



Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Virtual Worship

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to “enter” a different kind of space. We recommend 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.*

Prelude: *Creator of the Stars of Night* from *Three Liturgical Improvisations*

George Oldroyd

George Oldroyd (1887-1951) was a British organist who incorporated elements of ancient Gregorian chant into his music. This emphasis on “Roman” elements like free-flowing chant and mysticism in his music is in contrast to contemporaries like Vaughan Williams who sought to bring a more authentically English aesthetic to Anglican music. This “liturgical improvisation” is based on the 9th-century Advent hymn “Conditor alme siderum.” (Some sources describe the hymn as being even older: from the 7th century, or even a 4th-century text by St. Ambrose.) The translation found as our Hymn 60 first appeared in an 1852 English hymnal.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Kyrie

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

The Collect of the Day

Priest 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.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

- 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 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.”

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

Music for Reflection: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Hymn 56 (vs. 3-4)

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai’s height in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe. *Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!* O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, free them from Satan’s tyranny that trust thy mighty power to save, and give them victory o’er the grave. *Refrain.*

This year, we will hear two verses of this hymn each Sunday during the season of Advent.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed especially _____. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for those in our community _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The celebrant concludes with prayers and a collect

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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 Offertory Hymn: *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' 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. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new 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 earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Christa Tumlinson, soloist

This carol demonstrates the confluence of three streams of hymnody. The original German poem was written by Johann Olearius (1611-1684), a Lutheran pastor and teacher at the University of Wittenberg. The English translation was made by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), an influential figure in the 19th-century English Church. Her translations of numerous hymns from outside Anglicanism helped to revitalize congregational singing. The tune comes to us from the 16th-century Genevan Psalter, a watershed publication in the Reformed tradition, in which many enduring hymn tunes had their origin.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Postlude: “Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Robert Hobby

This energetic setting of Hymn 61 was made by composer Robert Hobby (b. 1962). Director of Music at Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Hobby received his Bachelor's degree in church music from Wittenberg University in Germany and a Master's degree in organ from Notre Dame in Indiana. His compositions have been performed around the world, and his musical contributions appear in four denominational hymnals. His accomplishments were recognized in 2014 with an Honorary Doctorate from his alma mater in Germany.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the final day to submit 2021 Vestry nominations! Please send nominees to Sr. Warden, Michael Meigs (michaelmeigs@gmail.com). Vestry nominees must be confirmed communicants in good standing.

Angel Tree is online! You can participate [HERE](#) and help brighten the holidays for some of our neighbors at Barton Hills Elementary School, Community First! Village, and Trinity Center by giving a gift. **The deadline is December 14th to have gifts returned to St. Mark's.** Contact Mother Mary with questions.: mary@stmarksaustin.org

St. Mark's Youth Advisory Team has recommended giving to the following organizations this week. Each of these youth, Matthew Awitan, Nora Kelly, and Mairin Bachschmid, researched an area of interest and contributed to the ongoing conversation over a period of several weeks, with a focus on serving the homeless and the hungry.

- Caritas, \$500
- Central Texas Food Bank: \$500

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications: As in years past, this year we are accepting dedications in memory of, or thanksgiving for, anyone you would like to remember - poinsettias will decorate the church during Christmas services; dedications will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. To submit your dedication: [click here](#). Suggested donation: \$25. Questions? office@stmarksaustin.org

Online Giving Platform: St. Mark's has moved to a new online giving service, Vanco. PayPal will continue to be supported, and which ever way you set up gifts, St. Mark's appreciates your faithful contributions. **To view the new online giving on our website go [here](#).**

ONGOING

Morning Prayer, Mondays - Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Access links: www.stmarksaustin.org.

Sunday Schedule: Outdoor in-person Sunday eucharist services reservations (*required*) open each Monday prior to the Sunday service. RSVP here: www.stmarksaustin.org.

- **8:00 a.m.** - Parking lot Eucharist, Rite I
- **9:00 a.m.** - *Virtual* Worship Livestream (links accessible through our website)
- **9:45 a.m.** - *New Sunday School series with Rev. Nathan Jennings:* Advent 2,3 & 4. Link on our website.
- **10:00 a.m.** - Family Service on the front lawn
- **11:15 a.m.** - Parking Lot Eucharist, Rite II

Christmas Service Schedule: RSVPs will open December 14th

Christmas Eve In-Person (parking lot)

- Holy Eucharist: 3:00 p.m.
- Holy Eucharist: 5:00 p.m. (with neighborhood candlelit procession following the service).

Christmas Eve Virtual Service of Lessons & Carols

- Noon
- 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day In-Person (parking lot)

- Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.

PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Winston Raines, Ray Smith, Brodie Doidge, Alexander Clark, Bill Adkins, Jeff Steinberg, Jonathan Vande Streek, Gage Pitt.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Mary & Aaron Walpole, Susan & Bill Wills.

For those who have died: Emy Matassa, sister of Amalia de la Rosa.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Lectors: Nancy & Mairin Bachschmid



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The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle, *Bishop of Texas*

The Rev. Zac Koons, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings, *Theologian-in-Residence*

Casey Bushman, *Director of Christian Formation*

Barbara Gausewitz, *Seminarian*

Brandon Haynes, *Seminarian*

The Rev. Mary Keenan, *Curate*

Mark Reed, *Organist/Director of Music and Bookkeeper*

Joanne Foote, *Parish Administrator*

Karon Hammond, *Head of St. Mark's Day School*

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