



St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church
Keller, Texas

The Holy Eucharist
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

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PRELUDE

Creator of the Stars of Night

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME

HYMN 75

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

ASCENSION

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the
 call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of
 high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall
 val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, the
 lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Page 355, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

KYRIE

Responsively

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pam, Chris and Lily Soine will light the Advent Wreath today.

Celebrant

Last Sunday we lighted the first candle in our Advent Wreath, the candle of hope. We light it again as we remember that Christ will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us. Today is the Second Sunday of Advent. The second candle of Advent is the Candle of Peace. It is sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle to remind us of the place in which preparations were made to receive and cradle the Christ child. We light this candle today to remind us that he brings peace to all who trust in him.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 211, Book of Common Prayer

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.**

A READING FROM ISAIAH

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.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Benedixisti, Domine

Page 708, Book of Common Prayer

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.

A READING FROM SECOND PETER

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

Before the Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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.”

After the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, O Christ**

A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon

THE NICENE CREED

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant and People

**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.**

PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH

Intercessor and People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Martin's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

Page 388, Book of Common Prayer

You may use the "live chat" feature in YouTube to add your own petitions at this time.

Intercessor

Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying, God in your goodness, Hear our prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott and Rayford, our Bishops; Ron, Ayo, Paula, Judy, Frank, and Diana, our clergy; Joe our Organist/Choirmaster; Liza our Children's Minister, and Jim our Assistant Music Director.

In our [Anglican Cycle of prayer](#) we pray for Pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain.

In our [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#) we pray for St. John in Brownwood and St. John the Divine in Burk-burnett.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Brandy, Susan, Courtney, Sol & Sue

We pray for those who are traveling:

We pray for those with employment concerns: Rick, Jeff, Janet, Rebecca, Mark, Aaron, Sarah, Collin, Chris, Cherie and all those who are out of work at this time.

We pray for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Rich, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, Jason, John, Deion, Tanner, Benjamin, Timian, Will, John, James, Chris, Kip, Steve, Alex, Christopher, Christian and all soldiers and civilians in harm's way.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Shawn, Mary Jane, Jenny, Molly, Margaret, Ann, Ernie, Wayne, Brant, Jill, Barbara, Florence, Steve, John, Paul, Paula, Rick, Asami, Genevieve, Kory, Charla, Meesh, Barbara, Coleman, The McCure family, Elizabeth and Zac and for all their family members and caregivers.

We pray for all whose lives are affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic, for healthcare personnel, for public health officials, for first responders, and for scientists seeking solutions.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially James, Harry] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

God, in your goodness
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

From Enriching Our Worship

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



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1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
 saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
 mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry
 ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
 tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken
 and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

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HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

From Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.
From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars;
earth, winds, and waters;
and every living thing.
You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,
you would not forget us.
Time and again you called us
to live in the fullness of your love.
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with Martin and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All

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

Celebrant
People

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

After those at the Altar have received the Sacrament, they will proceed to the Parking Lot to serve those in their vehicles. The driver of each vehicle will take what is needed and serve other inside the vehicle. After you have received, please retain the empty vessels until you exit the Parking Lot, where Ushers will be collecting them so that they can be taken to the Sacristy.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION *Trio Sonata in E minor: Adagio* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This week's visitors are Evie Larimore and Jeniffer Varley

Eucharistic Visitors present themselves at the Altar to receive the Sacrament to take to those who are prevented from attending in person. The Celebrant then says,

In the name of this congregation we 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.

The People respond,

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

Eucharistic Visitors remain until the Altar Party retires, then leave for their visits.

THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP *From Enriching Our Worship*

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *Savior of the Nations, Come!* [Orgelbuchlein] J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

The Very Rev. Ronald D. Pogue
Interim Rector

Chuck Ambrose
Video Producer

The Rev. Ayo Omoniyi and
The Rev. Paula Jefferson
Deacons

Pam, Chris and Lily Soine
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Helen Carr
Lector

Evie Larimore and Jeniffer Varley
Eucharistic Visitors

Phyllis Bess
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DJ Mitchell and Christine Gehringer
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DJ Mitchell
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