

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Offertory Sentence

9:00 *The congregation is seated after the ushers present the oblations at the altar.*
11:15 *The congregation is seated following the sentence.*

The Offertory

Anthem *Pervasive, Never-absent One* Joel Martinson
Transfiguration Choir with Mickey Owens, clarinet

*Pervasive, never-absent one whose name is Mystery,
whose close companionship we sense, whose face we yearn to see:
come to those who seek you, who long for the sound of your voice.
Hov'ring elusive one, come!*

*Indwelling, ever-present one whose nearness we have known,
whose hand has soothed us in distress, whose love precedes our own:
come to those who seek you, who long for the sound of your voice.
Immanent advent one, come!*

*Unfettered spirit, living one whose gifts are freely sown,
whose breath and grace abide in us, in flesh and blood and bone:
come to those who seek you, who long for the sound of your voice.
Future-transforming one, come!*

- Delores Dufner, OSB

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Stand.

Hymn 11:15 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* The Hymnal 67

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship
Eucharistic Prayer 2

This form comes from a supplemental resource to The Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship. Responses can be found in the insert.

Communion of the People

All who are baptized, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who choose not to receive for any reason, are invited forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. To receive by intinction, continue holding the Host out and the Eucharistic Minister will dip it into the Chalice and place it on your tongue. Indicate your desire to receive a gluten-free Host by holding out your hands together palms-down.

Anthem 9:00 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* J. P. Rameau
arr. Ronald A. Nelson
Canticle Choir with Ryan Tatum, violin

Voluntary

9:00 *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. William E. Moats
Bella Musica Handbell Choir
11:15 *Savior of the Nations, Come* Dieterich Buxtehude
BuxWV 211

Hymn *Once He Came in Blessing* The Hymnal 53

Stand.

The Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Sending Forth of the Eucharistic Visitors 9:00

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

May you hear and heed the words of the prophets, speaking words of comfort and challenge, so that we will be ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty ✠, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn The Hymnal 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
9:00 Stanzas 1, 2 & 5 11:15 All Stanzas

Voluntary J. G. Walther & J. H. Buttstedt
Two Settings of "Once He Came in Blessing"

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE
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SEEKING AND SERVING CHRIST IN ALL PERSONS

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

9:00 a.m. | 11:15 a.m.



The Holy Eucharist

Voluntary *In the Bleak Midwinter* arr. Karen Buckwalter
Bella Musica Handbell Choir

Welcome

Entrance Hymn *Prepare the Way, O Zion* The Hymnal 65

The Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Presider ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity BCP 355

The Song of Praise *Trisagion* The Hymnal S 102

Sung three times in harmony: 1 - Gallery Choir; 2 - All *mf*; 3 - All *f*

Music preceded by an "S" is printed in the front section of The Hymnal.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider 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.

Be seated.

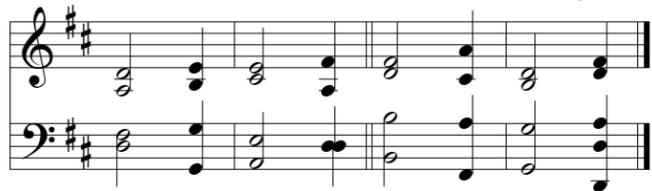
The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

The Hymnal S 415
Simplified Anglican Chant Tone
J. W. Meachen



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You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,*
you have restored the good fortune of **Jacob**.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your **people***
and blotted out all their **sins**.

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**.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who **fear him**,*
that his glory may dwell in our **land**.

Mercy and truth have met **together**;*
righteousness and peace have kissed each **other**.
Truth shall spring up from the **earth**,*
and righteousness shall look down from **heaven**.

The LORD will indeed grant **prosperity**,*
and our land will yield its **increase**.
Righteousness shall go **before him**,*
and peace shall be a pathway for his **feet**.

The Second Lesson 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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand.

The Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* Chant, Mode VI

Please sing this refrain after the choir's intonation and following the verse.



Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

The Gospel Mark 1:1-8

✠✠✠ 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated.

The Sermon

Stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

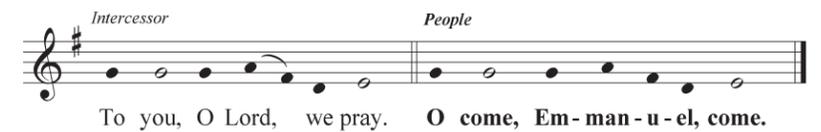
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power 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.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor invites the prayers of the congregation, and offers on the altar the prayers printed in the Parish Intercession Book.

Each petition concludes:



To you, O Lord, we pray. **O come, Em-man-u-el, come.**

The Presider prays a concluding collect:
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin