



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

10:30A

The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 6, 2020

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The Word of God

Prelude

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant Almighty Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you redeemed us from sin and death and made us heirs in him of everlasting life: Grant that we, who now await his coming again by the light of this wreath, may rejoice on that day to behold his appearing. May he come quickly and not delay.

People Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *As the Advent Wreath is lighted, the People are invited to light the Advent Wreaths in their homes*

HYMN 63 'Comfort, comfort ye my people'

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry
ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL SENTENCE

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Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — *1 John 1:8,9*

CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

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Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.







¶ *Silence is kept*

All 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.

Officiant 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.
People Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant 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.

People Amen.

LESSON Isaiah 40:1-11

Lector 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.

All Thanks be to God.

- Choir*
- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
 - 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
 - 8 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.
 - 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
 - 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
 - 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
 - 12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
 - 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
 4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
 God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

barred! Not robbed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller 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.”

NRSV

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Channing Smith, *Rector*

The Nicene Creed

Officiant We believe in one God,

All 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.

We pray for those...

In need of comfort

Holly Noelke
Ivan Carper
Lathrop Smith, Jr.
Caroline Jones
Kris Wright
Helen Arnold
Kristin Svahn
Andy Thomas
Cathy Holland
Peter Fuller
Ernie Dean
Mark
Julia Fish
Ann Whiting
Jean Nelle
Aaron Callendar
Ann Reysa
Beth
Darlene Anderson
Robin
Sam Perry
Barbara Pitts
Susan Novak
Pat Jones
Mollie Shands
Tom
Jack
Cindy
Alison Kimberlin
Paul
William
Felicia Retiz
Julie Harrington
Will
Charlotte Brady
Melissa
Susan Sargent
Marjorie
Coleman Horton
Leonard
Anne
Harriet Rutland
Michael
Taylor
Whitworth family
Horton family
Stowell family
Newman family
Walker family
Gill family
Doyle family

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The Prayers of the People

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Savior and Redeemer saying
“Come, Lord Jesus.”

¶ *After each petition:*

People Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

Officiant Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants,
who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty;
through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

People Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN 65 ‘Prepare the way, O Zion’



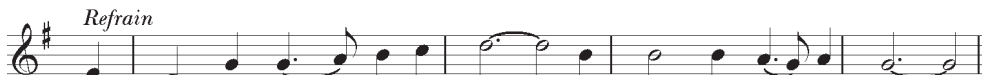
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Expecting the birth of a child

- Courtney Patton
- Amy Gray
- Sarah McNamara
- Nicole Olesh
- Courtney Moreland Lippe
- Lillyan Duck
- Katie Crowley
- Jessica Sherrets
- Allison Sjoberg Leatherman
- Cathleen Naumann
- Sarah Brayne
- Blair Nelson
- Courtney Schlegel
- Allyson Jones Clayton
- Kristen Dillavou
- Kathryn Richter

Births

- Hayden Burnett Hawley
- Isla Grace McNamara

Deaths

- Gale Newman
- Elizabeth Walker

Serving in the armed forces

- Staton Jobe
- Shay Archer
- Connor Downing
- Starr Ekanga
- Alexandra Mauro
- Michael Hart
- Nico Barrangan
- Joseph Turner
- Davis Brown
- Brandon Sharp
- Katy Whitbeck
- Clayton Baker
- Jim Lively
- Andrew Gray
- Claten Bechtol
- Zachary Pierce

The altar flowers

are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sharon Wade (Shay) Shoop from the Shoop and Kuehl families.

Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has 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, and the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

BLESSING

¶ *The Officiant blesses the people*

People Amen.

DISMISSAL

¶ *The Officiant dismisses the people*

People Thanks be to God.

“Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”

EPHESIANS 5:2

Amid the ongoing pandemic, the Church's mission to embody the love of Christ continues.

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Postlude