



December 03, 2023 – Second Sunday in Advent – Year B
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR 97355
10 am -- **The Holy Eucharist**
Kay Young, Presider and Homilist
Pastor Wally Gustav Celebrant

Prelude (Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)

Advent II -- PEACE

It is our hope that our service may have a deep and abiding meaning for all who worship here. Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee and fellowship.

Reminder: We welcome you to this second Sunday in Advent celebration of the Eucharist.

No "Alleluias" are used during Advent, so be careful of those automatic responses--

"Thanks be to God! Al. . . oops" at the end of the service.

Processional Hymn # 76 **'On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry'**

Lighting the Advent Wreath (Use the Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Booklet in the Pew)

Verse 2 of 'O come, o come, Emmanuel' Hymn 56 (in Unison)

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go.**

**Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

Opening Acclamation

- ❖ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity [BCP p. 355]

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.

Trisagion (in unison)

- ❖ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy Upon Us
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Collect for the Day (in unison)

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.

Liturgy of The Word

First Lesson from the Shared Hebrew Scriptures

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm *Benedixisti, Domine* Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (Said responsively, break at the "*")

***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.***

Second Lesson

Second Letter attributed to 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.

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Gospel Hymn #65

“Prepare The Way, O Zion”

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

S. Kay Young

The Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth*

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: *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.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of
the bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent
and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of
every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People – A Special Form for Advent (See card in Pews)

Confession of Sin & Absolution [BCP p. 360]

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

**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.**

Presider

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

Hymn of Presentation – Say Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above you heavenly host,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A (BCP p. 361)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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 our God.

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

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 *Presider and People (say together)*

**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.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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:

The Lord's Prayer (*say together*)

***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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

"Agnus Dei" (*Say Together*)

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion of the People

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Communion Music

Instrumental Music -- Tim Janis

Prayer of Thanksgiving

[BCP p. 366]

Almighty and ever living 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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries *front cover of BCP (Red Prayer Book)*

Announcements

Seasonal Blessing

Closing Hymn #66

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Dismissal

[BCP p. 366]

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude

(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)