



**The Second Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist Rite II**

December 6, 2020

Thank you for participating in our virtual worship. Tune in from either our

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You may wish to have advent candles ready to light, and a cross to place in your home worship area. Please feel free to join in by saying the words in bold out loud at home. We are glad to be worshipping with you today.

Prelude *Concerto in Bb for Oboe, mvt. 1, Adagio* G.F. Handel
Barbara Midney, Oboe and Bernadette Colley, Piano
Church of Our Redeemer December 2019

Welcome

Introit *O Come O Come Emmanuel* 15th c. French
Atrium Singers, Congregation
and Riverview Chamber Players – December 2016

*2 Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go.*

Congregation Response: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader Blessed are you, our God, who created light out of darkness and sent your only Son to bring the light of your love to all people. We pray for your blessing upon this wreath and upon all who kindle these lights. As we gather together in this Advent darkness to await the dawn of Christ, prepare our hearts and homes to receive our Savior.

December 6 - *Light 2 purple candles*

Leader O radiant Dawn, splendor of the eternal light, sun of justice:
People **Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Leader O Ruler of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart, O Keystone of the mighty arch of humankind,
People **Come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust. Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn *People Look East, v. 1-4*
Redeemer Adult Choir and Congregation, December 2019

- 1. People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.*
- 2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.*

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3. *Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.*

4. *Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.*

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Praise Hymn *O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion*

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Oh thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Zi - on, Oh

thou — that tell - est good ti - dings to Je - ru - sa - lem:

Lift up your voice with strength, — Lift it up don't be a - fraid. Be -

hold — your — God. — A - rise, — and shine, — for the

light of the world is come. Be - hold — your — God! —

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.*

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Reading

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 The Word of the Lord.
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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Hymn *Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming, v.1+2*

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Gospel Hymn

Lo, How a rose e're blooming, v.1+2

Blue Hymnal 81

Redeemer Choir, Congregation, and Guilded Harps Trio

December 2015

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
* 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,

Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;

It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
To show God's love a - right, she bore to
true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, O 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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

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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)

BCP p. 387

Leader Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader We pray for Dorothy, Bill, Kemon & Marilla, Sarah, Dale, Aura, Lauren, Mary, Carolyn, Joan, John, Tom, Jack, June, Darryll; Richard, Martin, Lynette, Thien, Marie, Diane, Nguyen, Rose, Phyllis, Janet, Dale, Nancy, the Doan Family, John, and Joan. Please add your own prayers. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We pray for those who have died, especially for Maureen, Dorothy, Jim, Sven, John, Avis, Richie, Gerry, Barbara, John, Jim, Robert, John, Emily, Tammy, David, Ronald, and Philip. Please add your own prayers. Give to the departed eternal rest;
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bestow on us.
Please add your own thanksgivings.

Collect for the Parish, Leader and People together:

Loving God, who calls us to restore unity and justice, your son Jesus teaches us that love brings us together in a community where all are welcome. Help us deepen our faith and relationships so that we can grow our community to make a difference within and beyond ourselves, through Jesus Christ Our Redeemer. Amen.

Presider Lord, we watch, we wait, we look, we long for you. Dispel the clouds and darkness and awaken us to your glory, that we may walk in your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Confession BCP p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel in body or in spirit and join in a moment of silent contemplation.

All **Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.**

Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Presider With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

Your financial offering can be shared online at our-redeemer.net/stewardship-2

Musical Offering *Isaiah the Prophet has Written of Old* J.Patterson/S. Carter
Redeemer Adult Choir & Guilded Harps Trio
Mary Storandt, Soprano - December 2015

- 1. Isaiah the prophet has written of old
how God's new creation shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree the fir tree shall grow;
the wolf shall lie down with the lamb.*
- 2. The mountains and hills shall break forth into song,
the peoples be led forth in peace;
the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
as the waters cover the sea.*
- 3. Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
and conflict turns parent from child
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth,
and the briar and thorn tree grow wild.*
- 4. God bring to fruition your will for the earth,
that no one shall hurt or destroy;
That wisdom and justice shall reign in the land,
and your people shall go forth in joy.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

BCP p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. ... 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:

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Blue Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel in body or in spirit.

Presider 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;

The Presider praises God for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ our Lord and remembers Jesus' invitation at the Last Supper.

... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

ALL We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

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.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

All

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is able to be celebrated, and especially with all those in this Diocese and in the Redeemer community who, for the sake of health and wholeness, cannot gather at this time, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Announcements

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Closing Hymn

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates
Choir, Congregation and Riverview Chamber Players
December 2016

*1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
 behold, the King of glory waits;
 the King of kings is drawing near;
 the Savior of the world is here!*

*2 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
 make it a temple, set apart
 from earthly use for heaven's employ,
 adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*3 Redeemer, come, with us abide;
 our hearts to thee we open wide;
 let us thy inner presence feel;
 thy grace and love in us reveal.*

*4 Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
 until our glorious goal is won;
 eternal praise, eternal fame
 be offered, Savior, to thy name!*

Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from 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.**

Dismissal

Acolyte As we wait our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ
Acolyte extinguishes candles.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us on Zoom for Virtual Coffee Hour and Adult Formation immediately after worship.

The Zoom link is emailed in the weekly announcements. If you need a link today, email kate@our-redeemer.net and we'll try to respond asap. If you' would like to get the link emailed to you on a weekly basis, email office@our-redeemer.net to be added to the mailing list.

Advent & Christmas at Redeemer

Advent Calendar

Watch our website, newsletter, and Facebook page for a parish Advent calendar. This calendar, created by Cara Kalf, contains daily activities, prayers, and devotions for families and individuals to do at home to mark this special season.

TODAY! Cookies & Carols Zoom Party for Children | Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 pm

Celebrate the Feast of St Nicholas with Cookies & Carols. This Zoom party will include an award ceremony for decorated (or colored-in) cookies. All entries will win a special prize. The awards ceremony will be followed by stories read out loud by St. Nicholas himself! Many thanks to Cara Kalf and Jamie Burnside for coordinating. Watch the weekly newsletter for Zoom link.

Advent Compline | Wednesday at 7:30 pm

On Wednesday December 9, 16 and 23, join with Redeemer friends on Zoom for a contemplative Advent worship service full of poetry and prayer. Watch the weekly announcements for the Zoom link. Many thanks to Cara Kalf for leading this service.

Advent Adult Formation - Moving from Darkness to Light: Finding Hope in Advent December 6, 13, & 20 at 10:30 am

The Adult Formation committee has invited special guest speakers to lead our Advent adult formation. See the weekly announcements for details.

Advent Lessons & Carols | December 12 at 4:00 pm and December 13 at 9:30 am

This beautiful service, offered by our Adult Choir, will be online this year. The lessons and carols tell the story of the coming Christ, and remind us, as the nights get darker, that the light will return. Traditionally it is an evening service as we light more and more candles as the sun sets and darkness falls. You may want to gather with your family in your home and while you create your own tranquil candlelight setting during the Pre-Prelude (which will begin around 3:50) on Dec. 12th. The service will be live-streamed (with pre-recorded music) to the church website and Facebook page from the Sanctuary on Saturday, December 12 at 4pm. The service will be re-played on the website and Facebook page on Sunday morning December 13 at 9:30am as our main worship service that day.

Christmas Service of Healing and Remembrance: Thursday | December 17 at 7:00 pm

This service is for all those for whom Christmas might be a difficult time due to the loss of a loved one or any reason. This service acknowledges our griefs and losses and offers prayers for healing and hope. This year, this service will be held on Zoom with Rev. Frank leading from the Sanctuary. Watch the weekly announcements for the Zoom link.

“Waiting and Hoping,” An Advent Quiet Morning | December 19 from 10am to 12pm

Take some time as Christmas approaches for a half-day retreat led by Mary Ann Burnside. The retreat will be conducted on Zoom with designated time away from the computer for private prayer, as well as shared group reflection.

Christmas Eve Worship, Creche Service | December 24

The children’s Christmas pageant, sing-along carols, and a special children’s Christmas message from Rev. Frank will be part of a short video service that will be available for viewing anytime on the church website.

Christmas Eve Service | December 24 | 8:00 pm

Our main service of Christmas Eve will be live-streamed from the Sanctuary at 8pm onto the website and Facebook. Special music from the choir and a sermon from Rev. Kate will be part of this Holy Eucharist to celebrate the birth of Christ.



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