

Advent Morning Prayer - December 5, 2021
Second Sunday in Advent

The Penitential Rite

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3.4, 6)

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour

All: God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done**

and the evil done on our behalf.

**Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
so that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit
and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ.

All: **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement (#111 CP)

Herald! Sound the note of judgement, warning note of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness, till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of gladness! Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of pardon! Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children, and to all new life is given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message! Christ the Saviour King has come!

Herald! Sound the note of triumph! Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power, granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ the Saviour King has come!

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Introductory Responses

Restore us, O Creator of the stars of night;
show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Will you not give us life again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.

Blessed is the Christ who comes in your name!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In your tender compassion
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
so that the world may rejoice and give you praise

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Reader: Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
“Righteous Peace, Godly Glory.”

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: **Thanks be to God**

The Responsory

Reader: Now it is time to awake out of sleep

All: **for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,
for the night is far spent.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light,
for the day is at hand.

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh,
for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.

Canticle 19

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

to give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace^[b] with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader: Here what the Spirit is saying to the church

All: **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn. There's A Voice In The Wilderness (#106 CP)

There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

The Gospel. Luke 3:1-6

Reader: The Lord be with you,

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of

Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Sermon: The Rev Glen Gough

Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your mind,

and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the Community

In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

ACC The Primate: Archbishop Linda Nicholls and the staff of the Primate’s Office of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC National Bishop: Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

In the diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the people, communities, and parishes of Pelly Crossing, Carmacks, Faro, and Ross River. We give thanks for all ministry happening in these communities and for ministry arranged through the synod office.

The Litany

In joyful expectation let us pray to God our Saviour and Redeemer.

Leader: O Wisdom from the mouth of the Most High,
you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All: **Lord Jesus, come soon.**

O Head of the house of Israel,
you appeared in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai:
come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Branch of Jesse standing as a sign among the nations,
all rulers will keep silence before you
and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut;
you shut and none can open:
come and free the captives from prison.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Morning Star, bright Sun of righteousness:
come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

O Emmanuel, hope of the nations: come and save us, O Anointed One.

Lord Jesus, come soon.

The Collect

**God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts, lighting
the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Awaiting his coming in glory, and gathering our prayers and praises into one,
Let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All: **Our Father in heaven,**

hallowed be your name,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: God the Creator (#445 CP)

God the creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God

May Christ, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

Amen.