



Christ Church Anglican, Mexico City
Morning Prayer, Rite II
The Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020

Organ Prelude

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Savior of the nations, come!

BWV 599, J.S. Bach

Opening Antiphon

In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (*Isaiah 40:3*)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Priest alone stands and says

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 Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

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.

Alleluia.

Antiphon (*Together*)

Invitatory Psalm (*Together*)

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Antiphon (*Together*)

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.

The Psalm Appointed (Sung - *Together*)

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.

The Lessons

The First Reading: 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.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

15 The Song of Mary

Magnificat , S247 vs. 1,4,5

Antiphon:

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

- 4 He has shown the strength of his arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

- 5 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
And has lifted up the lowly.

Antiphon:

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

The Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15^a

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.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Responsory Canticle

16 The Song of Zechariah

Benedictus Dominus Deus, S248

Antiphon:

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

1. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would have us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us.
4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8. To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break up on us,
10. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Antiphon

Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 1982, No. 73 vs. 1,3,5

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns and
light triumphant breaks; when beauty gilds the
eastern hills and life to joy awakes.
- 3 The King shall come when morning dawns and
earth's dark night is past; O haste the rising
of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns and
light and beauty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy
people pray, come quickly, King of kings.

The Gospel: Mark 1; 1-8

All standing as able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying,

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon – The Rev. Susan Dennen de Rodríguez

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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 Prayers

Suffrages A (Book of Common Prayer [BCP], pp.97-98.)

V(erse). Show us your mercy, O Lord;
 R(esp(onse)). And grant us your salvation.
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
 R. Let your people sing with joy.
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
 R. For only in you can we live in safety.

- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
 R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;
 R. Your saving health among all nations.
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
 R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
 R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

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*

Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Collect for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen*.

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, this Advent season calls us to keep awake for the coming of our Lord. Confident that the days are coming when God who is faithful will keep his promises, let us offer our prayers in faith, responding to each petition in the words: *Come, Lord Jesus*.

For the Church in all places, and especially for this congregation: for Susan and Germán, priests in this parish; for the Anglican Communion: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury;

Enrique, our primate; for Carlos, our own bishop emeritus, and for all baptized persons. Grant that your people may be united in their witness to your love, faithful to your purposes, and strong in their commitment to the work of redemption.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For our Search Committee, our Vestry, and our Wardens, that they may find a new rector for us quickly and in thankfulness for all they are doing in this time of uncertainty.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For the leaders of this city and country of Mexico, and for the leaders of every nation, that they may labor for justice, freedom, and dignity for every person, and that their efforts may hasten the reign of the Prince of Peace. We pray that the coming of this Christmas season may be a time of hope for all peoples who live in places of repression, political upheaval, and danger.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For this good earth which God has entrusted to us, that all people may have the humility to use its gifts wisely, and conserve its bounty for generations to come.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For those who are suffering, especially the aged and the infirm, the lonely and the forgotten, the imprisoned, the unemployed, and the destitute; for all victims of violence – kindle within them the gift of hope and grant that they may find comfort in the promise of Emanuel who is God-with-us.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For the troubled, the needy, the sick, and those in distress of any kind, especially those who are suffering in any way from Covid-19, and those who have commended themselves to our prayers: the people of Syria, Trini, Missy, Janet, Mina, Guillermo, Luz María, Monique, Irasema, Elizabeth, Marco, Cruz, Lorenzo, Fernando, Yvette, Louise, Jessica, Nancy, Jeanne, Daphne, Lois, John, Luis Álvarez, Cora Fierro, and Jeremy Romero. Grant them healing and relief in their difficulties.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

We give thanks for the blessings which enrich our lives, and especially for the wonder of love and the joys of friendship and family that enrich our lives. We give thanks for our pets and the beauty of music. We remember with gladness those who celebrate birthdays this week: Carolina, Hugo, Bron, and Deborah. Grant that they may grow in grace and favor as they celebrate another year.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

For those who have died whose hope was in Christ, the Word made Flesh, especially Charles, Jack, Beto, Ángel, Jutta, Jane, Vivian, Magda, Janet, Juanita, Alfonso, Nancy, Sam, Jim, Ruth, Karin, Jimmy, Alys, Rafael, Josefina, Heather, Mercy, Adrián Fernando, Albert, Charlotte, and Bill. Grant them entrance into your kingdom of light and truth.

For this we pray: *Come, Lord Jesus.*

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up ourselves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.
2 Corinthians 13:14

Birthdays this week:

Carolina Rivera (7), Hugo Bliss (9), Bron Eelkman Rooda (10),
Deborah San Roman (10).

Please e-mail any special petitions for inclusion in the next Sunday's Prayers of the People by 5 p.m. on Monday to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar:
mrosacasar@hotmail.com

Help Update Our Parish Directory

Our parish directory is a mess, and we need all our members' help in updating it.

Please send your current e-mail address, and home and cell telephone numbers to parish secretary Mary Rosa Casar at mrosacasar@hotmail.com (.) Or call her at the church office: 55 5202-0949 or 55 5520-3763.

If you wish, include the name(s) of your spouse or partner or children. Ditto if you want to indicate your nationality.

If you were recently contacted to verify your information, please disregard the above, and keep reading.

Please take the time to call or otherwise pass on this request to any church members who either don't use e-mail or whose contact information you know or suspect might have changed. And ask them to do the same. You might also check to see if someone saw this.

All information will be protected in conformity with the privacy laws and regulations of Mexico and Mexico City.

Por Favor Ayuden a Actualizar el Directorio de Nuestra Parroquia

Nuestro directorio de la parroquia tiene información muy antigua y por lo mismo no podemos contactar a todos los feligreses de la iglesia. Necesitamos de su ayuda para actualizarlo. Por favor manden su correo electrónico actual, el teléfono de su casa y de su celular a la secretaria parroquial Mary Rosa Casar al correo mrosacasar@hotmail.com o comuníquense con ella a la oficina de la iglesia: 55 5202-0949 o 55 5520-3763.

Si usted quiere puede incluir los nombres de su esposa, compañera, o hijos. Si quiere, puede dar su nacionalidad.

En caso de haber sido contactado recientemente para verificar su información, por favor haga caso omiso y continúe leyendo.

Por favor llame y si puede pase esta petición a cualquiera de los feligreses quienes no tienen correo electrónico o a quienes se han cambiado y no han actualizado sus datos. Y también pídale hacer lo mismo para hacer una gran cadena y tener la información que se necesita. Usted también podría preguntarles a los feligreses si han leído esta información.

Toda la información está protegida en conformidad con las leyes de privacidad de México y la Ciudad de México.

Our customary gatherings remain suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In normal times, we celebrate Eucharist on Sundays in English at 8:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel, and in the church proper at 10:30 a.m. (with music) and in Spanish at 12:30 p.m., with all welcome to all services.

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