



# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN ON THE MOUNTAIN

The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II

6 December 2020

VOLUNTARY Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

HYMN 75

Ascension

*Sung by the choir and those at home*

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like  
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*Assembly:* And blessed be his Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Presider:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open ... through Christ, our Lord.

*Assembly:* Amen.

## TRISAGION S102

*Sung by the choir and those at home three times*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal lines. Each system has a soprano line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* 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.

*Assembly:* Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE FIRST LESSON

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.

*The Lector concludes:* The Word of the Lord.  
*The Assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13

*Sung by the choir*

1 **Y**ou 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.

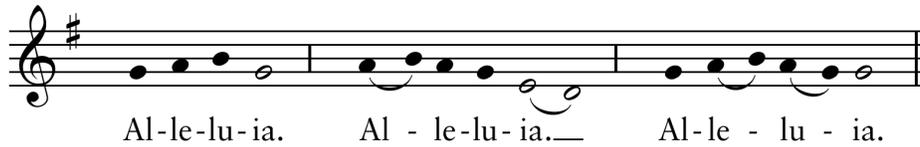
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Sung by the cantor and those at home*



V. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the House of the Lord." (*Psalms 122*)

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

*The Gospeller announces:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*The Assembly responds:* 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.”

*The Gospeller says:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*The Assembly responds:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

The Reverend David L. Jones

## THE NICENE CREED

**W**e 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

*Intercessor:* Give us grace to cast away the darkness, saying: “*and courage to put on the armor of light*”

## THE PEACE

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*Assembly:* And also with you.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

*Brief announcements are made*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Elizabeth Poston

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

*The Presider prays in the name of all.  
The following acclamations occur in the course of the prayer.*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*Assembly:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Assembly:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE SANCTUS

**H**oly, 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.

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and Assembly:* **C**hrist has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Presider:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

<i>All:</i> <b>O</b> ur 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.
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*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*A period of silence is kept*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Presider:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Assembly:* Therefore let us keep the feast Alleluia.

*The Presider shows the Holy Things to the assembly and says:*

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## THE COMMUNION

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Said by all*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*Assembly:* **E**ternal 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 Presider invokes God's blessing upon the assembly, to which they respond "Amen."*

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.

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## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly:* Thanks be to God.

## VOLUNTARY Improvisation on Psalm 42

Christopher Harlow-Jennings

*You are invited to a "virtual coffee hour," after the Closing Voluntary*

*At that time you may wish to change your Zoom screen to "gallery view," so that you can see everyone.*

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## St. John on the Mountain Weekly Calendar

### December 6, Advent 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:45 am Coffee Hour in the Zoom Room  
 5:00 pm Confirmation Class

### December 9, Wednesday

8:15 am The Open Table  
 5:00 pm Evening Prayer in a Time of Pandemic  
 5:25 pm Choir Rehearsal

### December 10, Thursday

6:00 pm Finance Meeting

### December 11, Friday

8:00 am Quiet Church until 12:00 pm

### December 13, Advent 3

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
 10:45 am Coffee Hour in the Zoom Room

## Remember in Prayer

Dorota Anderson, Phil Barbee, Charley, Kathy Connolly, Jessica Fitzgerald, Frank, Eddie Franz, Jack Fritts, Nathaniel Gilmartin, Al Hauéis, Jake, Jude, Lisa Litschi, Margaret, Mark, Cynthia Potter, Rossie, Scott, John Summers, Pat Warlick, Peter Warlick, Sheila Wise, Bill Young

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### DECEMBER 6, 2020

8 AM

**Lay Minister**  
 Chris Daggett

#### Lector

Peter Mercer

10 AM

**Lay Minister**  
 Mike Ewing

#### Lector

Reagan Panik