

**Second Sunday of Advent    Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**December 4 & 5, 2021    5:30pm & 11:00am**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**Prelude**

**Candlelighting (Lucernaria)**

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:  
**R. O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
**R. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**  
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**

**Opening Hymn**

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (verses 1-3)

Hymnal #76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh; awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward; without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876)

**Acclamation**

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

**Collect for Purity**

**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 FIRST READING:** *Baruch 5:1-9* - Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever 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 toward 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.

### **Canticle 16 – The Song of Zechariah** *Luke 1:68-79*

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free.*

*He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \* born of the house of his servant David.*

*Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.*

*He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant.*

*This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

*Free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his 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 his 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** *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**

**Nicene Creed**

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin**

pg. 360 in BCP

**The Peace**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

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**Offertory Music**

*Comfort, comfort ye, my people (5:30 pm)*

Hymnal #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

*Every Valley* (11:00)

John Ness Beck

**Offertory**

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.  
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

**The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B**

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 him thanks and praise.***  
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**

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.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .  
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
***We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

**The Breaking of the Bread**

## Fraction Anthem

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.

## Communion Music

*Rejoice, rejoice, believers*

Hymnal #68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;  
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.  
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;  
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

## Postcommunion Prayer

***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

### Closing Hymn

*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding* (verses 1-3)

Hymnal #59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day.'

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

## Dismissal

## Postlude

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