



**WELCOME! OUR THEME FOR ADVENT IS A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS**

*During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.*

**Second Sunday of Advent: Hope**

God, in faith we find hope. As we light the candles of faith and hope, we remember and believe in your promises to us. We give you all our struggles this day. May we always find our hope and help in your Son, Jesus. **Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (Büxtehude)

**OPENING HYMN**

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” The Hymnal 76

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

*People*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*                The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*                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 LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

#### ISAIAH 40:1-11

“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.

*Lector*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

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

*Typically, we read the Psalms responsively. Online, we will read the Psalms in unison as a symbol of our enduring connection.*

- 1        You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, \*  
          you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
  
- 2        You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
          and blotted out all their sins.**
  
- 8        I 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.**
  
- 9        Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
          that his glory may dwell in our land.**
  
- 10      Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
          righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
  
- 11      Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
          and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
  
- 12      The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
          and our land will yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

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.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

“The King Shall Come when the Morning Dawns”

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**MARK 1:1-8**

*Deacon*                      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*                        **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.”

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

**THE SERMON**

Jimmy Bartz

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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,**

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
Reformed Episcopal Church  
of Spain

**PARTNER PARISHES**  
Church of St. John the  
Evangelist, Hastings, England  
Santa Maria Magdalena,  
Favorito, Cuba  
La Gran Familia, Mexico

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**  
St. James', Encampment

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**  
Pvt. First Class August Boldt  
Charlie Ezzell  
Pvt. Jacob Farney  
Captain Alic Kelso  
Lt. Wolf Klotz  
Staff Sgt. Brian Luciano

**IN NEED OF COMFORT**

Ken Asel  
Eric Bertelson  
Paul Blumenauer  
Carol Bocker  
Rebecca Bollman  
Breitenbach Family  
Brown Family  
Shelly Buell  
Holly Buell  
Stan Burch  
Meghan Davis  
Eva Free  
Frank Gardner  
Amy Glasgow  
Caroline Johnson  
Dennis Johnson  
Katy Klotz  
Robin Koop  
Edna Larson  
Anne Marie Letko  
Ned Leyendecker  
Julie Mathes  
Mary Elizabeth  
Sue Mertz  
John Oaks  
Tony Paulus  
Svetlana Polyanskaya  
Jim Ross  
Emily & John  
Kelly Sales  
Sue Salzman  
Schmitt Family  
Susie Sheffield  
DeeDee Sorsby  
Mary Talisman  
Jim Thomas  
Nikki Thompson  
Kim Tsamoutales  
Tim Turner  
Larry  
Fr. Ubald  
Chandler Vreeland  
Cindy Windfield

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Charlie Barden  
Tisch Brown  
Bob Caesar  
Charlie Craighead  
Elliot DeVine  
Aurora Dominick  
Mary Erickson  
Sara Flitner  
Charles Goodman  
Anne Barrett Hazard  
Joann Hoff  
Rick Hollingsworth  
Elizabeth Kelleher  
Donald MacNaughton  
Brian Nystrom  
Ian Osler  
Sue Salzman

**CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

Charles & Benita Knight  
John & Kay Specht  
Benny Wilson & Joann Hoff

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Beth Schmitt

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

*The Deacon and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain; for our partner parishes, the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hastings, England and Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we pray for St. James', Encampment.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Beth Schmitt and those we now name, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The People sit. See the Revelations e-Newsletter for what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.*

## **ANTHEM**

“Holy Darkness” Schutte

Holy darkness, blessed night,

heaven’s answer hidden from our sight.

As we await you, O God of silence,

we embrace your holy night.

I have tried you in fires of affliction;

I have taught your soul to grieve.

In the barren soil of your loneliness,

there I will plant my seed.

I have taught you the price of compassion;

you have stood before the grave.

Though my love can seem like a raging storm,

this is the love that saves.

Were you there when I raised up the mountains?

Can you guide the morning star?  
Does the hawk take flight when you give command?  
Why do you doubt my pow'r?  
In your deepest hour of darkness  
I will give you wealth untold.  
When the silence stills your spirit,  
will my riches fill your soul.  
As the watchman waits for morning,  
and the bride awaits her groom,  
so we wait to hear your footsteps  
as we rest beneath your moon.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing*

*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.**

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

*Proper Preface*       Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us  
heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph  
to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

*Celebrant & People*

**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.**

*The People kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and  
become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our  
human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for  
the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant & People*

**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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*In the Anglican tradition, the sacrament of Holy Communion takes place in a gathering of the whole people of God together, remembering together, and sharing together in a meal. We look forward to resuming this practice once the present constraints are relaxed. Witness this holy sacrament as a visible sign of God's love for us, and our love for one another. Let us welcome God, Father Son and Holy Spirit into our hearts, with faith and thanksgiving.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people*

## CLOSING HYMN

“Comfort, comfort ye my people” The Hymnal 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
let the val - leys rise to meet him  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
and the hills bow down to greet him.  
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

“People Look East” (French Traditional)

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