



# The Season of Advent Second Sunday of Advent St. George's Church

Glenn Dale Parish  
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington

*December 5, 2021*

Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are encouraged to leave your video camera on or turn it off; 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: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* (Psalm 42) from *Genevan Psalter* (1551), arr. Ken Medema (b. 1943)**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 # 59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding***

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Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven  
so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day."  
Christ our sun all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for-given;  
may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near  
with the ev - er last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

**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.**

## Song of Praise: My Heart Sings Out # 61 *Prepare the way of the Lord* – Sung three times

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Canon

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and  
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

### 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: **God, who draws near, who comes to our level, whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside: give us grace to welcome you in the one who tests the bounds of our community: in the child, the outcast, the one who comes with no power save that of remaking our heart; through Jesus Christ, the one who will be betrayed. Amen.**

### Baruch 5: 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on for ever 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 towards 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.

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

## Canticle 16 (Luke 1:68 – 79)

Blessed be Yahweh, the God of Israel;

**you have come to your people and set them free.**

You have raised up for us a mighty savior,

**born of the house of your servant David.**

Through your holy prophets he promised of old,

that you would save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us.**

You promised to show mercy to our forebears

**and to remember your holy covenant.**

This was the oath he swore to Abraham and Sarah,

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

Free to worship you without fear,

**holy and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.**

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

To give the people knowledge of salvation

**by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

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

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



Make straight in the desert a high-way for our God.  
Say to all people, here is your God.

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

## Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

**The Sermon      The Rev. Dr. William Bultman**

### **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

Imploring the God of the prophets, we pray for the needs of all the earth as we say: Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Strengthen us, your Church, to live the Gospel without surrendering to fear. May we show forth your glory in our land. Sustain those who announce your Word and those who listen to it. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Guide Michael our presiding bishop and Mariann our bishop and our entire diocesan community. Sustain your Church throughout the earth, particularly where it encounters oppression. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We remember before you leaders in every human community, every field of endeavor. Endow them with insight, perseverance, and a generous spirit, that they may promote the renewal of society and the coming of your gracious reign. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We pray for peace in the world, for people trapped in warfare and violence. Enable each of us to do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of your creation. Help us to preserve and protect this planet and the forms of life it nurtures. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

We remember everyone on our parish prayer list and all those, known to us or not, who feel weighed down by difficulties, illness, or suffering. Some we recall by name (*offer names*). Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

Rejoicing with those who rejoice, we remember those now celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other joyous occasions. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Show us your mercy, Holy Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

As we await Christ's return and our final liberation, we remember those who have passed on from this life. Some we recall by name (*offer names*). May we, with them, rise with Christ and reign in glory with all your saints. Show us your mercy, Holy One: **and grant us your salvation.**

### *Celebrant*

God our healer, whose mercy is a refining fire: touch us with your judgment, and confront us with your tenderness, that, being comforted by you, we may reach out to a troubled world. We ask this through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

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

**God of all mercy, we know that we have fallen short: We turn our backs when we could embrace; we remain silent when we could speak; we speak when we could listen. When we could fling the door open, instead we close it; when we could be openhearted, instead we judge. Forgive us O God, and strengthen us to grow into the people you created us to be, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Peace

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

**People:** And also with you.

## Announcements and 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 Offertory

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

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## Offertory 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 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: Gather # 144 Holy, holy, holy**

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1964 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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

*Celebrant:* And now let us pray with confidence the words our Savior has taught us:

**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.**

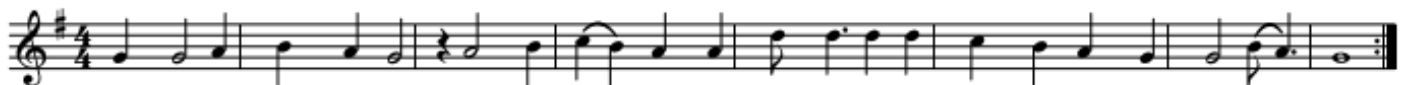
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken and silence is kept. The fraction hymn is sung twice: first by the choir, and then the congregation.*

### **Fraction Anthem: Wonder, Love, and Praise # 878 Whoever Comes to Me**

*Sung twice: first by the choir alone, and then with the congregation joining.*

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Who-ev-er comes to me shall not hun-ger and who-ev-er be-lieves in me shall nev-er thirst.

*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

If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.

*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.*

### Communion Anthem: *Prepare ye the Way* arr. Penny Rodriguez

*Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord.  
The mountains made low, and rugged places plain.  
Prepare the way.*

### Communion Hymn: LEVAS #183 *God Will Take Care of You*

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Be not dis - mayed what - e'r be - tide, God will take care of you;  
Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;  
All you may need He will pro - vide, God will take care of you;  
No mat - ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath His wings of love a - bide. God will take care of you. God will take care of you,  
When dan - gers fierce you path as - sail. God will take care of you.  
Noth - ng you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.  
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.



Through ev-'ry day, O'er all the way; He will take care of you, God will take care of you.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving (Post Communion Prayer)

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.**

## The Blessing

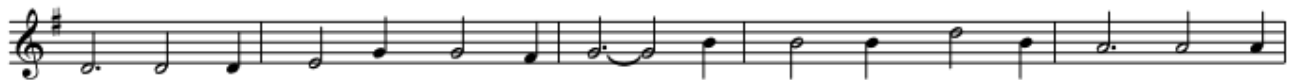
May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing, that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and may the blessing of God Almighty, God who created us, Christ Jesus who gives us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #65 *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmadia Sacra, oder Audachtige und Schone Gesange* 1715  
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Pre - pare the way, O Zi-on, your Christ is draw-ing near! Let ev - ery hill and  
He brings God's rule, O Zi-on; he comes from heaven a - bove. His rule is peace and  
Fling wide your gates, O Zi-on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace. His tid-ings of sal-



val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-  
free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love. Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for  
- va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. All lands will bow be - fore him, their



- told in sa - cred sto - ry  
grace and joy a - bound - ing Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.  
voic - es will a - dore him.

## The Dismissal

With love and compassion, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

With judgement and mercy, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory, **Come, Lord Jesus.**

In wisdom and truth, **Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

**Postlude: *Prepare the Way, O Zion* from *Then Swenska Psalmboken* (1697), arr. Richard Blake**

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