



The Second Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2023

The Service of the Word

Opening Hymn 56: (v.3,4) “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People ***His mercy endures forever.***

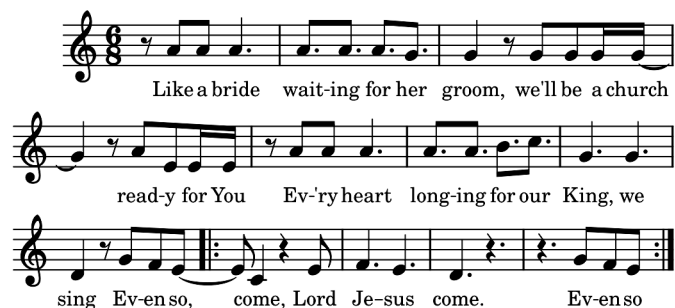
The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)

During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: “Even So Come”



The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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 persons 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.

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

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn: “Prepare Ye the Way” (see insert)

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:1-8

Reader 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."

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

Sermon "God Amidst the Bombs: Part II"
The Rev. Rob Dixon

The Apostles' Creed *(in unison)*

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

Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent and beyond, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son.
That he may dwell in us and us in him, eternally.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those among our families and friends who experience sadness and grief during the holiday season; *That they may experience your steadfast love and be filled with peace and joy.*

We pray for all who have died; *Silence* - lovingly receive them into your eternal kingdom. *That we may one day be reunited with them, in you.*

We pray for those on our church's prayer list, for all who are sick or lonely, for prisoners, and for the victims of crime everywhere. *That your healing presence may embrace them all.*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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 Peace: Welcome & Announcements

**For Giving
Electronically**

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camera at this
Image.*

Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 367 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. *All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.*

Offertory 324: “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

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

Sanctus S-129

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father.

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

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 336 BCP)

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.

Communion Hymn: “Restless/Goodness of God”
(see insert)

Communion Hymn 57: “Lo He Comes With Clouds
Descending”

Post Communion Prayer (p. 366 BCP)

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
And for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our
Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

*Come Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us
Let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation
Hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation
Joy of every longing heart*

*Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne*

Serving Today

8:00am

DOD: Mary Shontz
Ambassadors: Jane Briscione
Chalice Bearers: Hunter Walker
Readers: Nancy Gibbons, Ed Austin

10:30am

DOD: Susan Bell
Acolytes: Gabe Lukow, Lamar Parsley,
& Israel Entrekin
Ambassadors: Clay Coleman
Chalice Bearers: Laurie White, Madeleine Hutchison
Readers: John Holder, Wanda Reed

Flower Dedications

Flowers donated today by Martha Sparks and dedicated to all of the loved ones who have gone, but left us with memories.

SERMON NOTES

REVIEW: The Three Aspects of the Will of God:

The _____ Will of God – God’s ideal plan for humankind.

The _____ Will of God – God’s plan within the particular circumstances of our lives.

The _____ Will of God – God’s final realization of his purposes.

TRUE OR FALSE: The Bible teachings repeatedly that nothing happens in this world unless God wants it to happen. (i.e. like Adam and Eve’s sin; Cain killing Abel; worship of idols, etc.)

The Laws of _____ hold fast at the Crucifixion, as they do during the bombings of war.

It was God's will that Jesus should not just suffer and die like a trapped animal, but that he should so respond to evil, _____ and creatively, and thereby wrestle _____ out of even the most evil of circumstances.

KEY POINT: *I will not succumb to the universe's weight. I will seize these _____ and derive something uniquely and profoundly good and faithful from them. For there are no circumstances which God allows that can finally defeat _____ or his ultimate blessing for _____. There is always a way forward which will lead me to his goodness and life.*

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Angel, Ann, Anna, Anne M., Arlie, Art H., Barbara S., Brad, Brandon, Brenna, Butch, Byron, Carolyn, Chloe, Cindy B., Connie, Cory, Crystal, Curt, Daniel, David P., Della M., Diane P., Don, Elaine G, Elaine S., Evelyn, Fay, Francis, Gary, Gretchen, Herman, Ivy, Jack, Jan, Jean, Jeff, Jim W., John H., John J., Jonathan U., Joyce Ba., Judy, Karen, Kathy B., Kathy M., Keith, Kelli, Kelly, Kenneth, Kenny, Linda, Mabel, Mallory, Manuel L., Manuel S., Marguerite, Marilyn, Mark, Mary, Martha, Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Monica, Nancy S., Pat, Phyllis, Rachel I., Ralph, Richard, Ron, Sally, Sarah, Seth, Sheri L., Sherry Jo, Stephanie, Susan, Tammy, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Thomas S., Tom L., Tonya, Victor, Virginia, Wade, Walt, Warren, Wendy, William B., William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Anthony Robbins, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough, Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Landen Haskins, Laz Bailiff, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Tyler Post

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

Leanne Beaumont
Ted Kirchharr

Repose of the Soul

Kathy Warner (Mother of Anna Brault)
Della Savage (Mother of Della Maddox)

Clergy

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The Rev. Roger Hungerford, Associate Rector, Emeritus

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