

SAINT ANDREW'S CHURCH
*Stamford's Anglo-Catholic Parish &
Shrine of Our Lady, Mother of Hope*

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4 December, 2011

Low Mass at 8 o'clock

When the Sacristy Bell is rung, the People stand.

INTROIT *Populus Sion*

OPEOPLE of Sion, behold the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. *Ps.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be ... O people of Sion,

KYRIE ELEISON

Priest KYRIE eleison.
People Kyrie eleison.
Priest Kyrie eleison.
People Christe eleison.
Priest Christe eleison.
People Christe eleison.
Priest Kyrie eleison.
People Kyrie eleison.
Priest Kyrie eleison.

SALUTATION & COLLECT

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Priest Let us pray.

MERCIFUL GOD, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The People are seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40. 1-11

Lector *A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.*

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Ex Sion*

OUT of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty. **V.** Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.

EPISTLE

II Peter 3. 8-15a, 18

Lector

A Reading from The Second Epistle General of Peter.

BUT, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation

and godliness looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; but grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People Thanks be to God.

The People stand.

ALLELUIA *Letátus sum*

A LLELUIA. ALLELUIA. *℟̄* I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. Mark 1. 1-8

℟̄ The Lord be with you.

℞ And with thy spirit.

℟̄ ✠ The Beginning of the Holy Gospel
according to Mark.

℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judæa, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; And preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water: but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost.

℟̄ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

℞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

HOMILY *Father Alton*

The People stand to recite the Creed.

NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *genuslect* and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; *stand* and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together *bow* is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Pope Benedict, His All Holiness Bartholomew, Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Ian, James and Laura our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this City of Stamford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the faithful departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Lady and Mother of Hope; of Blessed Andrew the Apostle and of all the Saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To Thee, O Lord our God.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Priest YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways;

Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

The People kneel and say the following Confession together with the Priest.

ALMTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honor and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Priest makes the Sign of the Cross and says,

Priest ALMTY GOD our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

OFFERTORY *Deus tu convértens*

WILT not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

*As the Priest prepares the Altar for the Holy Sacrifice, the Ushers receive the Offering.
When all is prepared, the Priest turns toward the People saying*

Orate fratres et sorores

Priest PRAY, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People THE LORD receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

SECRET

ACCCEPT, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayers and oblations of thy humble servants: that we, who can do nothing of ourselves to help ourselves, may be ever defended by thy gracious aid. Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Sursum corda

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

PREFACE OF ADVENT

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Bells are rung at the beginning of the Sanctus.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People kneel.



THE CANON OF THE MASS

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to

suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

The Bells are rung once.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH IS GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

The Bells are thrice rung.

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "DRINK YE ALL OF THIS; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, WHICH IS SHED FOR YOU, AND FOR MANY, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS. DO THIS, AS OFT AS YE SHALL DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

The Bells are thrice rung.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly

beseeking thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace ☩ and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

Remember, Lord, also the souls of thy servants and handmaidens, who have gone before us with the sign of faith, and are at rest in the sleep of peace. To these, O Lord, and to all who rest in Christ, we beseech thee to grant a place of refreshment, of light, and of peace.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest Let us pray. And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 Priest says the following prayer.

DELIVER us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with that of thy blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew and all thy saints, favorably grant peace in our time, that by the help of thy mercy, we may ever be kept free from sin, and safe from all disquietude; Through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, (*here the host is broken*) who with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth God, world without end. Amen.

THE PAX

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

OLAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Priest continues with the Prayer for Peace.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who saidst unto thine Apostles, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant to it that peace and unity which is according to thy will, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Preparing to receive the Holy Sacrament, the Priest and People pray together,

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Priest BEHOLD the Lamb of God, behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed. *This is said three times.*

All are welcome to come forward at Holy Communion. After the Priest and Servers have received, the People proceed through the Choir to kneel (or stand) before the High Altar at the communion rail. Baptized Christians may receive the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacred Host will be placed upon your tongue or the palm of your outstretched hand. When the Precious Blood is administered, a small sip is received from the Chalice. If you are not receiving Holy Communion, please cross your arms so that Priest will know to offer a Blessing. If you are not receiving from the Chalice, please cross your arms as the minister approaches. Intinction (dipping the Host into the Chalice) is not practiced in this parish. The Body and Blood of Christ is received entirely in either or both consecrated species. Should you be unable to manage the Choir steps, Holy Communion can be administered at your pew. Ushers will be happy to assist you

COMMUNION *Ierusalem, surge*

JERUSALEM, haste thee, and stand on high: and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

POSTCOMMUNION COLLECT

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Priest Let us pray.

OLORD, who hast vouchsafed to satisfy us with heavenly sustenance: we humbly beseech thee; that by participation in this mystery, thou wouldest teach us to despise earthly things, and to love such things as are heavenly. Through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. The Mass is ended; go in peace.

℟. Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The People stand

THE LAST GOSPEL

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

℣. ✠ The Beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John.

℟. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him : and without him was not any thing made that was made : in him was life, and the life was the light of men : and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. the same came for a witness, to bear witness of

the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name : which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *Here kneel.* AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, *Here rise.* (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

People Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for Bible Study following this Mass
in the Parish Hall.*