

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT – DECEMBER 6, 2020



### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION *Matthew 28:19, 1 John 1:8-9*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ by confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God and Father of all,  
**We confess that we are held captive to sin.**  
**In spite of our best efforts, we have gone astray.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart, or mind, or strength.**  
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**Restore us, O God.**  
**Wake us up and turn us from our sin.**  
**Renew us each day in the light of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

### FORGIVENESS *John 20:22-23*

Dear friends, in the advent of Jesus, our savior has come. In the holy name of ✝ Christ, who was, and who is, and who is coming again, all your sin is forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## ADVENT KYRIE

The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

All those who await your appearance pray:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

The whole creation pleads:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Vs. 3-4

*O come, O come, O Lord of might,  
as to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times you gave the law  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Branch of Jesse, free  
your own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell your people save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

## GREETING 2 Corinthians 13:13

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

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray:

**Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

## **SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us  
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -  
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## **NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith with the words of 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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 INTERCESSION**

**THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

**Handbell Quartet**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

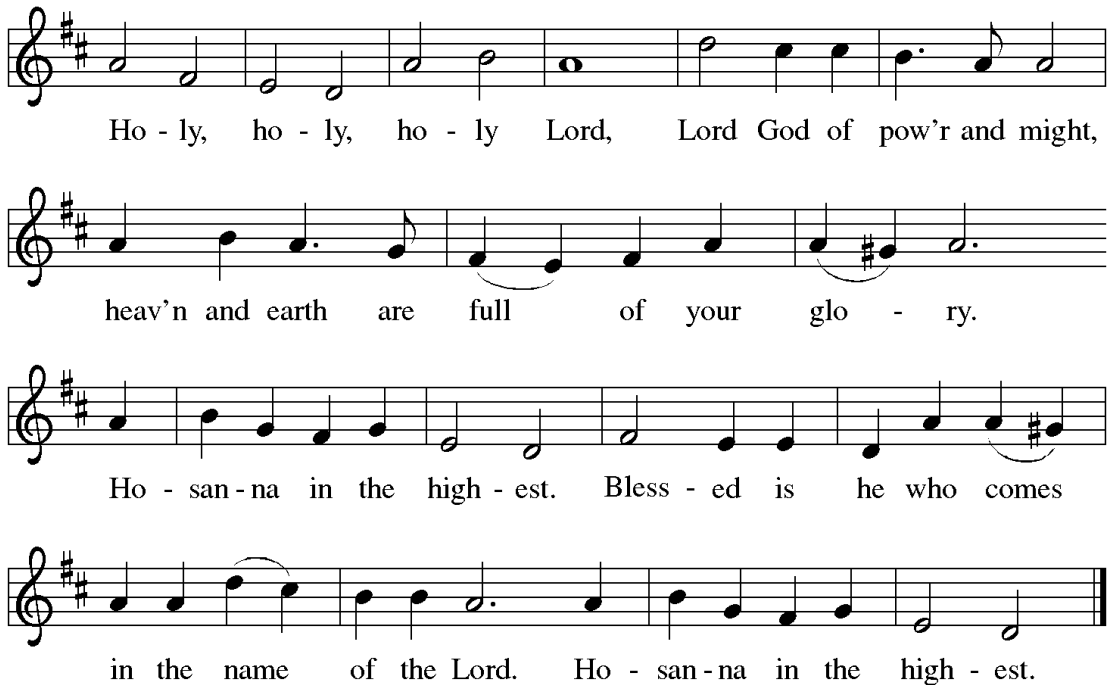
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Isaiah 6:3, Psalm 118:26, Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*Response: Amen, Come Lord Jesus*

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **WE SHARE IN CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD**

### **PRAYER FOR USE BY THOSE NOT JOINING US IN PERSON**

*The following is adapted from an ancient prayer now in wide use in Lutheran, Episcopal, and Anglican congregations during this time when many are unable to be present to receive the Lord's Supper. Those joining us online are invited to use this prayer at this point in the liturgy. Please know that Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring you the sacrament. If you are interested in this ministry, please call the church office. The Lord's Supper is also being distributed at our 10:30 drive-in service in a low-contact manner.*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where your Holy Supper is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:22-27*

### **DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!**

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