



Welcome to Christ Church
December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent (Year B)



10:15 Service is in the leaflet. **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand. Today is the **Second Sunday of Advent**, so we light the second candle of Advent; **Welcome materials** are on the back table. 10:15 service participants: Lector: P. Mann Chalicists & Acolytes: P. Mann, B. Phillips Altar Guild: M. MacNair, D. Crawford Usher: R. Wishart & Volunteer Coffee Hour: Rich, Judy & Doris 8 a.m., Fair Leftovers at 10:15

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II (Readings for other services)

Prelude

76 Opening Hymn

Celebrant: We are waiting, O God, for the day of peace. Give us the will to bring that day through our own simple goodness and hope.

(and together) ***Fill us with patient desire, that our work may be holy, and our holiness bright, through the Christ for whose coming we long, and the Spirit in whose presence we live.***

An Advent Canticle (sung together to the tune Dunedin, hymn 455)

***Arise, shine out, your light has come, unfolding city of our dreams.
On distant hills a glory gleams; the new creation has begun.***

***Above earth's valleys, thick with night, high on your walls the dawn appears,
And history shall dry its tears, as nations stream towards your light.***

***The dancing air shall glow with light, and sun and moon give up their place,
When love shines out of every face, our good, our glory, and delight.***

Celebrant: God 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

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **People: Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 85:8-13

- 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.* **ANTIPHON**
- 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.* **ANTIPHON**
- 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.* **ANTIPHON**

A Reading (Lesson) from the Peter's Second Letter 3:8-15

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people **People: Thanks be to God.**

67 Gradual Hymn (verses 1 & 2 before Gospel, 3 after Gospel) *(please all stand)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark 1:1-8 *(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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Message Dave Carter *(all may be seated)*

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, Form III *(Lay reader and congregation kneeling or standing)*

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For ... *(read names from the intercession sheet)*

And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Jotham, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Colin, Tim and Jay (and names from the sheet)

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

especially for those celebrating birthdays... *Jean Sheldon, Rhonda Wishart, Cliff Buttermark, Abram Nichols, Lila Brooks, Jacob Straub, Jared Vincent, Ray Erskine (and from the sheet)*

For those celebrating anniversaries... *(names from the sheet?)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**

Offertory Anthem *(the ushers pass the collection plates)*

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

S120 *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.**

The Celebrant continues..... It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

S129 *Together.....* **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.**

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 our loved ones and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, ***Our Father, who art in heaven, ...***

The Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

S164 **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

645 **Children's Entrance Hymn**

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

Hymns during Communion (343, LEVAS 154) *(all baptized are invited to communion)*

Prayer after Communion: *Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

Celebrant and 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 Choral Amen & Announcements

435 **Recessional Hymn**