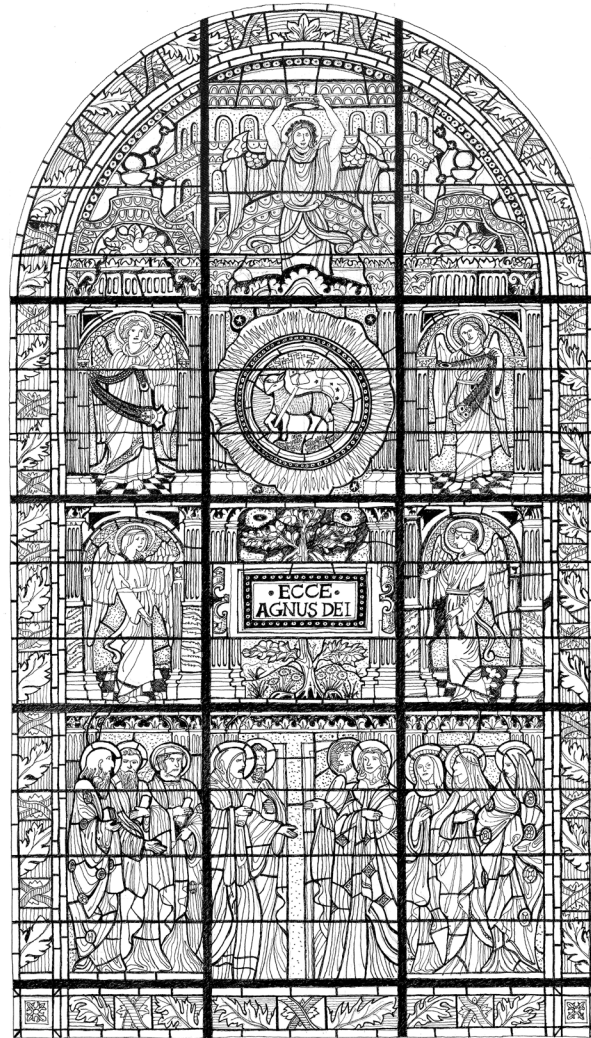


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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I**

**DECEMBER 6, 2020 • 10:30 AM**



# W E L C O M E

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*  
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*  
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*  
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*  
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*  
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*  
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*  
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*  
*and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

# HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I

10:30 A.M.

THE PRELUDE

*Tour les Bourgeois de Châtres*

C.B. Ballastre (1727-1799)

THE INTROIT

Prepare the Way, O Zion

arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

Prepare the way, O Zion, the King is drawing near! Amid the hills and valleys a straighter way is clear.  
Behold the King of Glory, foretold in ancient story, blest is the Christ who came, in God's most holy name.

The wilderness will blossom, the desert shall rejoice; the blind eyes shall be opened, the speechless given voice;  
Before him on the mountains, his mercy flows in fountains, blest is the Christ, who came, in In God's most holy name.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
He comes to break oppression, to take away transgression, blest is the Christ who came, in God's most holy name.

Words: Franz Michael Franzén, MS; Vs. 3 James Montgomery, alt. Music: Bereden Väg För Herran arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019) ©2019 St. James Music Press – www.sjmp.com. Licensed permission to copy granted

## THE WORD OF GOD

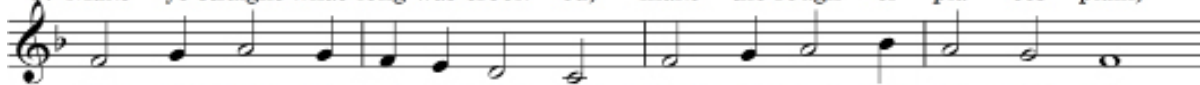
THE OPENING HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

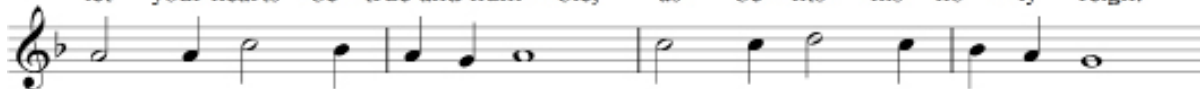
*Psalm 42*



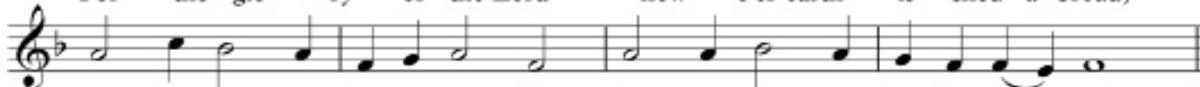
1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert far and near,  
3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.  
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance since the king - dom now is here.  
let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Otterius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: PSALM 42, melody and bass Claude Gouffier (1514-1572); harm. *The Hymnal* 1982

THE ACCLAMATION

*The people standing, the celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The celebrant continues*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

## THE KYRIE

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel.*

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit for the reading of God's word.*

## THE LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> 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!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> 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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people are invited to stand and sing the gradual hymn.*

## THE GRADUAL HYMN

All Who Are Thirsty

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "All who are thirst - y, all who are weak, come to the foun - tain, dip your heart in the stream of life; let the pain and the sor - row be washed a-way in the waves of His mer-cy as deep cries out to deep. We sing 1. "Come, Lord Je sus, come. Come, Lord Je sus, come." 2. "Ho - ly Spi - rit, come. Ho - ly Spi - rit, - come."

*The people remain standing. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way," <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," <sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>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." <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*After the Gospel, the priest says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

*Comfort in Exile*

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand and say in unison*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The leader and people kneel and pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **that we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **that your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **that there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **that our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; **that they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; **let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **may we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*The celebrant continues*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The celebrant and people say in unison*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE ABSOLUTION

*The celebrant stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The celebrant reads several sentences from Scripture.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*) God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*) If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### CHORAL OFFERING

And the Glory of the Lord

George F. Händel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 15:5

Music: from the oratorio Messiah, by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*All are invited to stand and sing*

#### THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*Stuttgart*

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart* adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

*Continuing with ...*

*America*

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King, Amen.

Music: *America*, in *Thesaurus Musicus*, 1740. Words: Samuel Francis Smith, 1832.

*The celebrant faces the people and says*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*All remain standing as the celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer. The people are invited to sing*

#### THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS, HYMN 797

Healey Willan

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

*All kneel. The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, concluding with*

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*People and Celebrant*

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Remaining kneeling, all are invited to sing*

#### THE AGNUS DEI, HYMN 712

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

#### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*People and Celebrant*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*Those worshiping from home may participate in the Eucharist by speaking the following words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion .*

#### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd

G. F. Händel (1685-1759)

Rachel Murphy, *alto*

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Text: Isaiah 40:11. Music: from *Messiah* by George Frederick Händel, 1742. Public domain.

*The congregation is invited to sing the following hymns.*

#### COMMUNION HYMN

My Heart Is Filled

Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain,  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me with His light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside,  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength, and causes fears to fly,  
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love,  
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King,  
So I will give my life my all to love and follow Him.

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## COMMUNION HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Nettleton*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither, by thy help, I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: *Nettleton*, melody from A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813.

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*All are invited to stand and sing the closing hymn.*

## THE CLOSING HYMN 9

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

*Merton*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is nigh," it seems to say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day!"

Waken'd by the solemn warning, let the earthbound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb so long expected comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

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

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

Text: Latin, ca. 6th c.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. P.D.

Music: *Merton*, William H. Monk, 1850, P.D.

## THE DISMISSAL

*The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:*

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

## POSTLUDE

Voluntary on *Pisgah*

Dale Wood (1934-2003)





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