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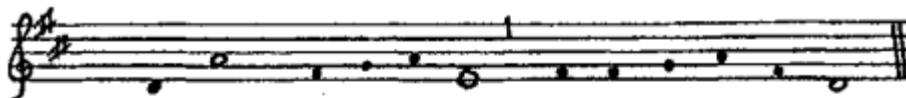
The Second Sunday of Advent
The Holy Eucharist
December 5, 2021

Prelude

Mary Lee Voort

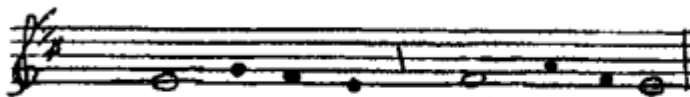
Advent Responsory: Psalm 130:1,3,5-6

An Advent Responsory



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Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, *hear* my voice.

In his word is my hope.

There is for-giveness with you;
therefore you *shall* be feared.

In his word is my hope.

My soul *waits* for the Lord,
more than watchmen *for* the morning.

In his word is my hope.

O Israel, *wait* for the Lord,
for with the Lord *there* is mercy.

In his word is my hope.

Glory to the Father, *and* to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Spirit.

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Processional Hymn: 106 "There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying"

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 the Lord our God may go!**

**O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.**

**But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to you breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.**

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Welcome and Announcements
Children's Focus
(All Stand)

The Rev. Steve Bateman
Finn and Winry Booth

The Gathering of the Community

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.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **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.**

Kyrie Eleison (All kneel)

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collects

Celebrant Let us pray. (*All kneel*)

All **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. Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

At the conclusion of each reading, the reader shall say: **The Word of the Lord.**

And the people shall respond:

Thanks be to God.

First Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Jay Penner

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Second Reading Philippians 1:3-11

Greg Young

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God’s grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Gradual Hymn: "Days of Elijah"

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword,
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are white in the world,
And we are Your labourers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord.

Bridge:

There's no God like Jehovah
(repeat many times)

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

Linda Bateman

Reader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

"A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation.'"

Reader Gospel of Christ.
People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Gillian Breckenridge

Anthem "Prepare the Way" - Joseph Martin

The Nicene Creed

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

(all kneeling)

Prayers of the People Gary Moore

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our diocese we pray for St. Cyprian, Lacombe and The Rev. Dr. Robert Sears. We also pray for Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and The Wardens and Companion Diocese Committee.

In the Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands we pray for St. Patrick, Barrouallie with St. David, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, All Saints, and Mary Magdalene, on St. Vincent and The Rev. Alison Samuel, Priest-in-Charge.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray for those providing audio and video technical support for both in-person and livestream services.

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.

Silence is kept. The celebrant and the people say together,

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

All stand, and one of the ministers addresses the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn: Hymn # 94 "Wait for the Lord"

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong take heart! *repeat*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

(All Stand)

Prayer over the Gifts

The Rev. Steve Bateman

All **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. Amen**

(Please remain standing)

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 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 or 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.
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, 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."

All Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, 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. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(all kneeling)*

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant Those joining from home may say the following prayer.

All **Gracious God, I repent of my sins, and steadfastly believe that Jesus Christ has suffered death upon the cross for me, and that he shed his blood for my redemption. I earnestly remember the benefits I have because of his death and give him my heartfelt thanks. I eat and drink the body and blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to my soul's health, although I do not receive the sacrament with my mouth.** *Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer p584*

The celebrant and people then receive communion. The sacrament is given with the following words.

The body of Christ (given for you).

The blood of Christ (shed for you).

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray. (All kneeling)

All **Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with the 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. Amen**

(all stand)

Celebrant Glory to God

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

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #108 "Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding"

**Hark, a herald voice is sounding: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.
"Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!"**

**Lo, the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav'n;
let us all, with deep repentance, pray that we may be forgiven,**

**that when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us, and with words of love draw near.**

**Honour, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit, while eternal ages run.**

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

Flowers at the altar are in loving memory of:
Ruby and Cecil, Hugh and Joy, Mary, William, Charles, Jim, Gordon, and Shirley.

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