Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
December 6, 2015
Dreaming Dreams

If you are visiting with us today, you'll find a different kind of church this morning. We are delighted to have you join us. We will be doing some dreaming and discerning in place of listening to a sermon today. It should be fun, and it will give you a look at us as Christians who believe in exploring God's call to us!

9:30 am – Coffee and pastries
Church will begin at 10:00 am

Gathering Music

Opening Hymn "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (lyrics on song sheet)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Officiant: Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your world alone has power to save us
Make us you living voice.

People: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church
Gathered today.

The Word of God

Salutation

Collect for Purity (said in unison):

> *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.*

Collect of the Day Insert

Trisagion (3 times):

Holy God. Holy and Mighty.
Holy Immortal One. Have Mercy Upon Me

The Lessons

The First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Canticle 4 Insert

The Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

Sequence Hymn "What Is The Crying" (vs. 1&2) (Song Sheet)

The Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Sequence Hymn "What Is The Crying" (vs. 3) (Song Sheet)

The Work of the People: Envisioning and Dreaming Work with Mother Beth and the Envisioning Committee

The Prayers of the People

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. Prepare your hearts for his arrival, praying,

"Fill the valleys, make low the hills; come, great Redeemer, come."

Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray especially for *The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin, Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Russel, and our Priest Beth.*

<u>Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence</u>

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into our world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace.

Silence

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives.

Silence

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care.

The congregation may add their thanksgivings, followed by silence

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

(Read only first names of those on the prayer list.)

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We Pray especially for *Christie Kroh, Jon W, Kate & Marvin Wilson, Linda & Sid Gray, Anne, Autry & David Dye, Cathy Butler, Victor Hernandez, Louise Proffitt, Vonnie Talbert, Lonnie & Nita Morris, Gina Faulk, Ann Hering, Dominic Olivas, Victor Sheldon, Susan & Lindsay, Richard Smith, Ruby Kalkman, Michael Robinson, Shirley Genoa, Richard Butler, Todd Gunderson, Janet Wright, Laura Bounden, Cal Boehm, Heidi Capenia-O'Conner, Troy Gunderson, Helen Proffit, John Tolbert and Family, Bill Brennan, Bob Brennan & family, Christine Foster, The Hamamura's Family, Carol, John & Kayden Wilson, Earl Waller, Deborah, John, Marie Blansit, Gabe, Amy Clark, Bart & Claire Daughety, Raymond, Sage.*

We pray for all people around the world who are being persecuted for their faith, especially Christians.

We pray for all refuges around the world and the swift resolution of their plight.

We pray for the First responders and our military who are deployed: Tim, *Rick, Robert, Jason, Derek, Steven,*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer *we pray for Wilcox County Jail, Panama City, Florida*

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave us in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness.

<u>The congregation may add their petitions, followed by silence</u>

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ.

<u>Silence</u>

Fill the valleys, make low the hills; **Come, great Redeemer, come.**

The Celebrant will add a concluding collect

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Prayer 2 (Enriching Our Worship)

Sanctus

Celebrant and People:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant:

And so, remembering all that was done for us;
The cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
longing for Christ's coming in glory,
and presenting to you these gifts
your earth has formed and human hands have made,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People:

Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Each table distributes communion to each other saying:

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven
And
The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn "On Jordan's Bank" (Song Sheet)

Dismissal

BRING ON THE BRUNCH!

Thanks to our Envisioning Committee: Janet Wright (Chair), Tony Thompson, Eugene Bentz, Anna Garcia-Lucas, Othella Wright, Steve Hering, and Libbi Crowe.

Participants in Today's Service

Celebrant: Mother Beth Hoffmann
Music: Coley Purvis

Choir: Libbi Crowe, Donna Howard, Juliet Phillips, Jen Kentgen
Lector: Libbi Crowe
Acolyte: Billy Collins
Eucharistic Minister: Eugene Bentz
Altar Guild: Janet Wright, Dominic Olivas
Ushers: Dominic Olivas, Marvin Wilson

Announcements

· **Caring And Sharing Dove:** Caring and Sharing Doves are on the tree in the Narthex. Choose a family to support for the holidays. Instructions are stapled on the doves. This is a yearly tradition at this church during the holidays, and our own Anne Thompson heads up the annual drive for Santa Rosa County. It is a wonderful way to "gift" a family that might otherwise not have much for Christmas.

·**La Posada:** Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Consider hosting the Holy Family for a time this Christmas. Directions for hosting and passing the family on will be given to those who sign up.

· **Poinsettias:**

Poinsettias can be a powerful way to memorialize or honor a loved one during the holiday season. Our Flower Guild will purchase poinsettias to place around the altar, and the Christmas bulletins will list your loved ones

· **Bay Breeze Nursing home:** **December 8th** Gather at Church at 9:15 for car-pooling.

· **Florida Clean Water Network:** **Thursday, Dec.10th at 5:00** in Henderson Hall. The Florida Clean waters group will be hosting a free environmental movie night open to the public. (Over)

· **Greening of the Church: Saturday Dec. 12th at 9:00am**
Join the fun of decorating the church for Christmas. There will be Carol's playing in the background (just some practicing for Christmas!), hot chocolate and soup for lunch.

· **Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation:** **December 13th,** followed by lunch.

· **Christmas Eve Service:** **Thursday, Dec.24th at 4:00p.m and 10:00p.m**

· **Christmas Day Service:** **Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.**

· **Youth Group:** **Wednesday at 6:30 pm**.

· **New Church Website:** We have a new website! Go check it out! www.staugustines-navarre.org

· **The Prayer List:**
The prayer list gets updated every 4months. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please **Print Clearly i**n the red book by the Administrator's office. The names will be included in the Prayers of the People.