



St. Augustine's Church

A Church Family in the Heart of the City



Sunday 10:00am Service
December 6, 2020

**Morning Prayer
Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020**

**Prelude
Welcome and Announcements**

**Mary Lee Voort
Rev. Steve Bateman**

Children's Focus Please see the link to the Children's Focus at
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An Advent Responsory



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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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.

My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

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Opening Hymn: Hymn #89 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (v. 1, 5, 6, 7)

O come, o come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Song of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;

make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, O Dayspring from on high and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease, and be for us our prince of Peace.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

The Penitential Rite

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:18

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

Isaiah 55:6, 7

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8- 9

The officiant says to the people,

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All kneel and silence is kept. The officiant and 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.

The priest says, (while standing)

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

(all stand)

Officiant Lord, o - pen our lips. People And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant O God, make speed to save us. People O Lord, make haste to help us.

The Invitatory All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir - it:
The Kingdom of God is at hand: **O, come, let us worship.**

Except in Lent, add,

Venite Psalm 95, in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

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 Isaiah 40: 1-11

Tom Warwick

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground
shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all
their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field.

⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on
them. Surely the people are grass.

⁸ The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever."

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain.
You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout,
lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!"

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his
reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them
close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

Karen Hudson

Let me hear what you will say, O Lord.

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. **R**

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. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peaces have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

Second Reading 2Peter 3:8-15a

Len Robinson

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.

Gradual Hymn: # 104 "Joy Shall Come"

**Joy shall come even to the wilderness,
and the parched land shall then know great gladness
As the rose, as the rose shall deserts blossom,
deserts like a garden blossom.
For living springs shall give cool water,
in the desert streams shall flow
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in the desert streams shall flow.**

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

René Boeré

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

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way”—
“a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
 make straight paths for him.’”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the reader says, The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon Br. Jason Carroll

Anthem: “Prepare the Way” – Michael Barrett

“sung by Karen Hudson, Joanne Collier, Keith Griffioen, Len Robinson

(all stand)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Intercessions and Thanksgivings (*all kneeling*)

Cathy Gillespie

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Rev Carlos Lopez-Lozano – Bishop.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: In our Diocese we pray for St. Cyprian Lacombe and their clergy The Rev. Dr. Robert Sears. We pray for Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and their wardens. We pray for the Companion Diocese Committee. In our 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 their clergy Alison Samuel.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: We pray this day for those involved in Men's and Women's Groups: Evening Group, Friendship Group, Men's Group and the Cursillo Community.

The Collect of the Day

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 forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

Closing Hymn: 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, you 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 your breast;
In pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.**

**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!**

Dismissal

**The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude

Mary Lee Voort

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Charles, Jim, Gordon and Shirley

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