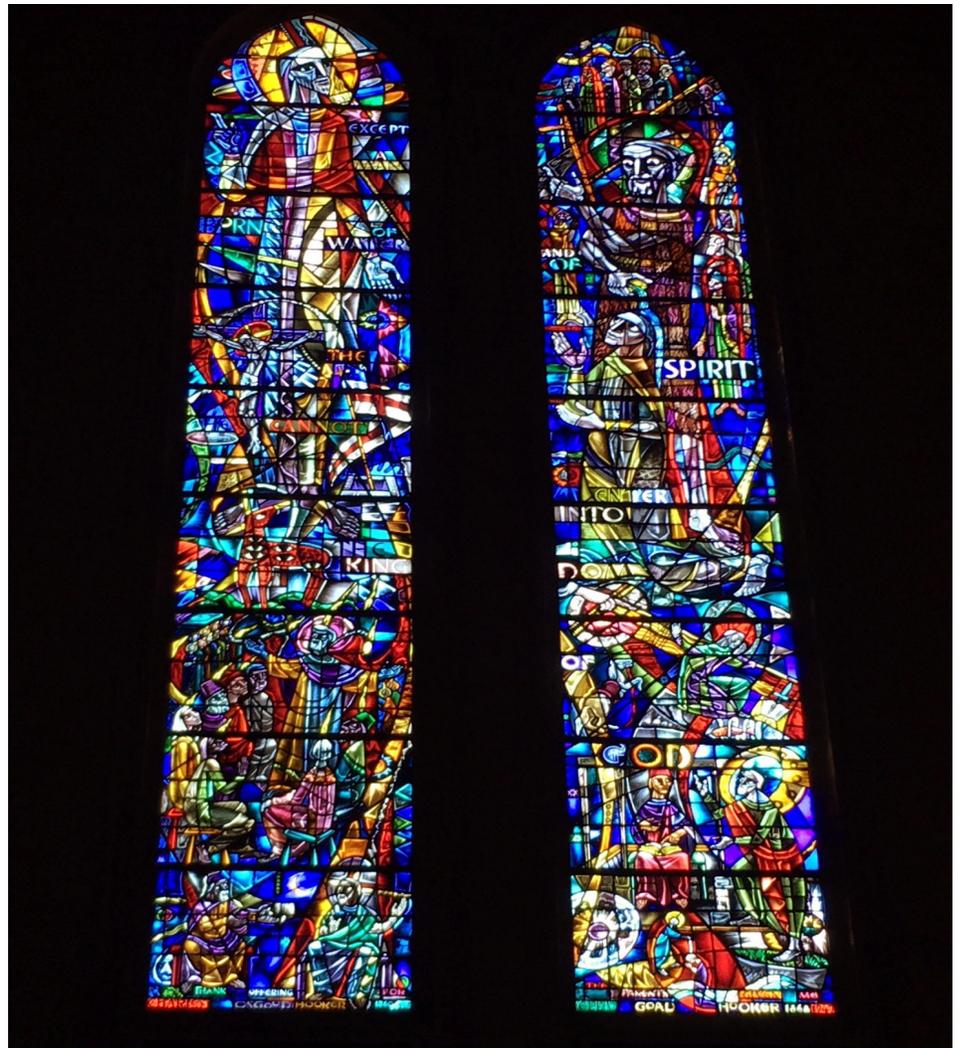


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The Second Sunday of Advent

6 December 2020
11 a.m. Choral Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT • 6 DECEMBER 2020 • 11 AM

Welcome to Grace Cathedral — online! You are invited to participate in this service as you are able, by standing, sitting, praying and singing aloud as you may be moved. We may not be with you to hear you, but we join our prayers with yours, and offer them to God with joyful hearts.

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VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Gathering

PROCESSION

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free**

KYRIE ELEISON

Sung in Greek.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

(See BCP p. 356 for text)

Missa brevis

Choir Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider May God be with you.

People **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.**

The Word of God

THE FIRST READING

The people sit.

Isaiah 40:1-11

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

“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 forever. 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.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Choir, then all **Show us your mer-cy O LORD, and grant us your sal-va-tion.**

Choir 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, O LORD God, to what you are saying, *
 for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn
 their hearts to you.
 Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, *
 that your glory may dwell in our land.

All **Show us your mercy O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

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.
 O LORD, you will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
 Righteousness shall go before you, *
 and peace shall be a pathway for your feet.

All **Show us your mercy O LORD, and grant us your salvation.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Reader A reading from the second letter of Peter.

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.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The choir sings through the three alleluias once, then all repeat.

Mark 1:1-8



Choir, then all repeat **Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.**

Choir Prepare the way for the Lord, make his paths straight



People **and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

All repeat the three Alleluias.

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

All **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."

After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

A period of silence may follow.

The people sit.

The Very Rev. Dr. Peggy Patterson
Interim Executive Pastor

THE NICENE CREED

After the sermon, the people stand.

All 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. The Prayers of the People

After each petition **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

The presider adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements about your cathedral home, and the many ways you can be a part of this vibrant online and in-person community.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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HYMN 56

Sung by all, standing.

Veni, veni Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - ma - - - nu - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from _____ on high, who or - d'rest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - - - e's tree, free them from



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give _____ the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y pow'r _____ to



1 here un - til the Son of God _____ ap - pear. Re-joice! Re-joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways _____ to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, _____ and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er _____ the grave.

text: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.; music: plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.;
adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2 (1998)

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **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 our thanks and praise.

Presider, continuing ... 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

Sung in English

Plainsong

All 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. Hosanna in the highest.

Presider concluding By 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.

All **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider Let us pray together, each in the language of our heart, as our Savior Christ has taught us:

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 The Bread is broken. Silence follows.

Presider Alleluia. Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

People **The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. Alleluia.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the people of God.

AGNUS DEI

Sung in Latin..

Palestrina

Choir Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of love, heavenly Shepherd, You have opened to us the gate to abundant life. You have spread a table before us in the midst of trouble and our cup runs over. Lead us into the world in peace, and follow us with mercy, that we may be signs and servants of your presence, until at last all feast as one, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we pray: Amen.**



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 sac - red 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.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name. ____

text: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999);
 music: melody from Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697; harm. Korallbok for Svenska Kyrkan, 1939, alt.

The Sending Forth

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL The presider pronounces God's blessing.

All respond **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

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