



December 08, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

All children and youth are welcome, unconditionally. They are welcome to gather at our *PrayGround* at the front-left of the Nave. Materials for art and play are waiting there. During the sermon, children pre-K through fifth grade move to the Chapel, where we explore the gospel reading for the day. (We return in time for Communion.) ¶ During the school year, *Youth Group* (grades 6-12) gathers shortly after Eucharist in the Sherman Room (in the same building as Coffee Hour) to enjoy fellowship and exploration of our faith journey. ¶ Professional childcare is available in the *Nursery* (in Gooden Hall) every Sunday from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

The VOLUNTARY *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659* *J S Bach (1685-1750)*

All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

HYMN 65 *Prepare the way, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

During the singing of the hymn, straw for the Manger, which represents the good we are pursuing and the sin we are repenting of as we prepare for Jesus' Advent, is brought in; and the candles of the Advent wreath are lighted

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All remain standing, as they are able

Celebrant

Bles - sed are you, ho - ly and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

The COLLECT for PURITY

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.*

The KYRIE ELEISON *Mass 9 'Cum júbilo'*

Sung by all

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy
 up - on us. Lord,
 have mer - cy up - on us.

The COLLECT of the DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
 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.*

All may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord, as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

The RESPONSE

Canticle 16, *The Song of Zechariah* (Luke 1:68-79)

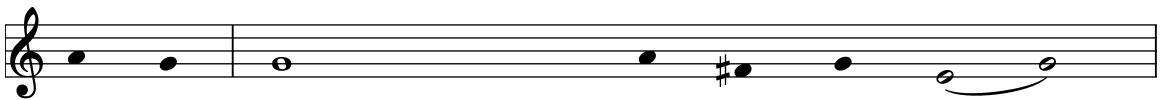
Sung by all



1. Bless - ed are you O Lord our God: you have come to your



peo - ple and set them free. 2. You have raised up for us a mighty



Sa - vior: born of the house of your ser - vant Da - vid.

3. Through the voices of your ho - ly pro - phets, you have prom - ised since the world be - gan:

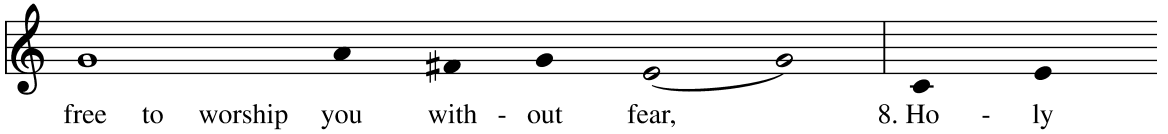
4. That you would save us from our en - e - mies, and from the hand of

all who hate us. 5. You prom - ised to show mercy to our

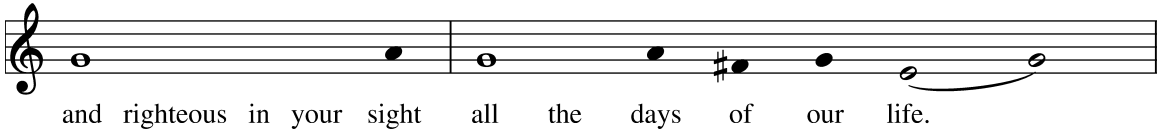
fore - bears: and to remember your ho - ly co - ve - nant.

6. This was the oath sworn to our fa - ther Ab - ra - ham: that you would give us:

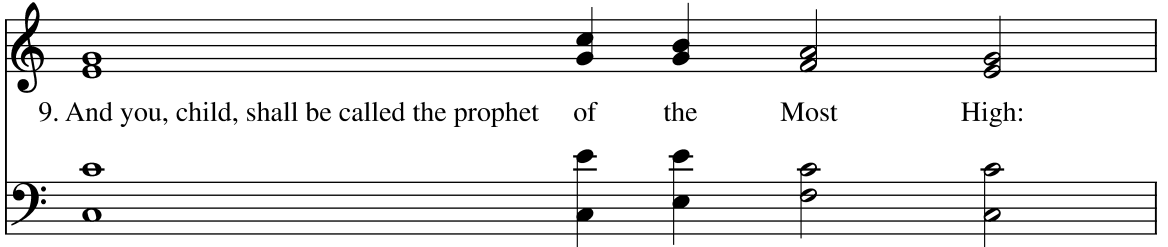
7. To set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



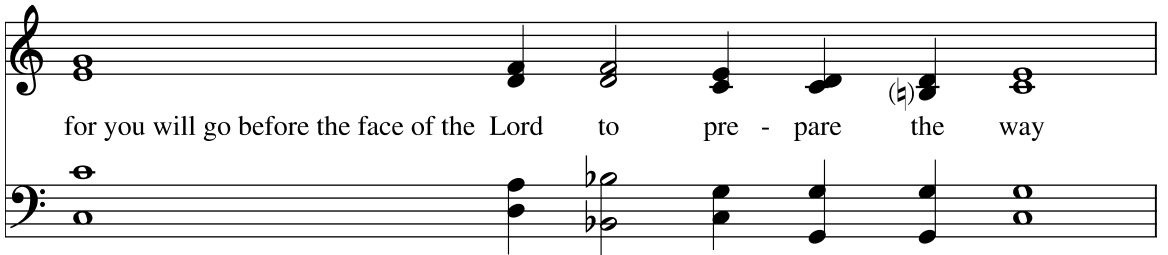
free to worship you with - out fear, 8. Ho - ly



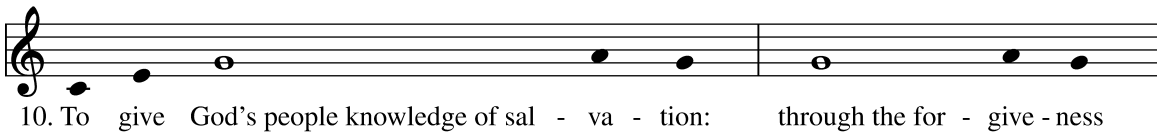
and righteous in your sight all the days of our life.



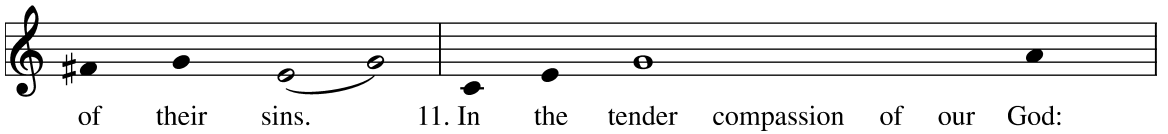
9. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High:



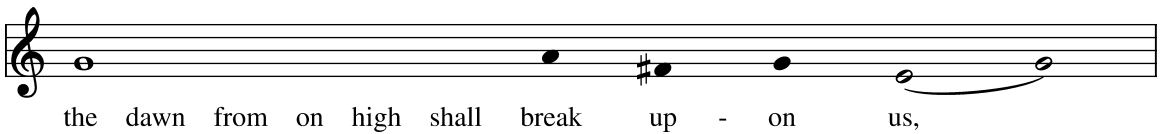
for you will go before the face of the Lord to pre - pare the way



10. To give God's people knowledge of sal - va - tion: through the for - give - ness



of their sins. 11. In the tender compassion of our God:



the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,

12. To shine on those who dwell in darkness, and in the shadow of death;

and to guide our feet in-to the way of peace.

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and e - ver shall be;

through all ag - es. A - men.

Music: Tone 5, Richard Fabian (b. 1942), Polophony alternatim after Jacob Handl (1550-1591), adapt. from *Ecce quomodo moritur*. Copyright © 1972 All Saints' Company.

The SECOND READING

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as they are able

HYMN 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

PSALM 42

The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-68, 80; 3:1-6

Celebrant *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The time came for Mary's relative Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them

pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then John’s father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Blessed are you, O Lord our God,
you have come to your people and set them free.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Then, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituræa and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, 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.’ ”

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

The SERMON

The Rev Douglas Worthington, *Rector*

Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept

The remainder of today’s liturgy, beginning with the Nicene Creed, will be found in the seasonal booklet distributed with this insert.

✠ AT THE HOLY COMMUNION

Music at the Offertory *This is the record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583 – 1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord.

(Text: John 1: 19-23)

Music at the Communion *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Howard Helvey (b 1968)

The tree of life my soul hath seen
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see

'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

(Text: Divine Hymns, Joshua Smith (New Hampshire, 1784))

☞ AT THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN 54 *Savior of the nations, come!*

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

The VOLUNTARY Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661

Bach

Today, in our Diocese's cycle of prayer, we pray for
the clergy and people of Christ Church, Alpine,
and for the growth of service in the diocese;
and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for
the officers and crew of USS *Ohama*.

CELEBRANT

The Rev Douglas Worthington

VERGER

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and Maris Page

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Dylan Page
and Maris Page

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Betsy Northam

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 7 services. In-person attendance: 217 people.

Online participation: 174 views.