

Holy Eucharist, November 6, 2020

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God *Luke 3.4, 6*

The Gathering of the Community *BAS p. 185*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People And also with you.

"Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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."

Advent Wreath Celebration

Opening Responsory

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again?
That your people may rejoice in you.
Show us your mercy, O Lord
And grant us your salvation.
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace on earth and glory in the highest.

(*Presiding Celebrant*)

On this Second Sunday of Advent we hear stories of the promised forerunner of the Christ, announcing the opportunity to turn to God and find forgiveness and new life. The message of new beginnings enables us to hope for better things in our own time.

(A representative of the Congregation)

Last week we lit the first candle as a symbol of waiting for the God to come into the world in the birth of Jesus Christ. The second candle reminds us that we prepare for that coming by turning to God in repentance and faith.

Unison Prayer:

Loving God, give us the desire, the willingness and the courage to be part of your dream for a world made new by turning our lives over to your will. We pray in the name of Jesus, your dream incarnate. Amen.

Celebrant: Our Saviour and Sovereign draws near

All: O come us worship

Glory to God

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God,
Who sent your servant John the Baptist
To prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
Inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
To turn our disobedient hearts to you,
That when the Christ she all come again to be our judge,
We may stand with confidence before his glory;
Who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. **Amen**

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah

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 for ever.
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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 85.1–2, 8–13

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.
3 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.
4 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
5 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
6 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
7 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
8 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

**God of grace, you loved the world so much that you gave your
only Son to be our Saviour. Help us to rejoice in our salvation
by showing mercy and truth, and by walking in the way of
righteousness and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake.**

Reader: A reading from the second letter to the Peter

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.

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People: Thanks be to God

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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

Mark 1:1-8

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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, using the words of the Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers –December 6th, 2020

Intercessor Let us pray.
In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.
May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need especially/*Names in Parish*, and for those known only to you. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for All Saints, Peterborough, its food voucher program, support of the Good Neighbour Care Centre and Kawartha Food Share, summer bag lunch program, and advocacy at the municipal, provincial and federal levels; for All Saints, Sherbourne Street, its daily drop-in and nursing program, weekly breakfast for women involved in the sex trade, and its community agency connections; and for All Saints, Whitby, its Deacon's Food Cupboard, Christmas outreach ministries, and support of North House Transitional Housing and Durham Community Care-COPE. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray in the name of the one who came, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COVID Prayer

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Intercessor: Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The peace

Hymn 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 (S1)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us

and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying (singing):
All 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.

Celebrant Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,

upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to pray,

All 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,

the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #5

Celebrant God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All Happy are those who are called

to the supper of the Lamb.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing: The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you
The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light
Of His countenance upon you,
The Lord...

Dismissal

Receiving communion on the way out.