



+ Second Sunday of Advent
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+ Second Sunday of Advent Order for Worship

John the Baptist calls people to repent, to completely reorder their lives so that nothing gets in the way of the Lord's coming. The reading from Isaiah gives the context for this call: the assurance of God's forgiveness that encourages us to repent; the promise that the coming one will comfort and care for God's vulnerable people. Isaiah calls us all to be heralds with John, to lift up our voices and declare, "See, your God is coming!" We hear this promise in worship, in order that we may proclaim it with our lives in a world in need of justice and peace.

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW 256



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak 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.

³A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every 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.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

⁶A voice says, “Cry out!”

And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

⁷The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.

⁸The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
⁹Get 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!”
¹⁰See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and the Lord’s arm rules for God;
God’s reward is with the Lord,
and God’s recompense before the Lord.
¹¹The Lord will feed God’s flock like a shepherd;
The Lord will gather the lambs in God’s arms,
and carry them in God’s bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

The psalm is sung by a cantor.

People of the assembly are invited to respond with the verses in bold.

¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.
²**You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people
and blotted out | all their sins.**
⁸I will listen to what the LORD| God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**
¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**
¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.
¹³**Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

Second Reading – 2 Peter 3: 8-15a

⁸Do 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. ⁹The Lord is not slow about God's promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But 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.

¹¹Since 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, ¹²waiting 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? ¹³But, in accordance with God's promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by God at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a}and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

P: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel – Mark 1: 1-8

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make the Lord's paths straight.’”

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Word

Children's Song **Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah** **ELW 240**
v. 1-2

- 1 Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.**
- 2 Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.**

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Sermon

*To lift up the poetic imagery of our hymnody,
the Hymn of the Day will be spoken during the season of Advent.*

Hymn of the Day **ELW 255**

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where God, our God, may go!**
- 2 O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their king.
Like flow'rs of the field we perish,
like grass our works decay;**

**the pow'r and the pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.**

**3 But the word of our Savior is faithful,
the arm of our God is strong,
who stands in the midst of the nations
and soon will right the wrong.
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,
the lambs so gently hold;
in pastures of peace now lead them,
and bring them to your fold.**

Text: James Lewis Milligan, 1876-1961, alt.

Prayers of the People

P: God of power and love, tear open the heavens and come quickly to this weary world,
as we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all creation.

After each petition

P: Hear us, O God;

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Draw near to us, O God,

and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P: The Creator of the heavens and the earth bless you in your Advent waiting,
the long-expected Savior fill you with love,
the sustaining Spirit guide your journey, ✚ now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn

Toda la tierra / All Earth Is Hopeful

Following Page





To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free,
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

- 2 *Dice el profeta al pueblo de Israel:* "De madre virgen ya viene Emmanuel," será "Dios con nosotros," hermano será, con él la esperanza al mundo volverá.
 3 *Montes y valles habrá que preparar;* nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar. Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar, y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4 *En una cueva Jesús apareció,*
pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

C: Congregation

ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal

Those serving in worship today

Prelude	Timothy Kocher-Hillmer, Recorder
Welcome	Kalcich Family
Gathering Hymn	Mandy and Ty Best, Vocals Sue Gaugler, Piano
Psalm	Maria Mangano
Children's Song	Kristen Asplin, Vocals Maria Mangano, Clarinet
Hymn of the Day (Spoken)	Jimmi and Timothy Kocher-Hillmer
Assisting Minister	
Sending Hymn	Mandy and Ty Best, Vocals Sue Gaugler, Piano
Director of Faith Formation	Christopher Atwood
Presiding Minister	Pastor Ross Carmichael

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