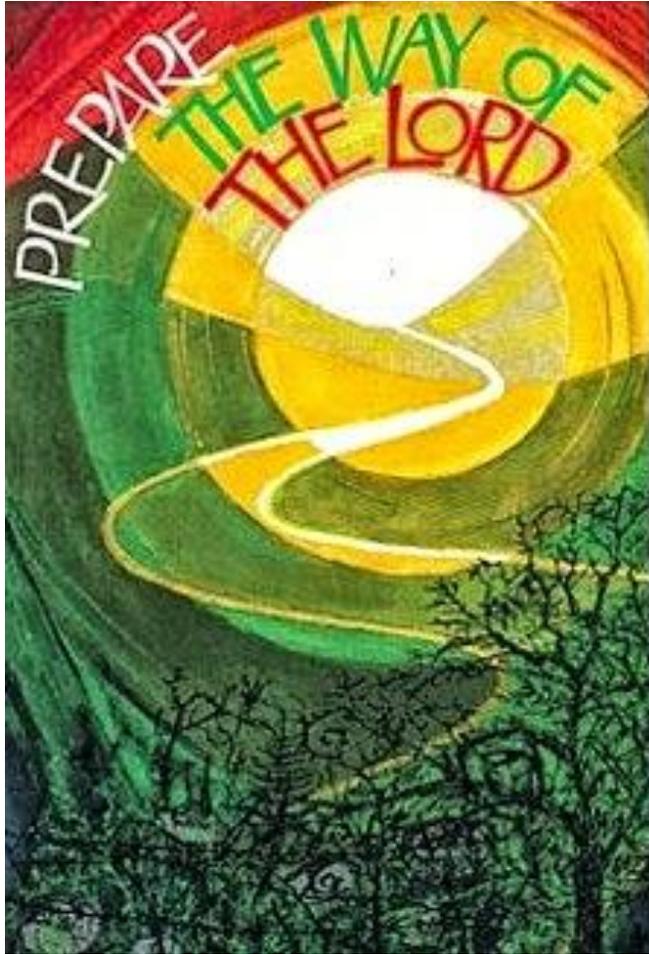


**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Shawnee, Kansas**



*Prepare the Way of the Lord. The Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey.*

**A SERVICE OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 6, 2020

## The Opening Hymn

*Prepare Ye The Way*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Opening Acclamation

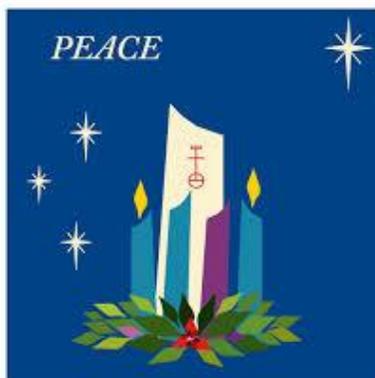
*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

### The Collect for Purity

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.***

### Lighting the Advent Wreath



Today we relight the candle of Hope. [The first purple candle is lit.] Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in Advent. This is the candle of Peace. [A second purple candle is lit.] As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace.

Hear from the prophet Isaiah: “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (9:6-7)

Let us pray: Gracious God, grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. ***Amen.***

*Celebrant and People*

***Lord, have Mercy.***

***Christ, have Mercy.***

***Lord, have Mercy.***

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*      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 Old Testament      **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.***

**The Response    Psalm 85 : 1-2, 8-13**

*Benedixisti, Domine*

**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.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Epistle 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.***

**Gospel Anthem**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry  
The Hymnal 1982 #76*

**The Gospel            Mark 1: 1 - 8**

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

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.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon      The Reverend Jonathan Brice**



*John the Baptist Baptizes the People. Nicolas Poussin. Circa 1635*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All stand and say together.*

**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 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**



## **Prayers of the People**

**December 6, 2020**

### **The Second Sunday of Advent**

*In joy at the nearness of Christ, let us offer our prayer to God, saying: **Lord, hear our prayer.***

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, to nourish all our deep hungers, and to make us live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and the waters of a new Jordan that bring cleansing refreshment. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God of John the Baptist and our God continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of saving rescue for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need. For this let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

#### **In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for our Full Communion Partner, the Moravian Church, Northern and Southern Provinces

#### **In the World Council of Churches Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for the people of Liberia and Sierra Leone

#### **In the Kansas Cycle of Prayer:**

Pray for St. John's, Wichita

Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For Those Serving in the Armed Forces:** Devon Allen; Murphy Bright; Ben Dible; Coy Goodman; Michael Green; Harvey Hayselden; Drew Hunnicutt; Benjamin Karpinski; Patrick McAnerney; Alex Shaw; Jose Te'o; Brian Michael; Collin Kelly; Macauley Garton; Frank Bednar; Grant Bednar

Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**For Health & Strength:** Keala Kauanui; Wayne White; Steve Osborne; Karen Mitchell; Tom Woodman and Frankie Woodman; Jerome; Christy and Family; Jim, Danny and Michelle; John Howell; Dixie Moss; Doug and Arlene Finney; Judy Ball; Charlene Lassiter; Charlie Luetje ; Barbara Alexander; Janet Kay; Dakota and Cyd Pfeiffer; Mililani Hayselden; Courtney Canova; Curtis Smith; Sandy Blascyk; James Johann; Maxine Liebst; Elizabeth Appleyard; Adam Griest; Roger Aton; Craig & Jeanette Burris; Anthony Straker; Jack Harris; “Spike” Speicher; the Hoffmann family, especially John Hoffman; Florence Kirkland; Michael Siragusa; Jeanne McDowell; Ken Hoag; Matt Hunnicut; Joanne Diviney; Geraldine; Richard Mann; Don Hoffman; Ginger Waters; Maxine Jones; Jonell Knodel; Athyana McElwee; Lana Rae, Evan Higgins; Homer Nash; Kristy Maendele; Deb Calloway, Jim Darnell, Stephanie Robertson and family; Budd Hughes;

Let us pray to the Lord, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

**For Birthdays:** Joan Flores; Amanda Textor; Pat Smith

Let us pray to the Lord, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to new heavens and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord, ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

*Recall us to our baptism, O Lord, and hear our cries for ourselves and for the whole world, for we pray in the name of the one who came, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin**

*Priest* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Priest and People*

**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.**

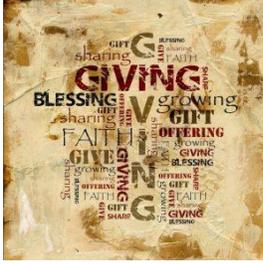
*Priest*

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 Exchange of Peace**

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

*People* ***And also with you.***



## The Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## Offertory Anthem

*Sleepers, Awake!* - Dieterich Buxtehude BuxWV 100

*Soloist: Abby Greene*

## The Presentation of Bread



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Standing as you are able.*

*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 him thanks and praise.***

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever.  
**AMEN.**

*Celebrant*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(All together)*

**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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Post Communion Hymn**

*My Lord He is a Comin Soon*

*A spiritual communion is a devotional action that anyone can pray. It expresses the desire to receive Holy Communion at a moment where circumstances impede them from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*Priest*

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.**

## Announcements

### The Closing Hymn

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*  
*The Hymnal 1982 #65*

### The Dismissal

*Deacon* Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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



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