

# SECOND OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6, 2020

Prelude

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Announcements

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (the candle is lit as the following is read)**

This is the candle of peace. In Paul’s Epistle to the Romans we read: “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Christian peace is not only the absence of strife. It is a kind of wholeness and fulfillment that comes only through Jesus. As disciples of his we receive this peace and seek to pass it on to everyone.

**Confession & Absolution**

**P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sins, and whose mercy endures forever.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence for reflection)*

Most merciful God:

**C** **We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**



## Opening Hymn

## Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art,  
dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

*Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788*

## Apostolic Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

**P** Lord have mercy.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

**P** Christ have mercy.

**C** **Christ have mercy.**

**P** Lord have mercy.

**C** **Lord have mercy.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Stir up our hearts Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



## First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> 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.' <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> 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!' <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> 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.

**P** Holy wisdom, holy word.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

<sup>1</sup> **Lord, you were favourable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

<sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

<sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup> **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

<sup>12</sup> **The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup> **Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**



## Second Reading: II Peter 3: 8-15

8 But 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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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.

11 Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>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? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

P Holy wisdom, holy word. C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark in the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter, verses 1-8

C Glory to you O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight", <sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon



## Hymn of the Day

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

- 1 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!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749; tr. composite

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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

P Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue his work of healing. In the Name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

*Pastor and Assisting Minister read first names off prayer list.*

AM Living God, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. When they are afraid, give them courage, when afflicted give the patience, when dejected, give them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

P Almighty God who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## Thanksgiving of the Word

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Let us pray. Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**C We give you thanks and praise.**

P By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**C We give you thanks and praise.**

P Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**C We give you thanks and praise.**



**P** Send forth your Spirit of truth, O God: rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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,  
                  forever and ever. Amen**

## **Blessing**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**



## Closing Hymn

## Prepare the Royal Highway

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
the King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
a level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
foretold in sacred story:  
*Refrain*  
Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!
- 2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*
- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him;  
their voices join your singing: *Refrain*
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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## Dismissal

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.  
C Amen.

## Postlude

**“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice“**





## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Jim Abbott  
Francine Ahrens  
Pat Alexander  
Vinnie Aparo  
Edie Balkun  
Elana Barkasy  
Raymond Bazzolo  
Judith (Ross) Beatty  
Kevin Belkofer & Family  
Jim Bement  
Rebecca Bement  
Richard Bertoli  
Gurvinder Bharara  
Armando Binelli  
Brian & Lisa Bodnar  
Joe Brancato  
Rosanne & Keith Brilliant  
George Bruno  
Brusseau Family  
Eddie Burns  
Theo & Victoria Camara  
Peter Carbone, Sr.  
Liz Clinton  
Jill Cochrhne  
Nancy Colon  
Wayne Crossman  
Barry Demkar  
Sigrid Devita  
Melissa Dias  
Doris & Dutch Deitman  
Gerard Doll  
Betsy Durstin  
Diane & Paul Edwards  
Judy Elliott  
Bruce & Liz Falls  
Christy Ferro  
Barbra Fletcher  
Holly & Elsie Florio  
Ed Ford  
Mary Lynn Gagnon  
Gabby Gerken  
Bob & Ann Gioscia  
Carol Gesner  
Pastor Wayne Gollenberg  
Connie & Don Gugenheim  
Wayne Hall  
Owen Hanecak  
Erica Haraldsen  
Alexis Heintz  
Bill Heintz  
Brad Herzberg  
David Hilton  
Jim Hornfischer  
Vicki Jene  
Jenn Johnson & Family  
Bob Jones  
Ed Killingbeck  
Lynn Killingbeck  
Rick and Christa Kozik  
Burke LaClair

Jeff Lajoie and family  
Lori Ledone & family  
Rebecca Little  
Tommy Locascio  
Judy Ludwig  
Rita Lundeen  
Ida Mallet  
Mervin Mank  
Cynthia Marine  
Richard Marine  
Bob & Lynn Milano  
Barbara Miller  
Ruth Mohlenhoff  
Lonnie & Rose Moranino  
Richard Mortlock  
Carolyn Mosher  
Denise Murphy  
Doris Murphy  
Michael Meyers  
Joyce Nalette  
Ron Nurnberg  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien  
Cindy O'Dell  
Louis Pagano  
Bruce and Kathy Panella  
Gary Parker  
Pastor Jim Pence  
Wally Pence  
Marge Raspiller  
Gladys Reil  
Pat Reiley  
Pastor Sharon Riessinger-  
Blezard  
Grant Robinson  
Mary Rolfe  
Elfrieda Roller  
Dave Roskopf  
Chris Samele  
Tom & Marianne Sedgwick  
Rosemary Schibi  
Jay Shaw  
Linda Shaw  
Tricia Sherwin  
Bob Sienko  
Marge Skaret  
Richard Stanhope  
Jon Sterling  
Mary Thurlough  
Ruth Torsiello  
Reid Underwood  
Cathy Winzler  
Jean Marie Witt  
Anna Woike

Karen  
Katherine  
Helen  
JO  
Jaiden  
Mike  
Curran  
Janice  
Diane  
Jen  
Charlie  
Michelle  
Jessica  
Donna L.  
Rich S.  
Dustin  
Skylar  
Andrea  
Kayleigh  
Linda H.  
Tom S.  
Diane, Kayla, and family  
Bob  
Shannon H.  
Karen M.  
Ora  
Sharon  
Mason  
Louis F.  
Katherine T.  
Joyce-Ann  
Maryann Z.  
Diane  
Jack  
Max  
Lisa  
Erin and Family  
Pam  
Jack & Barbara  
Lorraine  
The Maxwell Family  
The Loomis Family

Family and friends of  
John Feldmann

Theo and Victoria  
Camara and the family  
and friends of  
Mike Burley

### Our Nursing Home Members

Doug Little  
Vinetta Nigels  
Doris Houk  
Dee Gammon  
Richard Regner

### Our Military Friends

*Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.*

Pvt. Brennan Thompson  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Brion Olivero  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James  
Ernst USCG  
PFC Dominic Boscarino

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**If you place a name on the Prayer List, it is your responsibility to let the office know either by Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex, e-mail or a quick phone call, once per month if the name needs to remain on the list. Thank you.**