



# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 6th, 2020



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10:00 a.m.      **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

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### THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn # **103 ON JORDAN'S BANK, THE BAPTIST'S CRY**  
**(verses 1,3,5)**

**1.**  
On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

**3.**  
For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great  
reward;  
without thy grace we waste  
away,  
like flowers that wither and  
decay.

**5.**  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

### *Lighting of the Second Advent Candle*

Tune: Away in a Manger

A Candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People And with thy spirit.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

**Celebrant** Our Lord Jesus Christ said: hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: ISAIAH 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The word of the Lord.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 85:1–2, 8–13; (congregation please remain seated)**

**REFRAIN: Show us your mercy, O Lord.**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. **R** I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **R** Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R** The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before him, and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 PETER 3:8–15A;**

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens

and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The word of the Lord.  
*People Thanks be to God.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – MARK 1:1–8**

**“Glory be to thee, O Lord”**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

**“Praise be to Thee, O Christ”**

**SERMON – The Rev. Canon Gloria Master**

**THE CREED**

*Celebrant* Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Litany # 12)

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer,  
saying, "**Lord Jesus, come soon!**"

O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live. **R**

O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us. **R**

O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more. **R**

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison. **R**

O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death. **R**

O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay. **R**

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God. **R**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to almighty God.

*Silence is kept.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things and judge of all people: We acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we from time to time most grievously have committed, By thought, word and deed, Against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. 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 honour and glory of thy name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## Offertory Hymn #109 WHEN THE KING SHALL COME AGAIN

(tune: Good King Wenceslas)

**1**

When the King shall come again,  
all his power revealing;  
splendour shall announce his reign,  
life and joy and healing:  
earth no longer in decay,  
hope no more frustrated;  
this is God's redemption day  
longingly awaited.

**2**

In the desert, trees take root,  
fresh from God's creation;  
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit  
join the celebration;  
rivers spring up from the earth,  
barren lands adorning.  
Valleys, this is your new birth;  
mountains, greet the morning!

**3**

Strengthen feeble hands and knees;  
fainting hearts, be cheerful!  
God who comes for such as these,  
seeks and saves the fearful.  
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues  
sing away their weeping;  
blind eyes see the lifeless ones  
walking, running, leaping!

**4**

There God's highway shall be seen  
where no roaring lion,  
nothing evil or unclean  
walks the road to Zion:  
ransomed people, homeward bound  
all your praises voicing,  
see your Lord with glory crowned,  
share in his rejoicing!

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

**God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* 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, creator and preserver of all things.

*Celebrant* Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

**All 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.**

*Celebrant* Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and 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 memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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."

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 covenant, 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."

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

***All* We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,  
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* And we entirely 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 we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.  
**Amen.**

**SANCTUS**

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 LORD'S PRAYER**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:  
***All* 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) -**

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

**Music during Communion –**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

**DOXOLOGY**

*Celebrant* Glory to God,  
***All* whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

**Recessional Hymn # 393 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE**  
**(verses 1,2, & 4)**

**1.**  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our  
eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the  
Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name  
we praise.

**2**  
Unresting, unchanging, and silent as  
light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou  
rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high  
soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of  
goodness and love.

**4.**  
Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS NEXT WEEK**

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11; PSALM 126; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24; JOHN 1:6-8, 19-2