



The Second Sunday of Advent
December 5, 2021
9:00 am

Prelude

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Michael Burkhardt

Welcome

Processional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Hymn 76

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.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;

without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

People **As we light the candles on this wreath, kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that we may be light shining in the darkness.**

Leader Enlighten us with your grace, that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

People **Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Clergy Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Trisagion

Clergy Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Clergy The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Clergy 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.**

Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years."

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

Canticle 16: 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.

Prepare the way, O Zion,
 your Christ is drawing near!
 Let every hill and valley
 a level way appear.
 Greet One who comes in glory,
 foretold in sacred story.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy Name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion;
 he comes from heaven above.
 His rule is peace and freedom,
 and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,
 for grace and joy abounding.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy Name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion;
 your Savior's rule embrace.
 His tidings of salvation
 proclaim in every place.
 All lands will bow before him,
 their voices will adore him.
 Oh, blest is Christ that came
 in God's most holy Name.

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.
 Every valley shall be filled,
 and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
 and the crooked shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth;
 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

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

Sermon Dialogue

John Buterbaugh

The Nicene Creed

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.

The Prayers of the People

Leader

For the church everywhere: In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of the United Ministry of Aurora and their pastor, the Rev. Barb Blom. We also pray for the people of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bainbridge and their priest, the Rev. Dr. Becky Drebert. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of El Salvador as we join them in remembering Jean, Ita, Maura, and Dorothy, martyred Sisters. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Ohio, their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr., and their assisting bishops, the Rt. Rev. William D. Persell and the Rt. Rev. Arthur B. Williams, Jr. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Burundi and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for countries recovering from famine or storms, and for those where human rights have been violated. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislators, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for women preparing to give birth, for adoptive and foster families, for children with special needs, and for children who are orphaned and waiting for families. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those without homes or jobs, those in treatment for cancer or other illnesses, those who long for forgiveness, those who find the holidays difficult, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those who have died and for the friends and family who grieve their loss, especially those we name silently or aloud _____. Be their comfort and guide through these days of grief and healing. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Clergy

You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be 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.**

Absolution

Clergy

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Clergy

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

Anniversary & Birthday Blessings

May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.

Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46

Offertory

Lo, How a Rose

Howard Helvey

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Priest

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Priest

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is said here.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,

being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion.
They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection.*

Music at Communion

Lo, How a Rose

Timothy Albrecht

Peace Before Us

WLP 791

Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us,
love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us,
let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us,

light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us,
let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us,
let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Clergy May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. And May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;

let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

so when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run.

Dismissal

Clergy Go in the peace of Christ. Serve those living in poverty.
Proclaim the Good News Alleluia! Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia.**

Congregation remains in place until choir recesses

Postlude

Merton

Noel Rawsthorne

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Organist/Choirmaster
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Media Engineer
Media Engineer
Lector
Prayers of the People
Crucifer
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