

**ST. AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**JAZZ MASS**  
**DECEMBER 6, 2015**  
**9:15 A.M.**



**THE REV. JEMONDE TAYLOR, RECTOR**  
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# THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

THE JMQ

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

L-6 Christ is coming: Prepare the way

CHRIST IS COMING

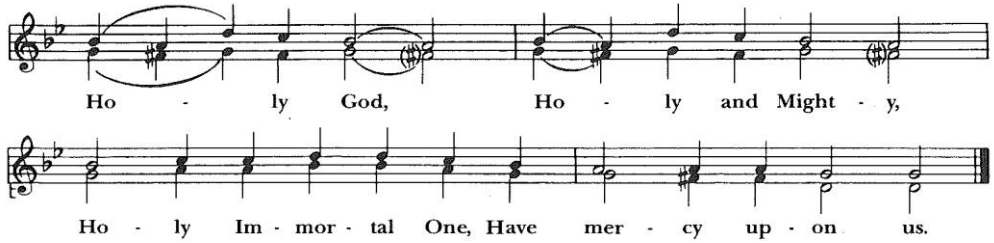
ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

TRISAGION S102 (THREE TIMES)

Archangelsky



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE SALUTATION

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 LESSON Baruch 5:1-9

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God

THE RESPONSE Canticle 16: Luke 1:68-79 The Song of Zechariah

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 his 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.

## **SEQUENCE HYMN**

**76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry**

**WINCHESTER NEW**

Minister      The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
People        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL                      Luke 3:1-6**

Minister      The Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE SERMON**              Mr. Peter Saros, M.Div., St. Margaret's Church, Bronx, NY  
*Church Growth, Stewardship, and Capital Campaign Consultant*

## **THE NICENE CREED (All)**

**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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV, BCP PAGE 388

*The leader bids the prayer. People respond after the leaders says, Lord in your mercy."*

Leader: Lord in your mercy

Response Hear our prayer

### CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN L-103 Steal away, steal away

STEAL AWAY

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching our Worship

*All young people are invited to come and stand around the altar.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

*[The Eucharistic Prayer continues]*

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*[The Eucharistic Prayer continues]*

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

Cochran

Andante *pp* *cresc.*

A - men, A - men a - men A - men a -

men A - men A - men a - men, A - - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God (Repeat Singing Three Times)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, Have mercy!

## COMMUNION MUSIC

L-183 Be not dismayed whate'er betide

GOD CARES

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and 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 for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

L-11 Prepare ye the way of the Lord

MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT

DISMISSAL Response Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

The JMQ

**Permissions**-Amen from *A Communion Service in the Key of F major*. Founded on the Negro Spirituals. Music: The Reverend A. Myron Cochran, A.B., Third Rector of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC. (C)1925 Published by the composer. Distributed by Recall Records c/o 5073 East Capitol Street, S.E.; Washington, D.C. 20019.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** to the glory of God

**WELCOME CARDS** – We invite Worshiping Guests to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. All may use them for prayer requests and/or comments. Thanks to the Stewardship Ministry for these cards. Place in the offering plate.

**Advent Quiet Day** - Saturday, December 12 9AM-12PM. Learn about Advent. Reflect on Scripture. Meditate on Jesus' birth. Grow in Christ.

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING** – There will be hospitality committee on December 13 following the 11:15 worship service. More details coming soon.

**NEW TESTAMENT COURSE** – Starting January 19, St. Augustine's will offer REL 234: New Testament Survey. Eager for a deeper understanding of the New Testament please see Mother Nita.

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES** – 2016 Church Directories are available in the church office. Please review and complete an information form found in the back of the church with corrections and/or additions by December 13. An addendum will available December 20.

**COVENANT CHOIR** looks forward to welcoming all those in 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. So much music, so many opportunities, so much FUN! Join us on Monday, 5:45-6:40 pm in the Music Room.

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – Please join the Bible Study group, with Christ Church, led by The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn every Tuesday morning, at St. Ambrose, from 9:30-11:00am.

**CHERUB CHOIR** looks forward to welcoming all those in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade as we explore the gift of Music. Wednesday, 5:30-6:10 pm in the Music Room. **PAGEANT REHEARSALS** for our young children will be held at this time. It's a Great Day to "*SING FOR JOY!*"

**2016 MINISTRY BUDGET REQUEST** – Ministries get your budget requests in! Please email them to the Treasurer at [pagray52@att.net](mailto:pagray52@att.net).

**CHOIR REHEARSALS** are open to those in High School and all Adults. Rehearsal options include our traditional Thursdays, 6:30PM in the Music Room, and **WEDNESDAY SINGERS**, rehearsing on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm, by "popular demand". The St. Ambrose Choir welcomes all congregants to either rehearsal.

**FAITH FORMATION WEDNESDAY, 6PM-** Will resume in January. **The Dream of God: A Call to Return** by the African American theologian, Verna J. Dozier.

LIFE AT ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, December 6

8:00am Contemplative Mass  
9:15am Jazz Mass  
11:15am Choral Mass

Monday, December 7

12:15pm Midday Bible Study  
5:45pm COVENANT CHOIR  
Rehearsal [2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr]

Tuesday, December 8

9:30am Morning Bible Study  
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 9

12:15pm Midweek Eucharist  
1:00pm WEDNESDAY SINGERS  
Rehearsal [Adults]  
5:30pm CHERUB CHOIR  
Rehearsal [K-1<sup>st</sup> grade]  
6:00pm Faith Formation

Thursday, December 10

6:30pm St. Ambrose Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 11

Saturday, December 12

9:00am Flower Ministry  
9:30am Dance Ministry Rehearsal  
2:00pm Chess Team  
4:00pm AALOT Event  
8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, December 13

8:00am Contemplative Mass  
9:15am Jazz Mass  
11:15am Choral Mass

December 6	December 13
<b><u>Lectors &amp; Intercessors</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors &amp; Intercessors</u></b>
8:00	8:00
9:15	9:15
11:15	11:15
<b><u>LEMs</u></b>	<b><u>LEMs</u></b>
8:00 Annette Watson	8:00 Hilda Ragland
9:15 Cassandra Deck Brown	9:15 Phyllis Hilliard
11:15 Gloria Merritt	11:15 James Revis
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>
9:15 Vanessa Harris	9:15 Allie Williams
Phyllis Hilliard	Kathy Breland
Maggie Gill	Kevin Brockenbrough
11:15 Jeanne Horton	11:15 Michael Minor
Adrienne Chalmers	Levi Bowen
Joe Winters	
<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>
9:15	9:15
<b>Server</b> Cyprianne Jacobs	<b>Server</b> Aira Weistardt
<b>Crucifer</b> Imani Nia Jacobs	<b>Crucifer</b> Ryte Weistardt
<b>Torches</b>	<b>Torches</b>
11:15	11:15
<b>Server</b> Jade Peterson	<b>Server</b> Jade Peterson
<b>Crucifer</b> Jordan Peterson	<b>Crucifer</b> Kristina Peterson
<b>Torches</b>	<b>Torches</b>

HIGHLIGHTS AT SAINT AMBROSE

December 12 - ADVENT QUIET DAY 9AM-12noon

December 20 – NATIVITY PLAY Behold That Star! 4:00 PM

December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Jazz Mass, 6:00 PM

Midnight Choral Mass, 11:00 PM

December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM

January 6 - EPIPHANY DAY

Festival of Lights and Twelfth Night Party, Wednesday, January

6, 6:00 PM

December 13 Lessons

Zephaniah 3:14-20, Canticle 9 [Isaiah 12:2-6], Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18

# **Welcome St. Ambrose's New Assistant Rector!**

## **The Reverend Joyce Corbin Cunningham**

Greetings St. Ambrose,

I am the Rev. Joyce Corbin Cunningham, a cradle Episcopalian, born and raised in Newport News, Virginia. After receiving a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Hampton Institute (University) in Hampton, Virginia, I worked for the IBM Corporation for thirty-two years. Upon retiring, I cultivated and/or reengaged my interests in genealogical research, book groups, fitness, needlework, and community outreach. It was also during this time that I consciously began a journey of discernment to recognize, surrender, and answer God's call to ordained ministry.

St. Titus' Episcopal Church in Durham had been my church home since shortly after moving to North Carolina. It was there that my discernment within community took form, eventually resulting in St. Titus' sponsorship of me into the ordination process.

I received my Master in Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary in May 2015, was ordained a Transitional Deacon on June 20, 2015 and will be ordained priest on December 20, 2015 at the Canterbury School in Greensboro, NC. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Durham is where I have been serving for the past several months as a Deacon.

I have four adult children and six grandchildren, all of whom live in Seattle, Washington. I was recently married to Dennis Allen and our marriage has blessed me with an expansion of my family with an additional four adult children and one granddaughter who live in Panama. I also have two sisters, two nieces, and two nephews who live in Virginia and Maryland.

I am excited and enthusiastic about being called to serve as Curate at St. Ambrose and look forward to our mutual ministry together.

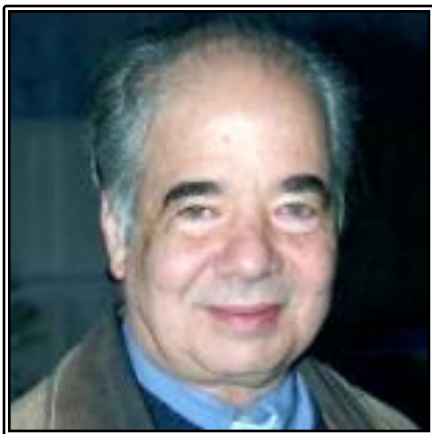




## Mr. Peter Saros, M.Div.

### Our Church Growth, Stewardship, and Capital Campaign Consultant

Over twenty-five years of experience in *Church Growth, Stewardship, Parish Development/Capital Campaigns, and Leadership Development* in small and medium sized congregation, both in urban, suburban and rural communities. I have conducted focus groups of church members (young families, middle age and seniors) with over 6,000 church members participating. In these groups we identified the daily issues that each of the members face in their lives when they are not at church and what do they need from the church in programs and ministries to assist them in leading a Christian and fuller life. They have also expressed why they attend and participate in their local church, why they are a part of that particular church and why do they stay.



I have blessed to worked with *over 150 Episcopal Churches in 12 dioceses* (New York, Newark, Long Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Washington, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Western Massachusetts and Massachusetts) in Stewardship, Parish Development/Capital Campaigns, Church Growth, Leadership Development in a three year program which also included various Vestry/Leadership Retreats, Goals Setting, Clergy/Vestry Roles and as a search consultant. In addition to Episcopal Churches I have consulted in 3 Congregational (UCC) and 2 Lutheran (ELCA) churches. Consulting in these churches I have seen and experienced a great number of Models of Ministry and have a good perspective on their effectiveness. I have also organized committees and teams to plan and execute tasks.

Some of my latest work has included the development of the Parish Development Institute for multi-congregational or area ministries. This has also led to one-day workshops of Stewardship for denominations jurisdictions such as dioceses and conferences.

I am also an experienced real estate broker who has worked with congregations on advising them on leasing and use of buildings. Though I am not interested in being the broker for churches I consult with, but have a great deal of experience and expertise.

In my involvement in Faith Based-Community Organizing I have been a founding member of South Bronx Churches (Industrial Areas Foundation Network) and the Long Island Organizing Network (Gamaliel Foundation Network). In both of these projects churches and church leaders have worked in social justice issues of housing, education, discrimination and immigration. Each organization is a faith based local organization affiliated with a national network of social justice and leadership training in community organizing.

I am also available for my full program of Parish Development, Stewardship, Leadership Development and Parish Development/Capital Campaigns. My specialty is in small and medium size congregations. I have already been a consultant with many churches in your diocese. This is a three year program and the rates for the contracts are negotiated with each congregation.

## **PRAYER LIST**

### **For Those Who are Sick**

Marie H. Adams  
Joan Barrax  
Levi Bowen  
Mamie Brewington  
Gary Bryson  
Anna Burnside  
Betty Camp  
Patricia Caple  
Alois Chalmers  
Gwen Chunn  
Lauren Creech  
Stephanie Cross  
Lemuel Delany  
George W. Flemming  
Antoinette Foxwell  
Maggie Gill  
Nathaniel Harris  
Rose R. Hayes  
Esther Hayes  
Marielle Haywood-Posey  
Norma Haywood  
Marshall Harvey  
Steven Hawkins  
Eddie Jacobs  
Harold Johnson  
Amos Link  
Gladys Lundy  
Oscar Mayers  
Stan McElveen  
Maggie Melvin  
Gloria Mooney  
Brodie Patterson  
Enid Patterson  
Elaine Perry  
Katie Probst  
Aura Radlin  
Carolyn Roberts  
Charlsie Royster  
Sylvia Solomon  
Glenda Springer  
Mary Thomas  
Doris Young  
Antoinette Venable  
Richmond Wall, Jr.  
Crystal Walton  
Harold Webb  
Lucille Webb  
Margaret Whitaker  
Tim Whitaker  
Naomi Williams

### **For Those Who Grieve**

The Anders Family  
The Abron Family  
The Bowen Family  
Kathleen and Jake Breland  
Dr. Pat Caple  
The Cloud Family  
Dr. Deidre Crumbley  
The Faheem Family  
The Handy Family  
Jessie Harris  
The Haywood Family  
Lythel Hickerson Family  
The Hilliard Family  
The Horton Family  
Elbert Laws  
The Mallette Family

The McKnight and Dunn Families  
The Moody Family  
Lou Padro and Family  
James Revis  
The Sams Family  
Charles Seberry Family  
Joe and Glenda Springer  
The Taylor Family  
The Watson Family  
The Winters Family  
Mable Wright

### **For Those in Need of Special Prayer**

Jake and Kathy Breland  
The Ellison Family  
Keenan Henderson  
The Hudson Family  
The Lee Family  
Glen & Francesca Kamery  
Anthony Perry  
Joe and Chelsea Price  
Percy and Linda Taylor  
Donna Wright  
President Barack Obama  
The Unemployed  
The Armed Forces  
The people of Haiti

### **For Those Who Have Died**

Lillian B. Abron  
Purdie Anders  
Thelma Anders  
The Rev. Joseph H. Banks  
Harold N. Breland  
J. Dave Breland  
John Brown  
Bobby Cannady  
The Rev. Wilson Carter  
Sylvellie Cloud  
Kenneth Echols  
Karen Dunn  
Doreatha Handy  
David L. Haywood, Sr.  
Hubert Eugene Hayes, III  
Lythel Hickerson  
Charles Higgs  
Arthur Johnson  
Mae Johnson  
Melissa Legister  
David Mallette, Sr.  
Mary Mallette  
Pamela Mangum  
Shirley B. Page  
Almetta Revis  
Robert Wendell Sams  
Charles Seberry  
Mable Winters  
Mercedes Winters Burgess  
Avisse Young

### **For Those Who are in Rest Homes/ Assisted Living**

Dorothea Chavis  
Elaine Perry  
Doris Young



## CHURCH STAFF

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church  
All Baptized Members, Ministers of the Church  
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro Tem of North Carolina  
The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, Assisting Bishop  
The Rev. Jemonde Taylor, Rector  
The Rev. Joyce Corbin Cunningham, Assistant Rector  
The Rev. Nita Byrd, Assisting Clergy  
Mrs. Ruth W. Hoffman - Minister of Music/Organist  
Mr. Bobby Moody, Director - Jazz Mass Quartet

### THE VESTRY

#### Class of 2015

Peter Henderson  
Deidra Hudson  
George Jones  
Bobby Moody

#### Class of 2016

Jada Bing  
Carl Harper  
Jackie Reid  
Larry Stroud

#### Class of 2017

Harold Mallette  
Phyllis Pickett  
Allison Williams  
Ashley Winters

### LEADERS IN LAY MINISTRY

Senior Warden .....Jackie Reid  
Junior Warden.....Carl Harper  
Clerk of the Vestry .....Brandi Delany  
Treasurer .....Phyllis Gray  
Financial Secretary .....Jada Bing  
Christian Education .....Patrice Hardy  
    Adult Church School .....Will Hudson  
    Youth Church School .....Patrice Hardy  
    Vacation Church School .....Jackie Reid  
Environmental Justice .....Norman C. Camp III  
Communications & Technology Committee.....Allison Williams  
Building and Grounds .....Carl Harper  
Altar Guild Directress .....Lillian B. Currin  
Flower Ministry .....Brandi Delany  
Head Ushers .....Phyllis Hilliard & Joe Winters  
Acolyte Wardens .....Vanessa French-Harris, Fay Bowen & Paul Flanagan  
Lay Eucharistic Ministry.....Gloria Merritt  
Hospitality Committee .....Mellisa Smith & Tamika Henderson  
Absalom Jones Prayer Guild .....Enid D. Patterson  
Outreach Committee.....Harold Mallette  
Care Givers Guild .....Donna Haywood  
Episcopal Church Women .....Benita Merritt & Emily Cadogan  
Episcopal Laymen .....Orrin Haywood  
Episcopal Young Church People .....Tiffany & Paul Flanagan  
Young Adult Ministry.....Adonya Hood  
Stewardship, Retain, Reclaim (SRR).....Cassandra Deck-Brown & Michael Minor

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**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!** Sonja Edwards 1, Ashley Gupton 2, Mallory Mbalia 2, Jake Breland 5, Lacy Colson 6, George Chunn 7, Marshall Harvey 8, Jemonde Taylor 12, Christopher Cadogan 13, Ronald Johnson 15, Essan Flanagan 15, Robert Bridges 16, Maya Smith 17, Cliffie Young 17, Imani Jacobs 18, Patricia Caple 19, Phyllis Hilliard 20, Harold Mallette 21, Michelle Mallette 21, Norman Camp 23, Adonya Hood 24, Paul Daniels, Jr. 24, Karyn Thomas 27, Alvin Ragland 27, Charles Young 30

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