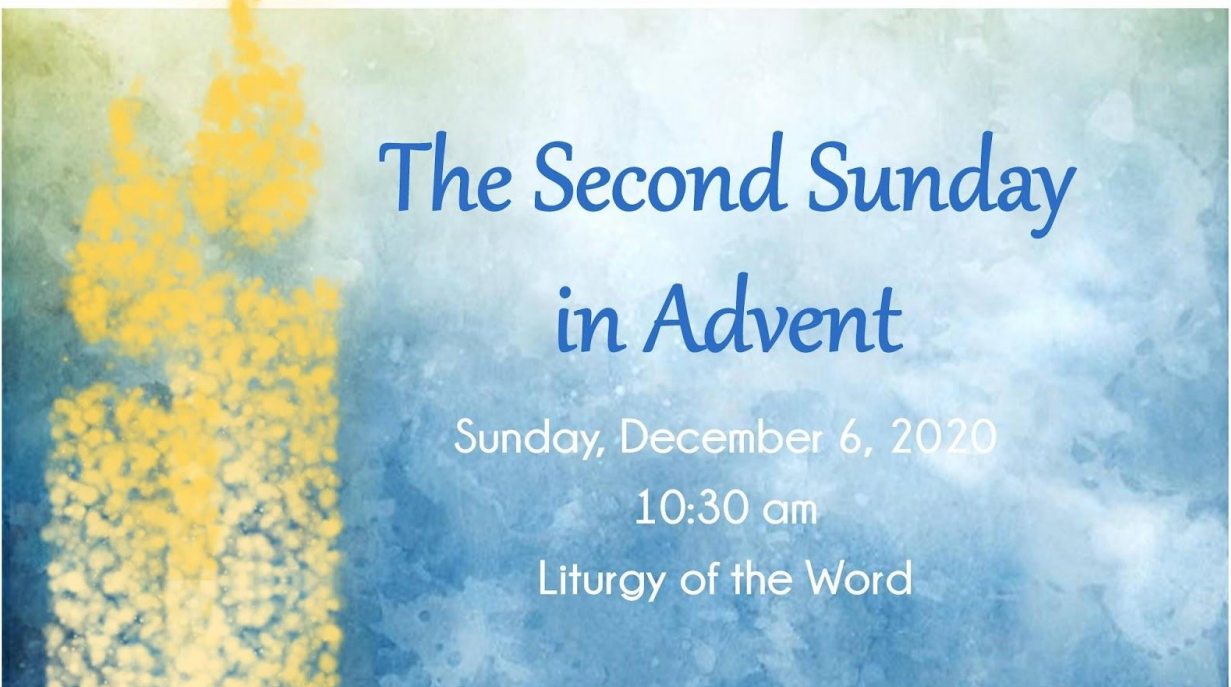


The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 ~ 10:30 am

## **ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN**



# GATHER

## Acclamation

Blessed are you, holy and living One.  
You come to your people and set them free.

## Collect for Purity

Let us pray.  
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.

## Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath

Lord Jesus, light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmas and show all the world God's love. Amen.

*The first and second candles are lighted.*

## Song of Praise

Paraguayan

The musical notation is written in 6/8 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Chord symbols C, F, G, and C are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri -

The second staff continues the melody with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Chord symbols A7, Dm, G7, and C are placed above the staff. The lyrics are: e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son! The piece ends with a double bar line and the instruction "repeat Kyrie".

## **The Collect of the Day**

May God 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.**

## **WORD**

### **The 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**

You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**

You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
**and blotted out all their sins.**

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.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **The Second 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.

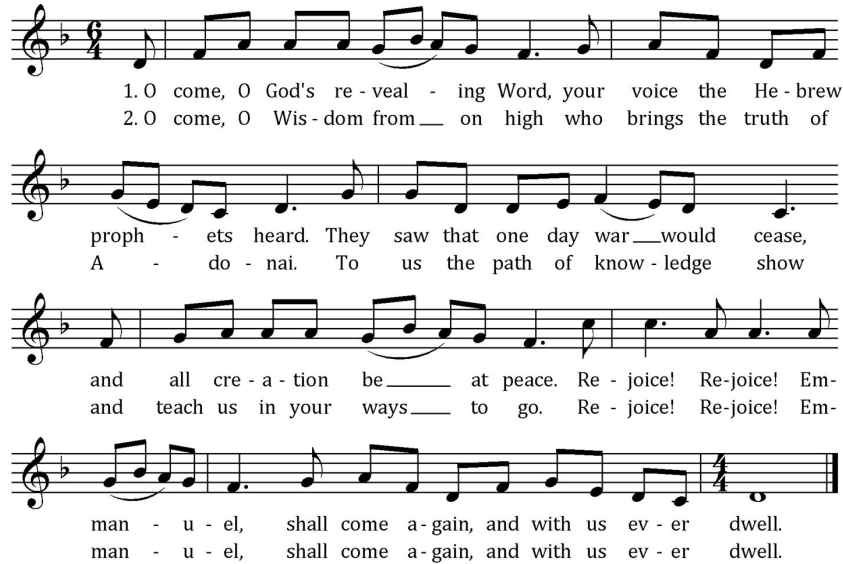
Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

## Gospel Alleluia *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Revised lyrics Cunningham & Meltz

*The first verse is sung before the reading of the Gospel, and the second verse is sung after the reading of the Gospel*



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2. O come, O Wis - dom from \_\_\_ on high who brings the truth of

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and all cre - a - tion be \_\_\_ at peace. Re - joice! Re-joyce! Em-  
and teach us in your ways \_\_\_ to go. Re - joice! Re-joyce! Em-

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## The Holy Gospel *(Mark 1:1-8)*

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



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## **The Homily**

*The Rev. Kristin Krantz*

### **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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**  
**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*Liturgy for the Whole Church*

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.  
**God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence into the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace throughout the earth.  
**God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to be pregnant with hope and to bring forth new life for a barren world.  
**God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.  
**God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness, alone and afraid, a light from heaven proclaiming peace.

**God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

God of the magi, give your church gifts, and the will to leave home to find you among the poor.

**God of the magi, hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

**God of the victim, hear us and help us!**

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*You are invited to name, silently or aloud, prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

God our Sovereign, you are always coming into the world. Come to us now, soon, and forever, and let us receive you as the Child of holiness and the Wind of change, through whom, this day, we pray. **Amen.**

## **The Confession**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**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 the Name. Amen.**

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 Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now pray:

**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 Peace**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Thanksgivings of the Community**

*You are invited to come forward to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled change in your life. We close this time with the following*



prayer:

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn:** *Prepare the way, O Zion v.1-2*



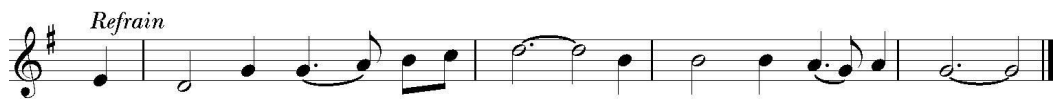
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**