

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.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**The Psalm** 85.1-2, 8-13 *Zhukowsky*



Choir

You have been gracious to your **land**, O LORD, you have restored the good **fortune** of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity **of** your people and blotted out **all** their sins.

**All**

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.

Truly, his salvation is very near to **those** who fear\_him, that his glory may **dwell\_in** our land.

Choir

Mercy and truth have **met** to-gether; righteousness and peace have **kissed** each other. Truth shall spring up **from** the earth, and righteousness shall look **down** from heaven.

**All**

The LORD will indeed **grant** pros-perity, and our land will **yield\_its** in-crease. Righteousness shall **go** be-fore\_him, and peace shall be a pathway **for** his feet.

**The Second Reading** 2 Peter 3.8-15a

But 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 people 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

**The Holy Gospel** *PLEASE STAND* S. Mark 1.1-8

*All* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Gospeller* +++ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Gospeller* In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ‘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 Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*All* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Homily** *PLEASE BE SEATED*

**The Nicene Creed** *PLEASE STAND*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

*All* **We believe in one God, the Father 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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.**

**The Prayers of the People** *PLEASE REMAIN STANDING*

*Please respond as indicated by the intercessor*

**Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us

confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

*PLEASE KNEEL (Silence)*

*Celebrant*

*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 neighbours 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.**

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, + pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen**

**The Peace**

*PLEASE STAND*

*Celebrant*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*(If you are uncomfortable shaking hands, please offer a simple bow)*

**THE SACRIFICE OF THE EUCHARIST**

**Offertory Hymn** CP 103 “On Jordan’s Bank...” *Winchester New*

**Prayer over the gifts**

*Celebrant*

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*

**Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*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.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh, and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world, that we, without shame our fear may rejoice to behold his appearing. 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.

*All*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might. heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

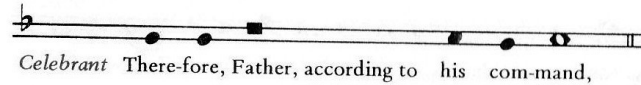
**+ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

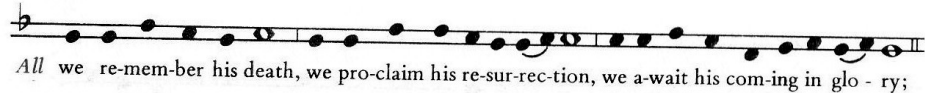
We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat: *this is my body which is given for you.* Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: *this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.* Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Celebrant There-fore, Father, according to his com-mand,



All we re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his re-sur-rec-tion, we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry;

Celebrant

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to your, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Rimsky-Korsakov*

If you prefer **not** to hold hands during the singing of the Lord's Prayer, please indicate this by placing your palms together in a gesture of prayer

All **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 for ever.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**The Communion**

Celebrant The gifts of God, for the people of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**The Agnus Dei**

*Becket Gerald Senchur*

Choir *Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.*

**ALL BAPTIZED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.**

Those receiving the chalice should assist the Chalice Bearer by grasping the base and guiding it to their lips.

If you do not wish to drink from the chalice you may cross your arms over your chest or make a sign of reverence by touching the base of the chalice when it is presented to you. **DO NOT**

**DIP THE WAFER IN THE CUP.** Receiving the bread alone is considered a Full Communion in our Lord.

Communion Hymn CP 474 "Jesus, Where'er..." *Warrington*

Communion Hymn CP 100 "Comfort, Comfort..." *Psalm 42*

**Prayer after Communion** *PLEASE STAND*

Celebrant Let us pray. Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People **Amen.**

**The Doxology**

Celebrant Glory to God  
All whose power working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Celebrant Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
All **Amen.**

Hymn CP 108 "Hark, A Herald Voice is Sounding" *Merton*

**Dismissal**

Go forth as the light of Christ in the world.

All **Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements ("Happenings")**

Postlude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Arr. Lani Smith*



**The Church of the Holy Family**  
*The Anglican Church of Canada*

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

*Sunday, December 4th, 2011, 10:30am*

**CHORAL EUCHARIST**

**Celebrant & Homilist: Fr. Rylan**

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Prelude "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Arr. Henry Balcombe*

**The Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Leader For David the King, the ancestor of Christ, the singer of God's praises, who proclaimed: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation.'

All **Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.**

THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE IS LIT

*PLEASE STAND AT THE SOUND OF THE SACRISTY BELL.*

Hymn CP 106 "There's A Voice in the Wilderness" *Ascension*

Celebrant + The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

**Collect for Purity**

Celebrant Almighty God,  
All **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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**

*Zhukowsky*

Choir *(Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.)*

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant Almighty God,  
who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
People **Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD** *PLEASE BE SEATED*

**The First 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