

Saint Monica & Saint James  
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# The Second Sunday of Advent

The Sung Mass

December 10th, 2023

11:00 a.m.

## A very warm welcome to Saint Monica and Saint James

Our Celebrant and Preacher today is The Rev. Dr. Lisa Barrowclough

We sing from two Hymnals: *The Hymnal 1982* and *Lift Every Voice & Sing II*. Our Mass is taken from the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*, abbreviated here as *H82, LEV, BCP*.

Our Usher is here to help with any questions you may have.

Restrooms are found through the doors at the rear of the church on the far side of the Parish Hall.

We'd love to see you after Mass at Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Savior of the Nations, Come! Johann Sebastian Bach

### THE GATHERING

*Please stand when a handbell rings. The choir greets the assembled with these words*

*Choir* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Choir* Almighty God, grant that we may enter your house with reverence and love, there to offer a service acceptable in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

**INTROIT HYMN** H82 56, stanzas 3-4 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*The Sanctuary Party pauses to light two candles on the Advent wreath. The Celebrant prays*

*Celebrant* God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

*All* **Amen.**

*The Procession continues to the chancel as all sing*

**H82 59**

**Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding**

*After the Altar has been censed, the Mass continues BCP, p. 355*

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

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

*Celebrant* The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*The Celebrant now says*

Dear friends in Christ, we celebrate at this time the solemn season of Advent in which the Church bids us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ; a coming that we recall in the Child of Bethlehem; a coming that we experience in the gift of his Spirit, in the bread of the Eucharist, in the joy of human lives that are shared; a coming we wait for when God gathers up all things in Christ.

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light to the world. Let us leave behind the darkness of sin, walk in the light that shines on our path, and renew within ourselves the hope of glory to which he beckons us.

And so as we turn towards the light, let us have on our hearts all those who see no light, for whom all is darkness and despair. Let us pray that they too may be illumined by Christ who is our light.

**KYRIE**

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

(Organ)

Lord,

have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* **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.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please sit for the reading of the lessons.*

**THE FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 40:1-11

Read by Anne Tomkinson

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah

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.  
All                **Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM – Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

*All repeat the antiphon below after the Choir, and as marked. The Choir sings the verses.*



Show us your mer - cy, O LORD; and grant us your sal - va - tion.

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.  
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
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

*Antiphon*

- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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. *Antiphon*
- 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. *Antiphon*

**THE EPISTLE – 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Read by Jack Hostager

*Reader*      A reading from the Second Epistle of Peter

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.  
*All*            **Thanks be to God.**

*If you are able, please stand for the Gospel procession.*

**THE ALLELUIA**    Cantor, then *All* repeat.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir    I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

*All repeat the Alleluia.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL – Mark 1:1-8**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel ✝ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*All*            **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.”

Celebrant     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*All*             Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*All sing*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Lisa Barrowclough

THE NICENE CREED

*If you are able, please stand.*

*All*             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: *(You are invited to bow your head)*  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man. *(We raise our heads again)*

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

*Please kneel or sit. The Intercessor leads the prayers, after each prayer the following is said*

*Intercessor* Lord, in your mercy;  
*All* Hear our prayer.

*At the conclusion of the Intercessions*

*Intercessor* Merciful Father;  
*All* Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*We pause for a moment.*

*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 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.

*All* Amen.

**THE PEACE** *If you are able, please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Peace*

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

*All* And also with you.

*We greet each other in the name of the Lord. Please remain standing.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated as the Celebrant makes a few announcements.*

*Please stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. A collection will be taken.*

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Representatives of the Congregation bring the people's offering of bread, wine, water, and the collection to the Celebrant. The Element Bearers stand at the Altar rail while the gifts are offered and placed on the altar.

## THE OFFERTORY HYMN H82 67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

*Celebrant* Pray, dear friends in Christ, that this my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty father

*All* **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues, ending*

Who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

(Organ)

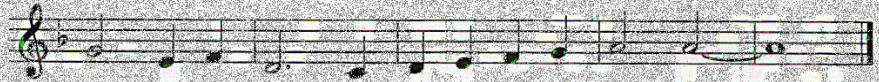
Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the



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

*The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Celebrant continues, ending with*

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.

**All** Amen.

*A time of silence is kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All** 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 BREAD

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

*All* Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

## AGNUS DEI

From *Advent Mass*, Robert Lehman

(Organ)

Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb  
of God, you take a - way the  
world: have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: grant us peace.

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff is for the organ, indicated by the label '(Organ)'. The subsequent six staves are for the vocal part. The music is written in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.'

## THE GIVING OF COMMUNION

*The Celebrant says this invitation*

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
But speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

*Please make your way to the Altar rail as directed by an usher. Kneel or stand.*

*Both the Host and Chalice will be offered. Should you wish to receive the Chalice, please remain kneeling or standing at the altar rail after receiving the Host.*

*The Host and the Chalice are given with these words*

*Celebrant* The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Server* The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** Comfort, O Comfort My People Christopher J. Hoh

*Antiphon:* 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.

*Antiphon*

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

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*Antiphon*

Words: Isaiah 40:1-5

COMMUNION HYMN LEV 13

My Lord, What a Morning

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *Please kneel or sit.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
*All* Almighty and everliving God,  
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 AND DISMISSAL *If you are able, please stand.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*All* And also with you.

*The Celebrant blesses the Congregation, to which All respond*  
*All* Amen.

*The Celebrant dismisses the Congregation, to which All respond*  
*All* Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN H82

Prepare the Way, O Zion

VOLUNTARY Psalm 42

Gerald Near

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