S129

**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.

(Please stay standing, or kneel as you are able)

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise

of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with St. Peter all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer:

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)

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Agnus Dei: (C117)

Jesus, Lamb of God Have Mercy on Us.

Jesus, Bearer of Our Sins Have Mercy on Us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the World Give Us Your Peace, Give Us Your Peace. *(repeat x3)*

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

Communion Hymn: O Thou Who - Hymnal #704

Post Communion Thanksgiving Prayer:

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Let us pray,

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.

Blessing:

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Procession into the World: God of Grace and God of Glory -The Hymnal 1982 #594

Dismissal:

Go in Peace, to love and serve the Lord,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Soon and Very Soon (LEVAS 14)

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Prayer List:

John, Becky, Chad, Rick's family, Sharon's family, Cheryl's family, Junie, Eric, Scott, Rachel, Elaine, Wayne, Helen, Tom's family, Ty, Mercedes, Steve, and Jerry.

Repose of the Soul List:

Ruby Alcantera, Rick Hamilton, Taryn Hanehan, Sue Fossen, Todd Shoestring, Tom Devlin, Sharon Wudtke, Cheryl Enders, and Gary Conley.

* If you would like to add any names to the Church Prayer Lists, email:

prayers@stpetersepiscopalcg.org names are kept on for 1 month. If you'd like them to stay on the list, simply resubmit them. Names are kept on the Repose of the Soul List for 2 months.

If you are new to St. Peter's and would like to schedule a time to meet w/the Vicar, please reach by phone: 602-688-2273 or email:

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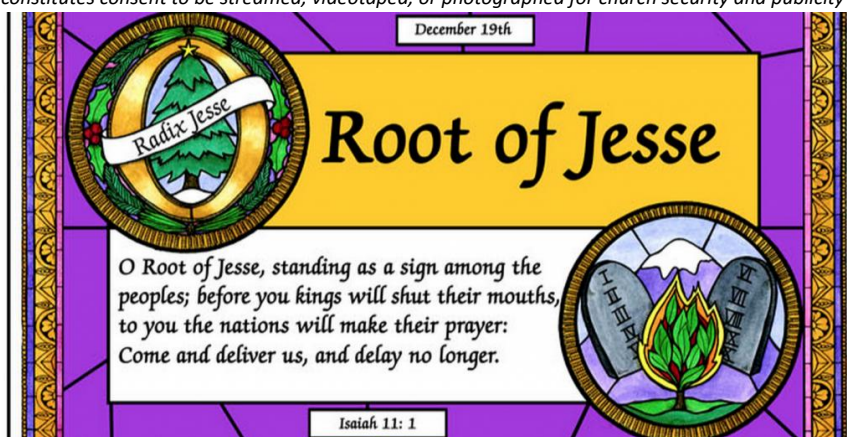
He would love to chat and get to know you; and If at any time you need pastoral care, please call the Pastoral Care Line: 520-483-4288

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the members of your Bishop's Committee.

Bishop's Committee:

- **The Rev. Shawn Rutledge, Vicar**
- **Kari Davis, Bishop's Warden**
- **Dorrie Carskadon, People's Warden**
- **Kay Horton, Member at Large**
- **Mitchell Smith, Member at Large**
- **Susanne Lieber, Member at Large**

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Isaiah 11:1 is the first mention of the root of Jesse in scripture. Isaiah prophesied, “A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” He’s

talking about Jesus, as a descendant of Jesse's line. In fact all of chapters 11 and 12 are about Christ's coming and what it will mean for the world.

The quote above is actually from Isaiah 52:15, it is the introduction of the 'the suffering servant' prophecies of Isaiah. Isaiah paints a picture of a coming time when God will pour out the punishment for our sin on one individual—one who has been rejected by the world (Isaiah 53:3), and through whom people have been healed (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus fulfills every piece of Isaiah's prophecies.