



St. David's
Episcopal Church

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DECEMBER 10, 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Presider—The Rev. Sarah A. Dunn

Preacher—The Rev. W. Frank Allen

Organist/Director of Music—Dr. Clair Rozier

Organist/Director of Music—Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock

* We invite you to a time of silence and prayer before the service so that we may center our hearts on God.

Voluntary

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn 76

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first five lines of the hymn. The second system covers the next five lines. The third system covers the final five lines, ending with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords and moving lines in the left hand.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider and People continue

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.

Kyrie S-91

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your 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 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 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.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 *Read in unison.*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,
 you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people
 and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 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.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
 that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;
 righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,
 and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
 and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,
 and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a

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 persons 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.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 67

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Psalm 42



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Children in grade 5 and younger follow the priest to the choir room for the Children's Sermon.

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

The Gospel Mark 1:1-8

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."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *Read in unison.*

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 and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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

Open our hearts to be patient as we wait in quiet and peace for your presence in our lives and in the world around us.

God of righteousness, we ask for your presence in the lives of peoples around the world, and especially with our faith leaders: Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Frank, our rector, and all the clergy, vestry and laity of St David's Church, especially those serving on the Parish Profile and Discernment Committees. We also ask for your presence with our companions in ministry in Ardmore, Chester, Norristown, Philadelphia, Wayne, Cuba, Guatemala, and Uganda.

Wheresoever you be, ye faithful,

Let your joyous anthems ring.

God of justice, we pray that you inspire our government leaders to be fair, caring, and remember you always. Guide Joe, our President; the Congress and Supreme court; Josh, our Governor and our General Assembly and judges. Show us how to live and work together to serve the common good. Guide our elected officials and each of us towards peace and unity.

Savior, take the power and glory:

Claim the kingdom for thine own

God of peace, we need your guiding light in these days of darkness and brokenness in our world. Be with all refugees and those in places of war, violence, poverty and desperation, especially in Jesus' own place of birth. Keep all those in harm's way safe, as they deal with the difficulties of our hurting communities, particularly those in the military, first-responders, hospice and other health care workers.

Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery.

God of hope, we pray for all those who are suffering from illness, abuse, addiction, loneliness and grief and those who do not know Your love. We pray especially for *Abbagale, Alex, Alf, Andrew, Ann, Betty Anne, Cathy, Chad, Clair, Danny, Daniel, Darren, Drew, Eileen, Freddie, Gail, Gavin, Ginia, Gregory, Heather, Jeanne, Jerry, Jim, Joan, John, Joseph, Kathy, Laurie, M.D., Marguerite, Mary, Matt, Maureen, Meredith, Michael, Mory, Patti, Paul, Peter, Pierce, Rachael, Roy, Scarlett, Sig, Spencer, Tammy, Trish, Trisha, Virgie, and Will*. Hold each of these people closely, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight.

God of joy, we pour out our thanks for your work in our lives. We share the joy of celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. We honor teachers, mentors and the children they lead, especially those at St David's Episcopal Day School. Bless each one of them, as well as our families and friends as we await the coming of Emmanuel.

Boundless shall your kingdom be,
Grant that we its glories see.

God of love, we pray for those who have died this week, for now they are with you in Eternal Life. We remember those for whom greens have been given this week and for those whose lives they touched. May God comfort each of us in our sorrow.

From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

As we go out into this world, help us to remember and be grateful for all the gifts you have given each of us. Stay with us each day and night and may your light shine in each of us every day.
Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

And the Glory of the Lord, from Messiah

G. F. Handel

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.

Adult Choir

All things are thine; no gift have we,
 Lord of all gifts, to offer Thee; And
 hence with grate - ful hearts to - day Thine
 own be - fore thy feet we lay.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier
 Music: Gardiner, William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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 triumph 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus S-114

Holy, Holy, Holy

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of 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 Savior 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 before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O 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 may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. David and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of 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 him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem S-158

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

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The Communion

Music at the Communion

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

Adult Choir

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns:

Hymn 597

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 Interlude
prom - ised reign of the peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending
Lord.

Hymn 712

Dona Nobis Pacem

Do - na no - bis pa - cem, pa - cem. Do - na no - bis
 pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.
 Do - na no - bis pa - cem. Do - na
 no - bis pa - cem. Do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Words: Traditional Latin. Music: *Dona nobis pacem*, traditional canon.

Hymn WLP 808

Send Me Lord

Thuma Mina

Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma mi - na, Thu - ma
 Je - sus, send me Je - sus, send me
 mi - na, So - man - dla.
 Je - sus, send me Lord. Send me Lord.
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Additional verses

3. *Call*: Lead me, Lord, *Response*: Lead me, Jesus.

4. *Call*: Fill me, Lord, *Response*: Fill me, Jesus.

Words: South African. Music: *Thuma mina*, South African. Copyright © 1984 Utyck, admin. Walton Music Company.

Please kneel as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 65

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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The Sending

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Prelude in C minor, BWV 546

J. S. Bach

~ LAY ASSISTANTS ~

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John Thomas Swope, 1960-2009

John Cecil Knewstub, 1906-1966

Michele Sybil Knewstub, 1957-1958

Audrey Mary Stewart Knewstub, 1915-1994

Deirdre Grace Knewstub, 1955-1994

John Cecil Knewstub, 1946-1996

Denison Stewart Knewstub, 1941-2009

Asuncion Gamol Knewstub, 1946-2009

Sandy Knewstub, 1959-2017

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