

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 6, 2020—8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn



Reflections on today's readings:

Welcome to Christ Church. Today is the first of the Advent Sundays centered on the ministry of John the Baptist as the forerunner of the Messiah. We hear Mark's account of the beginning of John's ministry and message. John is presented as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the one who embodied the role foreseen by Isaiah as the messenger to prepare the way for the coming of the Christ. He used the traditional Jewish ceremony of renewal and repentance – baptism – but promises that the one who is coming will immerse people in the Spirit of God.

Our first reading is the passage from Isaiah quoted by Mark concerning John the Baptist. This comes from the time of the end of the Jewish people's exile in Babylon and was an exhortation to them to return to the land of promise now that they had been freed by the Persian king, Cyrus. This second Exodus is filled with the promise of God's love and care for the people.

The second reading from 2 Peter looks toward the end of time. The writer is concerned with how we live in this time in anticipation for the time to come when the Day of the Lord will be revealed.

We live in the time in between Christ's first Advent and his second Coming and we gather in the Eucharist as people immersed by Baptism into God's Spirit. We are called not only to celebrate God's presence as our shepherd but also to be messengers who, like John, announce the coming of God's Kingdom. We do this by proclaiming the Word, by celebration of God's sacramental presence, and by lives of peace and growth in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

God's People Gather

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**.

Two blue candles are lit.

Scripture: Colossians 3:15— ‘Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.’

All: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

Celebrant: + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Trisagion *(Said three times)*

***Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Celebrant: Together, 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 people sit.

The Word of God

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. (*Isaiah 40:1-11*)

¹“Comfort, O comfort my people,” says your God. ²“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.” ³A voice cries out: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every 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. ⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” ⁶A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said, “What shall I cry?” All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹Get 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!” ¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹He 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 *Benedixisti, Domine*

¹You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; *

you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

²You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *

and blotted out all their sins.

⁸I 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.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; *

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, *

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *

and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, *

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The people stand as they are able.

The Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (1:1-8)

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

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the 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. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

As we wait for the fulfillment of the ancient promises, let us offer prayers to our God who speaks tenderly and whose patience is our salvation, saying: ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Leader

For the Church: especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our bishops, and for Chris our Priest. We pray that we may herald the good tidings of God's coming to gather and comfort all people. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for St. Nicholas' Parish, Germantown, Episcopal Church Women, and the United Thank Offering. Throughout December. we especially pray for the ongoing work of revitalizing our congregations so many may come to know and follow Jesus. We also remember International Human Rights Day on December 10th. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For this parish family, that God will renew the gift of the Spirit within us and help us to be willing and active disciples. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all who are waiting, that God will give us patience, help us to accompany one another through difficult times, and open in our hearts a place to recognize God's presence and invitations to serve. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For the healing of divisions, that God will lead us to honest dialogue, greater respect for one another, and a deeper commitment to the truth. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all who are fighting the Coronavirus, that God will strengthen those who are sick and their caregivers, inspire researchers, and guide those who will be distributing the vaccine. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For the lonely, the fearful, and all those in need of our prayers, remembering especially those our Prayer List. ***(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)*** We pray that the uneven ground of their lives may be leveled to become a highway for God's comfort and peace. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all the departed. ***(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)*** May they find rest and peace in the bosom of the Shepherd, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all the blessings we have received. *(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)* We give thanks this week for Dan Donahue and Cecelia Owens who are celebrating their birthdays and for Greg Penk and Debs Szymkowiak who are celebrating the anniversary of their wedding. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Nicholas of Myra, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

All: God of comfort, whose promise is a new creation, hear our prayers and prepare the way in the wilderness of our world, that by lives of holiness and service, we may hasten the coming of that new day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer B from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)*

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

And now we give you thanks because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist, who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Savior.

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

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

+ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. + Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The people remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

People and Celebrant

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

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion **(At 10:00 a.m. only)**

***My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

The Blessing for the Advent Season (Church of England)

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. ***Amen.***

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

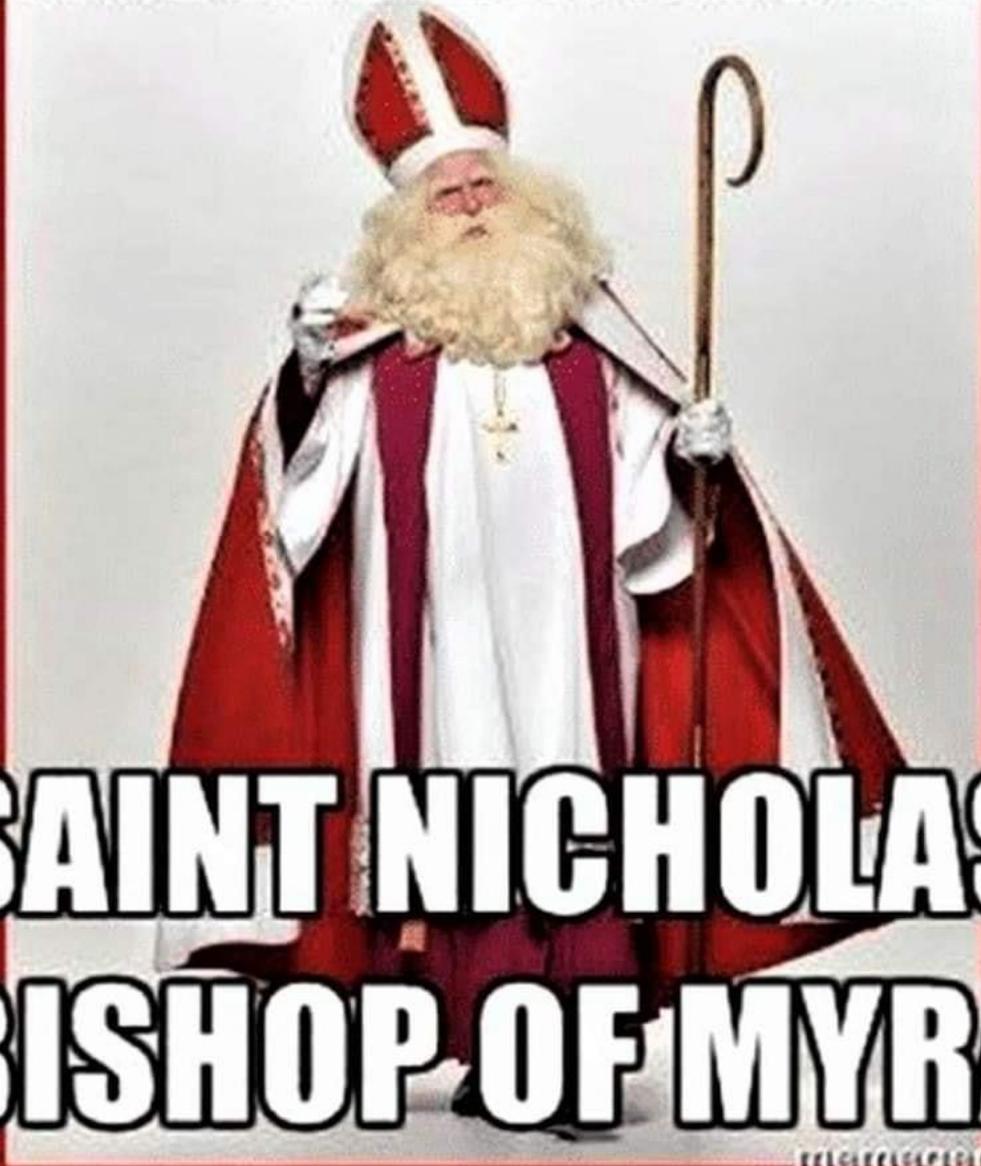
For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
People ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.***

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6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) streamed live

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