

# The Second Sunday of Advent



December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*We join in worship today by [Zoom](#).*

*Zoom call-in information is available on Trinity's [website](#).*

**WELCOME!** *However you are taking part today, it is a joy to worship with you. Our worship of God is a communal experience. Please join in as fully as you are comfortable doing.*

*If you are worshipping at home, know that God's Spirit connects us more powerfully than any virus or physical distancing can separate us.*

*We encourage children to participate as they can.*

## Hearing God's Word

Gathering music

"Lo, how a rose e'er blooming"

Praetorius

### Opening Acclamation

*Presider* This is the day that the Lord has made.

*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### Song of Praise

"People, look East"

(*Wonder, Love and Praise* #724)

1) **People, look East. The time is near  
of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the guest is on the way.**

2) **Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,  
one more seed is planted there:  
give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
that in course the flow'r may flourish.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the rose is on the way.**

5) **Angels, announce with shouts of mirth  
Christ who brings new life to earth.  
Set every peak and valley humming  
with the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love the Lord is on the way.**

### The Collect of the Day

(*A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 565*)

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

*People* **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 Lessons

*Reader* Let us prepare to receive the living Word of God through the Scriptures.

*People* **We open ourselves to God in heart and mind.**

*Reader* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

After the reading, the Reader says,

Reader           The Word of the Lord.  
People           **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm of the Day

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*Benedixisti, Domine*)

- 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.**
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- 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.**

### Hymn

"Wait for the Lord"

Taizé chant

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

The image shows a musical score for a Taizé chant. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on the treble staff, and the accompaniment is on the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

### Proclamation of the Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Presider           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
People           **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

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

## Homily

### An Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything  
we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.  
You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now. You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in  
the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you  
overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## Prayers of the People

(Form IV, BCP p. 388)

*The Prayer Leader begins, the People responding with the words in bold.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...

And receive, we pray, our offering of thanks and praise for other blessings we name to you now, aloud or in the quiet of our hearts...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom...

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect, then a deacon or priest bids the Confession.*

## Confession

(*Enriching Our Worship*, Bk. 1, p. 19)

Priest        We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins:  
All            **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*The priest offers a suitable prayer or absolution, after which the congregation shares a sign of Christ's peace.*

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

*People* **And also with you.**

*The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ. Announcements follow.*

### **Offering and Presentation of Gifts**

#### **Invitation**

*Presider* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor and marginalized of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come, let us gather as we are able. It is Christ who invites us to meet him.

*People* **Jesus, we cannot all gather in community round your altar as we desire.  
Yet, you are with God; you are of God.  
Give us grace so to be in communion with you and one another,  
that we may know your presence in and among us. Amen.**

#### **Offertory music**

**"On Jordan's bank"**

*(Hymnal 1982, #76)*

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| <p>1) <b>On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry<br/>announces that the Lord is nigh;<br/>awake and hearken, for he brings<br/>glad tidings of the King of kings.</b></p> <p>2) <b>Then cleansed be every breast from sin;<br/>make straight the way for God within,<br/>and let each heart prepare a home<br/>where such a mighty guest may come.</b></p> | <p><b>For thou art our salvation, Lord,<br/>our refuge, and our great reward;<br/>without thy grace we waste away<br/>like flowers that wither and decay.</b></p> <p>5) <b>All praise, eternal Son, to thee,<br/>whose advent doth thy people free;<br/>whom with the Father we adore<br/>and Holy Spirit evermore.</b></p> |
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### **Gathering around the Lord's Table**

*Central to the sacrament of Holy Eucharist is the notion of sharing from bread and wine consecrated to God and blessed by the Holy Spirit in the communal, Eucharistic feast. We who gather at the table enter into the sacrament of Holy Communion not only for ourselves, but on behalf of those worshipping at home. In doing so, united across time and space as spiritual members of Christ's body, we take comfort that God "...by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).*

#### **The Great Thanksgiving (standing)**

*(EOW, Eucharistic Prayer 1)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*The Presider continues*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, always and everywhere to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation:

**Sanctus**

(Sung to the tune of *Land of Rest*, WLP #858)

**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.**

*Presider* Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

*People* **You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.**

*Presider* But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

*People* **Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.**

*Presider* Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

*People* **Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.**

*Presider* Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

*People* **Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.**

*Presider* On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Presider* Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

*People* **Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.**

*Presider* 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.

*People* **AMEN.**

*Presider* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Presider and People*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Presider then breaks the bread-host and says*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Music during Communion

**"Comfort, comfort ye my people"**  
*Nate and Natalee Hill, vocals and guitar*

Words: Johann Olearius; tr. Catherine Winkworth

Music: *Psalm 42*, Claude Goudimel

**Prayer after Communion**

(EOW, Bk.1, p. 70)

**Loving God,**

**we give you thanks**

**for restoring us in your image**

**and nourishing us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Now send us forth**

**a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;**

**that we may proclaim your love to the world**

**and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*The Presider may offer a blessing here.*

**Closing Hymn**

**"Prepare the way, O Zion"**

(*Hymnal 1982 #65*)



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.

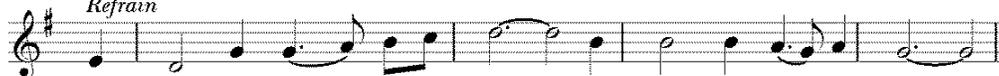


Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.

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.

**Dismissal**

*A deacon or priest dismisses the congregation, the people responding*

People           **Thanks be to God.**

*Participants are invited to remain on Zoom and greet one another immediately following the service and then join in conversation in one of the Break-Out Rooms, as provided.*

*Today’s **Adult Forum**, featuring music at Trinity through the years as seen from the archives, can be joined at 11:15am in a separate Zoom meeting, [Zoom link to Adult Forum](#).*

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*Leading and assisting this morning:*

Pastor Sabrina LaBelle	Preacher and Presider
Fr. “Ted” Thompson	Assisting clergy
Nate and Natalee Hill	Guitar and vocal
Emily Reilly	Reader
Franny Reilly	Prayer Leader
John McCurry	Zoom host
Suzanne West and Rich Englebach	Altar Guild

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