

St. Peter's Anglican Church Loveland, CO

HOLY EUCHARIST 2nd Sunday in Advent

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST



December 10, 2023

- Matthew 22:37-40

Prelude

Processional: Prepare the Way, O Zion – H #13

Prepare the way, O Zion! Ye awful deeps, rise high; Sink low, ye lofty mountains; The Lord is drawing nigh; The righteous King of glory, Foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

Oh, blest is Christ that came In God the Father's name!

O Zion, he approaches, Your Lord and King for aye; Strew palms where he advances, Spread garments in his way; God's promise faileth never; Hosanna sound for ever. (*Refrain*)

Fling wide your portals, Zion, And hail your glorious King; His tidings of salvation To ev'ry people bring, Who, waiting still in sadness, Would sing his praise with gladness. (*Refrain*)

The throne which he ascended Is fixed in heav'n above; His everlasting kingdom Is light and joy and love; Let us his praise be sounding For grace and peace abounding. (Refrain)

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon. *People:* Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

All: 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.

Deacon/Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Collect for the Day

Celebrant: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

(The people may sit.)

The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. 2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins. 3 A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 4 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. 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. 9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" 10 Behold, the LORD God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. All:

Psalms 85 Benedixisti, Domine

1 LORD, you have been gracious to your land; * you have turned away the captivi-/ty of Ja-cob. 2 You have forgiven the offence of your **peo-**ple * and / co-vered all their sins.

3 You have taken away all your dis-plea-sure * and turned yourself from your wrathful / in-dig-nation.

4Restore us then, O God our Sa-vior, * and let your / an-ger cease from us. 5Will you be displeased at us for e-ver, * and will you stretch out your wrath from one generation / to a-no-ther? 6 Will you not turn again and qui-cken us, * that your people may / re-joice in you?

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *

and grant us / your sal-va-tion.

8 I will hearken to what the LORD God will say, * for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they / turn not **a-**gain.

9 For his salvation is near to those who fear him, * that glory may / dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth have met to-ge-ther; *

righteousness and peace have / kissed each o-ther.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, *

and righteousness shall look / down from hea-ven. 12 Indeed, the LORD shall show good-ness, *

and our land shall / give its in-crease.

13 Righteousness shall go be-fore him. * and he shall direct his / go-ing in the way.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And / to the Ho-ly Ghost As it was in the beginning, is **now**, and shall be for-/ever A-men.

The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-18

8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. 15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, 16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. 17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able.)

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, (V. 1-2) – H #20

Comfort, comfort ye my people, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God; Comfort those who sit in darkness. Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her sins I cover, And her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed; All that well deserved his anger He will no more see nor heed. She has suffered many a day: Now her griefs have passed away; God will change her pining sadness Into ever springing gladness.

Deacon or Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All:

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,"" 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. 8 I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Deacon or Priest:The Gospel of the Lord.All:Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People, (V. 3-4) H-#20

Hark, the herald's voice is crying In the desert far and near, Bidding, all men to repentance, Since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; Let the valleys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain: Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord Now o'er the earth is shed abroad, And all flesh shall see the token That his word is never broken.

The Sermon

- Deacon or Priest: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.
- All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.
 - We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the onlybegotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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*.

(Please kneel, stand, or sit as you are able.)

Prayers of the People

Deacon or Priest: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

Intercessor: For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our Archbishop, Foley Beach; for our Bishop, Bill Atwood; for our Rector, Father Matt

Rucker, and for our assisting clergy: Father Bill Easterling, and Deacon Larry Doyle.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.)

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy: *People:* Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others including those we serve in our Outreach Programs, naming especially Feed My Starving Children, Cadence International, and CRU Ministries.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.) Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy: People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

(*Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.*) *Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, especially our President, Joseph, and our Governor, Jared. Give them a discerning heart and a wise mind to lead and serve as God desires. We also pray for those in our armed forces serving our country both home and abroad.

(*Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.*) *Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(*Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.*) *Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all the blessings of this life and for the many reasons we have to give thanksgiving, especially for those celebrating *Birthdays:* Isaac DeLorme (12/03), Abby Erickson (12/04), Marmi Decena (Zeteo) (12/04), Rodora Campit (Zeteo) (12/05), Victoria McCann (12/6), Bonnie Webb (12/10), Irenea Thye (12/11), Rev. Thomas Corbin (12/12), Seth Forwood (12/16).

(*Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.*) *Intercessor:* Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

Intercessor: For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

(Please offer your prayers, either out loud or silently.) Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy:

People: Hear our prayer.

(Additional petitions may be made during this moment of silence.)

Deacon or Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*.

Deacon or Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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 neighbors 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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *I Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *I John 2:1-2*

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.All:And with your spirit.

The Offering

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God". Ephesians 5:2

(Please stand as you are able.)

Offertory: Magnificat – H #693

My soul doth magni | fy the Lord *and my spirit hath rejoiced | in God my **SA**vior. 2 For | he hath re | garded *the lowliness | of his **HAND**maiden. 3 For be | hold, from henceforth *all generations shall | call me **BLESS**ed. 4 For he that is mighty hath | magni·fied me; *and | holy is his name.

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5 And his mercy is on | them that fear him *throughout | all \cdot gererAtions.

6 He hath showed | strength \cdot with his | arm; *he hath scattered the proud in the imagi | nation of their hearts.

7 He hath put down the mighty | from their seat,
*and hath ex | aulted · the | humble · and meek.
8 He hath filled the hungry with | GOOD things;
*and the rich he hath | SENT | empty · away.
9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant | Israel;

*as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his | seed, for **EV**er.

Glory be to the Father, and to | the Son,

*and | to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be,

*world without | END. Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is

the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, *People:* And of your own have we given you.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And with your spirit.
Celebrant:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant:	Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.
People:	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

(*Proper Preface*) Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear 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:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full, 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.

(The people may kneel, stand, or sit.)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace. On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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, and the power, And the glory, forever and ever. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *People:* Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(Please kneel or stand as you are able.)

Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(You may kneel, stand, or sit during Communion.)

Communion Hymns

Creator of The Stars of Night

Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light, O Christ, Redeemer, of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.

In sorrow that an ancient curse Should doom to death a universe, You came, O Savior, to set free Your own in glorious liberty.

When this old world drew on toward night, You came; but not in splendor bright, Not as a monarch, but the child Of Mary, blameless mother mild.

At your great Name, O Jesus, now All knees must bend, all hearts must bow; All things on earth with one accord, Like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.

Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day; Defend us while we dwell below From all assaults of our dread foe. To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One, Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally.

Wait for the Lord – Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near Wait for the Lord. Keep watch, take heart!

Prepare The Way of the Lord (Taizé)

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, And all people will see the salvation of our God.

Drive Out the Darkness (The Porter's Gate)

Chorus: Come, O Come. Be our light. Drive out the darkness. Come, Jesus, Come.

Every year under the thorn Every wrong that we have known Every valley will be raised Ancient ruins will be remains (Chorus)

Every weapon made for war Every gun and every sword Will be melted in the flame To be used for gardening (*Chorus*)

In the emptiness of grief Through the night of suffering In the loss and in the tears God of comfort, O be near

Chorus 2:

Come, O Come. Be our light. Drive out the darkness. [repeat]

Come, and end all the violence Come, do not be silent Come, cling to your promise Come, break all injustice Come, Jesus, Come

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and

for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

The Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen*.

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank – H #17

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh; Awake and hearken, for he brings Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry breast from sin; Make straight the way for God within, And let each heart prepare a home Where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, Our refuge, and our great reward; Without thy grace we waste away Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, And bid the fallen sinner stand; Shine forth, and let thy light restore Earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, Whose advent doth thy people free; Whom with the Father we adore And Holy Ghost for evermore.

The Dismissal

Deacon or Priest: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.