

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Sonata: Preludio

A. Corelli
Isabelle Schueler, cello

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please be seated.]

THE LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

[Please stand when the chimes sound, and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]

Symbols in the Bulletin P Priest, D Deacon, C Congregation, L Leader, AI Everyone.

Advent Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

H 56, v. 1, 4

AI ***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

The Prayer for the First Candle of Advent: Love

P We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope. *[One blue candle is lit.]*
We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Love. *[2nd blue candle is lit.]*

L Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

C **Our God, we come to you today filled with love. We ask your blessing upon us and our mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

AI ***O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

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

C **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

AI **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.**

***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.***

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P 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.

G **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Isaiah 40:1–11, Psalm 85:1-2,8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8
[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 40...*

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.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 85

[Tune: All Praise to Thee, My God]

***You have been gracious to your land, And Jacob's wealth has been restored;
You set aside your people's sins And blotted out their wrongs, O Lord.***

***Lord, you are speaking now to us, And I will listen for my part,
For you speak peace to faithful souls Who turn to you with all their heart.***

***Mercy and truth at last have met, Justice and peace are reconciled;
Truth has arisen from the earth, Justice looked down from heaven and smiled.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from 2 Peter, chapter 3....*

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.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

[Please stand.]

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

The Gospel

☐ 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

Michael Durning

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☑ **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

☐ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

☐ Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given to the glory of God by Lynne Henderson, in loving memory of her beloved Katie Meyer, and for the birthdays this coming week of Betty Lombardo, Dick Smedley, Andrea Zahn, Marilyn Nalewajek, Bill Elmendorf, and for those blessings we now name, aloud or in our hearts *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially *[read names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[Leave time...]*. Bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially *[read names from notebook...]*. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in love.

☑ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

☐ These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☑ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may**

receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

[Please stand or kneel.]

Ⓓ Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *[Silence is 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 your 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 GREETING OF PEACE

Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]

Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Ⓒ **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ⓓ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

OFFERTORY

[Please be seated.]

Creator of the Stars of Night

Plainsong

THE PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

God of the Fertile Fields

***God of the fertile fields, shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land be clothed and fed.***

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,
that all may live.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

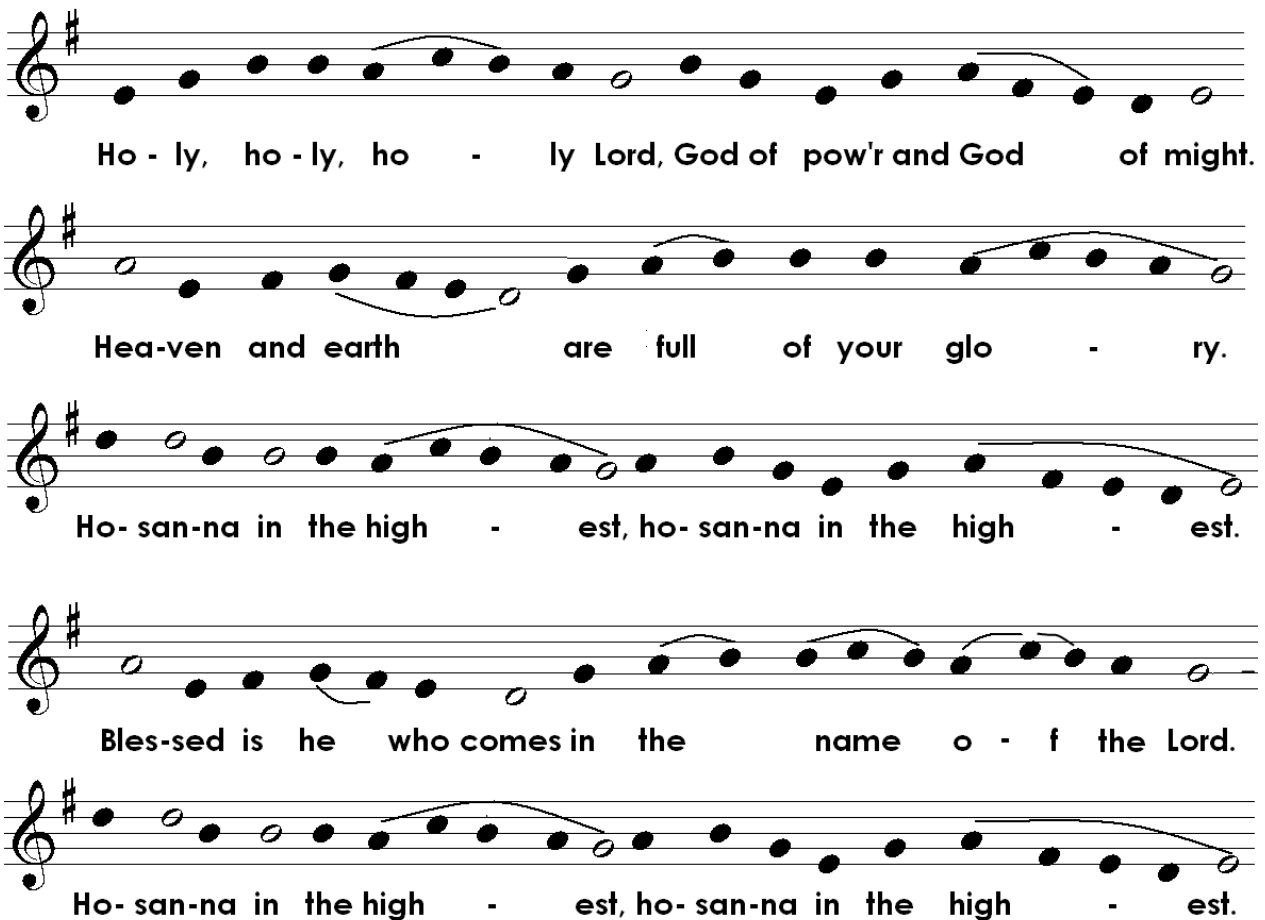
☑ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Emmanuel

A



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.
Ho- san-na in the high - est, ho- san-na in the high - est.

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P 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."

P 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:


C 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.

P 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.

All



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

P The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

C **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

P The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

COMMUNION CHANT

WAIT FOR THE LORD

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

A



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

C 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

[Please stand.]

P The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by focusing our lives on the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

***There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places, where the Lord our God may go!***

***O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;***

THE DISMISSAL

D Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sonata: Giga

A. Corelli

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	Michael Durning
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
Lectors	Judy Warner & Mary Ratliff
Prayers of the People	Judy Warner
Ushers	Bob Roehl & Dick Smedley
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel