



**Digital Bulletin**  
 December 6, 2020 9:00 AM  
 Second Sunday of Advent

**Prelude** “Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf! (Sleepers, wake!)” J. S. Bach

**Welcome & Introduction**

**Opening Hymn** “The King shall come” (st. 1-3) Hymn 73

1. The King shall come when morning dawns  
 and light triumphant breaks;  
 when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
 and life to joy awakes.
2. Not, as of old, a little child,  
 to bear, and fight, and die,  
 but crowned with glory like the sun  
 that lights the morning sky.
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;

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 355

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

**People** **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.

**People** **Amen.**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

This week we light the Candle of Peace (or Bethlehem Candle) to represent the coming of the Prince of Peace and that we may experience the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. The wreath itself, is made of evergreens, representing the everlasting life promised by Jesus Christ. The circular shape of the wreath symbolizes the eternal love of God that has no beginning and end. And the pine cones on the wreath represent the Spirit of new life that beckons us to joyfully await the Light of Christ coming into the world.

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.

**People** **Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant* Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* 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.**

## A Reading from the Prophet 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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

Book of Common Prayer Pg. 708

### ***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.

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter (3:8-15a)

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  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

*Officiant*        The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark  
*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

## 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."

*Officiant*        The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

**Sermon**        The Reverend Judith Sato

**Meditation**    "Light of the World" by Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, Paul Mabury

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:  
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.

### Advent 2020 Prayers of the People

*(To have a name added to the prayers of the people please contact The Rev. Judi Sato)*

O God, our Emmanuel, we live these days in continual hope. We offer our prayers confident of your faithfulness to us and all creation.

*Silence*

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our Bishop, Matt and Judi, our priests, and Gary our deacon, that they may seek truth and lead with love.

*Silence*

We pray for all the world, national and community leaders.

*Silence*

We pray for those who serve and work beyond the walls of comfort and safety. We pray for first responders and all who put their lives before others. And we pray for our deployed military: Gary, Vince, Danielle and Dallas.

*Silence*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Ann, Dorothy, Isaac, B.J., Alyssa, David, Aria, Keith, Bev R, Sharon D., Karen H., and Marna

*Silence*

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; Ji-bril, Laura, Miles, Ashleigh, Tom, Cheryl, Sue H., Reuben, Gael, Cindy, Tyler, Austen, Christine, Emily, Bev, Alvin, Cory, Patty, Chuck, Roger and John.

*Silence*

We remember those who have died. Join our hearts with those who grieve.

*Silence*

Gracious God, grant us strength and vision to prepare a place for you within our own hearts and within our shared life in this faith community, that we may love and serve the world beyond our walls.

## The Confession

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

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

**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.**

*Officiant* 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 Peace

*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)*

## Announcements

### Digital Offering

*(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

1. Using your text message on your smart phone, text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446.
2. Click on the secure link sent to you via text message to make a contribution.

## Anthem

Star of Advent by Pepper Choplin, performed by St. Michael's Virtual Choir

## The Doxology

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Hymnal 380, st. 3

## The Great Thanksgiving Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 367

*Officiant* All things come of thee O Lord.

**People And of thine own have we given thee.**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Officiant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Officiant proceeds ...*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: Saying together

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving... Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 369

**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 the Bread**

*Communion can be picked up at St. Michael's every Sunday 10:30 – 12:00 PM.  
If you wish to have Communion delivered to your home, please sign up on the website.*

## Post Spiritual Communion Prayer

Lord of the Feast,  
thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual Body and Blood of Christ.  
May we be reminded of the many times  
we have been fed at your table,  
always being drawn closer to you  
in the breaking of the bread.  
We acknowledge your presence among us,  
just as you were present with your disciples.  
May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us  
to live, learn, and love beyond our walls.  
For the sake of your love in our lives,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

## Final Blessing

**Final Hymn:** “Comfort, comfort ye my people”

Hymn 67

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

## Dismissal

*Deacon:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** Chorale Prelude on “Wachet auf! (Sleepers, wake!)”

Johann Ludwig Krebs

Parish Announcements:

- To view all the weekly announcements please view the **Weekly eNews** emailed every Friday at 6:00 AM. Included are new events, links, and exciting information about what is happening at St. Michael's. To be added to the email list call the church office or email [support@stmikeschurch.com](mailto:support@stmikeschurch.com)
- **Home Christmas Communion Delivery** can be delivered to your home December 26-28, but you must sign up at [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup) **no later than noon on December 23.**
- **Christmas Communion** will be made available to you in-person inside the church using physical distancing and safety precautions as outlined by state, local, and diocesan guidelines. Christmas Communion pre-registration is now open and time slots will be available December 23 3:00 – 7:00 PM and December 24 3:00 – 9:00 PM.
- **Donate new stuffed animals** for our December Donation Drive “Stuffed with Love”. New stuffed animals will be donated to the Children’s Hospital of Colorado Springs and Safe Passages, an organization that supports children who have experienced trauma. Donations can be dropped off before December 20 to the clear bins located outside the church office doors. You may also drop off donations on Sundays between 10:30 AM -12:00 PM during Drive Thru Communion.
- **Christmas Light Festival Volunteer Opportunities:** Sign up online [www.stmikeschurch.com/signup](http://www.stmikeschurch.com/signup)  
Sunday, December 6 12:00 – 3:00 PM  
Thursday, December 10 3:00 – 5:00 PM  
Friday & Saturday, December 11 & 12 3:00 – 7:00 PM  
Friday & Saturday, December 18 & 19 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Christmas Light Festival **Open to St. Michael's & the public:**

December 11 & 12 5:00 – 7:00 PM  
December 18 & 19 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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