



St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

December 4, 2022

The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This booklet has all of the music, prayers and readings you need to participate in today's service.

May our worship nourish you for your journey of faith.

Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom.

Prelude: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #76 *On Jordan's Bank*

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On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh;
Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,
For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our re - fuge and our great re - ward;
To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;
All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;



a - wake and heark-en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre-pare a home where such a might-y guest may come.
with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that wi-ther and de - cay.
shine forth, and let thy light re-store earth's own true love-li - ness once more.
whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spir-it ev - er - more.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

All pray together: 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.

Gloria: MHSO #61 *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

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Canon

1 2

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and

3 4

all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

The image shows a musical score for a canon in 6/8 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is labeled '1' and '2' above it, and the second staff is labeled '3' and '4' above it. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

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.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Give the King your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people;
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.

In his time shall the righteous flourish;
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous deeds!

And blessed be his glorious Name for ever!
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.



Gospel Hymn: My Heart Sings Out #58 *Christ is Coming*

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Christ is com-ing: pre-pare the way. Christ is com-ing: pre - pare the way.



Christ is com-ing. Christ is com-ing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mathew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

In this season of preparation for your birth, Lord Jesus, we wait for that time your prophet will say, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Stir up your might and come to save us as we look forward to your holy restoration. We pray, saying **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In these waning days of autumn, we pray in gratitude for the changing seasons that reflect the beauty of creation. For your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for future generations, we pray: **Come O Come Emmanuel.**

In this season when we remember the challenging words of John the Baptist, we pray that you will continue to raise up prophets to tell the good news of salvation and call us to repentance and reformation. For the church, for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In our civil society, we give thanks for leaders who take seriously their call to serve. We ask that all leaders of nations speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. That all who are held captive by any form of oppression may find liberation, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In this land of plenty, we pray for those who lack the basic necessities of life. For the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and the Haiti Micah Project, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are out of work, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In a time when so many need healing, we pray for your wholeness, O God. Grace us all with resilience to endure the challenges we face and strengthen us to reach out to one another. For those who suffer, those who are sick, for those on our parish prayer list and those we remember in our hearts, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

In the midst of life, we also face the realities of death. O God who gives comfort, we pray for those who have died, that they find their eternal home with you. *The people may add their own petitions.* For the departed and for all who mourn, we pray: **Come, O Come Emmanuel.**

We pray in thanksgiving to you O God, bringer of joy, especially for those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week. For all the blessings of our lives, we pray:
Come, O Come Emmanuel.

We pray in confidence and hope to you, O Christ, as we await your birth with anticipation and joy.
Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Piano

The Offertory

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Offertory Hymn: Gather 376 *Canticle of the Turning*

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My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is
Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in
From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on
Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re - me - ber who holds us



great, And my spi - rit sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who
me, And your mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to
stone. Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev 'ry ty - rant from his
fast: God's mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not
be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food that can nev - er
grasp. This sav - ing word that our for - bears heard is the pro - mise which holds us



spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
yearn, You will show your might put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a -



- way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

The Celebrant continues:

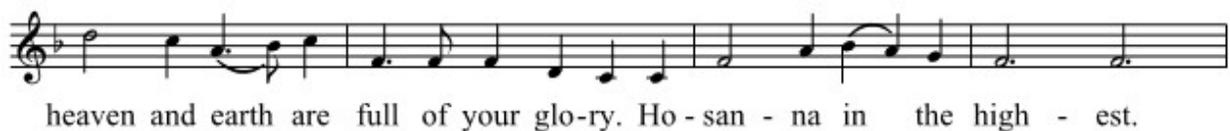
We give thanks to you, Holy One, that the days are surely coming when all the world will see the fulfillment of your promise of salvation. You alone are our righteousness, our only hope for justice and peace.

We rejoice and sing to you with gladness, for you have renewed us by your love, restoring the fortunes of the lost, gathering up the broken and outcast, and giving them a home in you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus: Wonder, Love and Praise #858 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

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The Celebrant continues:

We give you thanks O God for sending Jesus to be our way in the wilderness: at his word, every valley is lifted and every mountain made low; in his body, all flesh shall see your saving power.

Born of Mary, Jesus Christ is our salvation and strength, the fulfillment of your word and the hope of generations. For he lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things.

And so we remember that on the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Gracious God, we ask you to pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts that they may be the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, unite us with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Guard our hearts and minds by the power of Christ Jesus. Speak to our anxieties with the peace that passes understanding, and let our gentleness and joy be a sign of his gracious presence.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer – Contemporary Version

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with Christ we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and after a time of silence, all sing

Fraction Hymn: *Christ our Passover*

Setting: Peter Crisafulli, based on *Christ ist erstanden* from *Music for the Holy Eucharist Rite II* © 2002 Peter Cristafulli. *Enriching our Worship* #26

Cantor

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sac - ri - ficed for us.

All

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le-lu - ia

Celebrant: Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.

If you would like to receive a blessing rather than the bread and wine, please indicate this to the Celebrant by crossing your arms in front of your chest.

Communion Hymn 1: LEVAS #11 *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

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Pre-pare ye the way of the Lord. Pre-pare ye the way of the Lord.

D.S.

Make straight in the des - eert a high-way for our God.
Fill ev-'ry val - ley, bring all moun-tains low.
Go up to a moun-tain and shout with a loud voice.
Say to all peo - ple here is your God.

Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #340 *For the bread which you have broken*

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For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed at our Fa - ther's board,
In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward,



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heaven a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the Church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray:

God of new beginnings, we thank you for drawing near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen us with your love and to renew us for your service. Kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that your light would so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. This we ask in the name of Jesus Emmanuel, who was and is and is to come. Amen.

Announcements



The Blessing

May God be with you as you keep watch for the One whose Advent is promised. **Amen.**

May God embolden your witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way. **Amen.**

May you be found ready at Christ's return, at peace in body, mind and spirit. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who gives us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: *Psalm 42* Claude Groudimel (1514-1572)

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Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain:



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Let All Moral Flesh Keep Silence*

Week Two for Advent in Plain Sight



This week we focus upon tears and despair that give rise to hope as we await the birth of Jesus. Our comfort is that God sees our tears and mourns with us. Scripture offers us hope that, while real and valid, our tears will not last forever, but be wiped away by the very hand of God when all is made well in God's kingdom. Throughout this week as we read and reflect on the daily Scripture passages, we ponder these questions:

1. Are the Advent and Christmas seasons difficult for you, emotionally? Why is that?
2. Have you ever cried the words of the psalmist, "How long, O Lord?" What is it you were longing for in that moment? Did you feel like God heard your prayer?
3. Reflecting on Psalm 80, the author writes, "Our desperate prayers, our bread of tears, may be that which keeps us alive until we experience Immanuel." Can you relate to the idea that lament is itself life-giving, sustaining us through hardship?
4. What connections do you see between the "bread of tears" metaphor and Psalm 126's image of sowing tears like seeds in order to reap shouts of joy? Where might this metaphor fall short and fail to bring comfort?
5. Do you often reflect on the tears and pain of people who are oppressed in our society? What do you imagine their prayers to God sound like? What would good news look like for them as we anticipate God's presence breaking into the world through Jesus?