



Sunday, December 6, 2020  
The Second Sunday of Advent

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Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2019  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave  
The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Week of 2 Advent  
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.'" (Luke 3:2b-6)

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (Second Sunday Advent) BCP 75  
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

The Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.

(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

Confession of Sin BCP 79  
Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Officiant:  
Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
eternal life. *Amen.*

#### Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.  
*People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*  
All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

Antiphon (in Advent) BCP 80  
Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.  
*People: Come let us adore him.*

Jubilate BCP 82  
Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Antiphon BCP 80  
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*People: Come let us adore him.*

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 Benedixisti, Domine BCP 708  
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

A reading from 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.

But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.

Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.

The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

A reading from Peter's second letter 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.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah BCP 92  
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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.

A reading from Mark 1:1-8  
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."

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon The Rev Dan Buchin

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96  
*Officiant and People together*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.  
*All: And also with you.*  
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97  
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.

Suffrage B BCP 98  
V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day (Second Sunday of Advent) BCP 211  
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 Collect for Sundays BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Advent during Covid-19  
– written by Christian Aid Scotland

Even if we cannot gather in person  
*Emmanuel, God with us*  
Even if some Christmas traditions have had to go  
*Emmanuel, God with us*  
Even if we might not get to hug family and friends  
*Emmanuel, God with us*  
Even if we cannot sing carols beside each other  
*Emmanuel, God with us*  
Even if Christmas cheer is harder this year  
*Emmanuel, God with us*

A Collect for Mission BCP 101  
Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

*The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102  
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.  
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Announcements

Dismissal BCP 102  
Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from

generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen. Ephesians 3:20,21*

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST with everything it takes to provide community worship on Sunday mornings!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/13 Morning Prayer, Fr Dan Buchin officiating

12/20 Morning Prayer, Fr Dan Buchin officiating

12/24 Christmas Eve service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday

12/20 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed & Audrey Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Bob Bird; Donna Tomecek-Schiller; Jamie & Marvin; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Kristin & Matthew; Carol & Patrick Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Caty Smith; Jim Barancin; Single mom with health issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker; Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler; total surrender; Bud Leafdale; Jessica's aunt; John Martin; Margaret Grose; our community; job recovery; Darrien Baker; Baby D; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Matthews' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda Hesselink; Terry Johnson; Carrie Cook; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al Ellerholz; Vicki Hesse; Beth Rowley; Eric Travis; Kim Pratt; the family of Catherine Pelham; Andy; the family of DJ Martin; the family of Gordon Stites

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; St Michael's, Grosse Pointe Woods; St Clare of Assisi, Ann Arbor; Holy Family, Santo Domingo, DR

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for fellowship when the pandemic crisis is over!

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