

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.**

All are now seated for the readings.

FIRST LESSON

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



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 to/gether; *
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 pros/perity, *
and our land will yield its / increase.

13 Righteousness shall go be/fore him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his / feet.

SECOND LESSON

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.**

All now stand. At the 8:45 am service children ages 3 to 5 are invited to follow the Children's Chapel Leaders to the Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #65 Prepare the Way, O Zion BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL

MARK 1:1-8

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."

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Very Reverend Ron Pogue, Interim Dean

A moment of silent reflection is observed. At the invitation of the Presider, all stand as able. The Nicene Creed is the official ecumenical statement of the faith of the universal church. It was adopted in 325 AD. Recitation is an affirmation of Christian faith and unity, not necessarily a statement of individual orthodoxy.

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: 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, FORM II

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The Prayers call to mind the needs, concerns, and hopes of the congregation and of the world. As members one of another in the Body of Christ, everyone is invited to offer petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings. The Deacon bids the prayers, which are then led by an Intercessor. In the pauses, all are welcome to speak aloud those persons or situations for which they pray.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The people may stand or kneel and the Deacon invites the people to confess their sins.

The Deacon and People together

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider then stands and pronounces

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:45 am *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns* arr. K. Lee Scott
The text for this anthem is found at #73 in the Hymnal 1982

11:00 am *Advent Calendar* Philip Ledger

He will come like last leaf's fall. One night when the November wind has flayed the trees to the bone, and earth wakes choking on the mould, the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost. One morning when the shrinking earth opens on mist, to find itself arrested in the net of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark. One evening when the bursting red December sun draws up the sheet and penny-masks its eye to yield the star-snowed fields of sky.

He will come, will come, will come like crying in the night, like blood, like breaking, as the earth writhes to toss him free. He will come like child.
text, ++Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

PRESENTATION HYMN, H-1982 #67 Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People PSALM 42

At this time the children will process into the service with their gifts and sit at the altar for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Children will return to their parents at the beginning of Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Enriching Our Worship, Prayer II

The people remain standing. This Eucharistic Prayer is taken from our supplementary worship materials and is used during Advent, as the language is particularly appropriate for the images and themes of this holy season. The Presider begins

People The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, the Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant... And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S-129 (see insert) Robert Powell

The people may now stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread to be shared with the congregation. A period of silence is kept. The following anthem is then sung.

FRACTION H-1982 #S163 (see insert) Robert Powell

HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have

tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

H-1982 #69 What is the Crying at Jordan ST MARK'S BERKELEY

H-1982 #75 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying ASCENSION

DOXOLOGY
DISMISSAL OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (8:45 only)

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Presider and People, together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING


The Presider now blesses the people to be sent out into the world in God's service. As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral.

CLOSING HYMN H-1982 #72 Hark! The Glad Sound! The Savior Comes RICHMOND

DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
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The Second Sunday of Advent - December 10, 2017
Celebration of Holy Eucharist, Rite II - 8:45 and 11:00

PRELUDE Jerusalem Surge Gerald Near

From the back of the Nave, with the people seated, the following is read.

ADVENT INTROIT

Reader Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
People And all people shall see it together.

Look toward the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God. Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God. Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. Baruch 4:36-5:9

Reader Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
People And all people shall see it together.

All stand at the chiming of the bells.

HYMN H-1982 #76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry WINCHESTER NEW

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

The Presider says the Collect for Purity, preparing all for faithful and honest engagement in prayer; it is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 355.

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.

THE TRISAGION, H-1982 #S-102 (see insert) Alexander Archangelsky

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.