



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
DECEMBER 10, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Prelude

Partita: Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele

Georg Böhm

Opening Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Hymnal 56, vv. 4-6

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect of 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.

Holy God: Trisagion

S-100

Collect of the Day



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.**

Procession to Children's Chapel *(for children PK to 2nd grade)*

First 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.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 sung by the choir

BCP 708

Gradual Hymn

Come, light of lights

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a hymn. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter note on G4, followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Come, light of lights in - to my heart. Come,". The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note on G4, followed by a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on C5, a quarter note on B4, a quarter note on A4, a quarter note on G4, and a quarter note on F#4. The lyrics under the second staff are: "wis - dom of spi - rit in - to my heart. Come". The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Chana Tetzlaff

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People (*you may stand or kneel for the prayers*)

Celebrant God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence, especially, *(leader names the prayers on our prayer list)*. God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially *(leader names those on our prayer list)*
God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for a dream to be born that you may give them patience of heart and mind and the wisdom to see your presence.

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

Announcements and Moving of the Creche

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travels

Offertory

Come thou long expected Jesus

David Ashley White

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Doxology

Hymnal 380 vs. 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 Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP 367

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface of the day.

Sanctus

Hymnal S-124

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues until

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
All **We remember his death,**
 We proclaim his resurrection
 We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues until . . .

Celebrant 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

S-161

Communion of the People

In the Advent season, we receive communion at the altar rail, either standing or kneeling according to your preference. With the chalice, you may sip, intinct (dip), or place your hands on your chest to indicate that you would like to pass. Please wait at the rail until the chalice passes you to ensure a clear flow of people. Gluten-free wafers can be requested from the bread-bearer.

Communion Anthem

The Kingdom of Love

David Ashley White

Communion Hymn

Wait for the Lord

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Wait for the Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near. Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!" The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Post-Communion 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

Closing Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal 65

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

Praise God For Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant	The Rev. Cara Spaccarelli
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Chana Tetzlaff
Greeters	Elizabeth McKechnie and Margaret Baranowski
Lectors/Intercessors	Daniel Livarchik, Leesa Engelmann, Linda Henke and Nancy Goldfarb
Ushers	Kirk and Kate King and Steve and Lori Anzalone
Counters	Jeanne Maurer-Gault and Marty Torrence
Acolytes	Katelynn and Connor Alexander, and Macy Eltz
Children's Chapel	Robin Moser and Amanda Livarchik

PRAYER LIST

Dave, Nan, the Stelsel family, Lynn, Heather, Ashley, David Long, Diane Wood, Finn Douglass, Shelly Hankins, Ellen Alles, Courtney and Henry, Lynn, Karen Warnock, Lynn, Catherine Sadler, Shirley Young *Ongoing*: Sally Sandell, Betty Belshaw, Susan McBeath, Tom Zmak, Bill Coffey, Bob Trimpl, and Jane Martenson *Rest of the Soul*: Victor Alvarez (son of Manuel Alvarez), Tricia Cremeens (niece of Dave Stelsel), Kaye Weatherford (cousin of Carolyn Parrott), Ann McNamar (wife of Dave McNamar)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 10

8:00am Worship Service
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship and Children's Chapel
11:00am 3rd-5th Grade & Youth Formation
11:00am Advent Crafty Coffee Hour
11:00am Greening of the Church

Monday, December 11

6:30pm 4C's Men's Group (Upland Brewery, Clay Terrace)

Tuesday, December 5

11:00am Contemplative Prayer (Zoom)
3:30pm Bible Study

Wednesday, December 6

10:00am Book Study
11:30am Young at Heart luncheon

Thursday, December 7

7:00am Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17

8:00am Worship Service
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Worship and Children's Chapel
11:00am Youth Formation
11:00am Advent Crafty Coffee Hour

Church Office Open Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This QR code will take you to the Wednesday Weekly News.



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