



## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

*Isaiah the prophet has written of old*

LAWSON GOULD

GATHERING HYMN

CLAUDE GOUDIMEL

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.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.  
Music: *Psalm 42*, melody Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People*        **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. **Amen.**

## CONFSSION

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

*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.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Presider*      Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## KYRIE

DAVID HURD

Setting from *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b.1950)

*Presider* Peace is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the peace we find in Jesus Christ.

*All* **Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people from trouble. Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, you would remain present with us always. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**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.**

FIRST READING

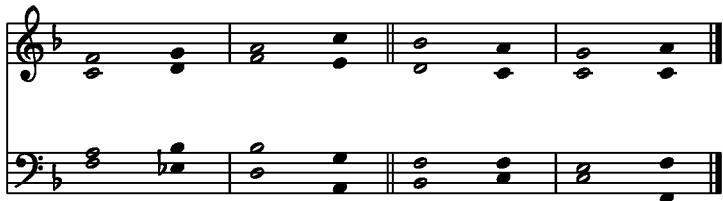
ISAIAH 40:1-11

*Lector* A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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



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- 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.

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.

## THE SECOND READING

2 PETER 3:8-15a

*Lector*                    A Reading from the Second Letter 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.

*Lector*                    Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),  
after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690,  
harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

## MARK 1:1-8

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

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

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* In the Diocesan Cycle, we are praying for St. Paul's in Payson, as well as our companion diocese, the Diocese of Western Mexico, Bishop Ricardo Gomez Osnaya. Birthday blessings go out to Benjamin Whitaker Broglia, and all who have birthdays this week. Anniversary blessings go out to Joe & Susan Harte, and all who have anniversaries this week.

Gracious God, through your messengers the prophets you have called your people to prepare the way of the Lord and to welcome the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God: Speak tenderly to your people that we may wait for and hasten the coming day, saying: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Indwelling God, you have baptized your Church with the Holy Spirit: Inspire us to lead lives of holiness and godliness as we prepare for new heavens and a new earth, that as Christ comes he finds us to be a people of peace and justice. Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Holy and Mighty God, open the ears and eyes of the leaders of all the nations that they may listen to what the Lord God is saying, for you are speaking peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Compassionate God, look upon the needs of all humanity: Feed your flock like a shepherd; gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom, gently leading the mother sheep, that all may know the comfort of your strength. Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Ever-present God, lift up your voice with power to herald good tidings to the people of this community, especially our indigenous neighbors. Cast out all fear as we listen for the happy cry of your coming salvation. Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

Glorious God, come with might in your divine recompense to reveal your glory to all who look to you in hope, as we especially pray for those we now name wither silently or aloud . . .

Bring into your everlasting reign those who have died, especially from the novel coronavirus. Mercy and truth have met together;

**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

*Presider* Look upon your creation and comfort your people, O Holy One: Let every valley be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; let the uneven ground become level and the rough places a plain, that all people may see the revelation of the glory of God, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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.**

## A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

Presider Let us pray together.

**Beloved Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and know that you are with us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. Now and always, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. In your most holy name. Amen.**

### ADVENT BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

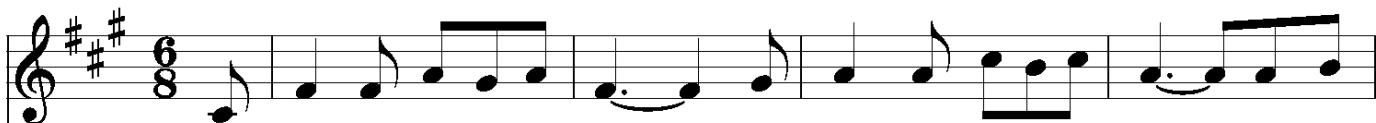
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

JOY F. PATTERSON



The desert shall rejoice and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall  
1. It shall  
2. For the  
3. For the  
4. For the



blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

Words: Gracia Grindal (b.1943)  
Music: *Sterling*, Joy F. Patterson (b.1931)  
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## DISMISSAL

**Priest** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

HENRY HUGH BANCROFT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rev. Monica** is away this weekend celebrating her grandson's fifth birthday. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

**2021 Pledges:** On Sunday, December 13, during our special service of Lessons & Carols, we will have our Stewardship Ingathering and offer a blessing over our pledge cards. Your pledge of financial giving allows St. Andrew's leadership to plan wisely as we manage a responsible budget and prepare for future growth. Your generosity generates mission and changes lives.

**Navajo Soap Sale:** We are still receiving orders for Shima' of Navajoland soap. Please mail your orders with your check to the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Attn: Rev. Monica, 100 Arroyo Piñon Drive, Sedona, AZ 86336.

**Christmas Flowers:** Contributions toward the purchase of poinsettias are now being accepted to decorate the altar at Christmas. If you are interested making a donation, please make your check payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and indicate "Christmas flowers" in the memo line. The minimum suggested donation is \$25.00. Also, please indicate if you wish to offer your donation in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for one of God's many gifts.

## BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Most gracious God, we thank you for consecrating this marriage for your purpose. By the power of your Holy Spirit, pour out your blessing upon these two people. Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and lead their feet into the path of peace and joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**The Third Sunday of Advent** 9am Advent Lessons & Carols  
December 13

**The Third Saturday of Advent** 7pm Blue Christmas Taizé:  
December 19 A Service of Wholeness and Healing

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent** 9am Ante-Communion, Rite II  
December 20

**Christmas Eve** 7:30pm Musical Prelude  
Thursday, December 24 8:00pm Holy Communion, Rite II

**Christmas Day** 10am Ante-Communion, Rite I  
Friday, December 25

**First Sunday after Christmas Day** 9am Ante-Communion, Rite II  
December 27

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**SERVING TODAY**

Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith  
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*Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship, Year B, 2017-2018.* New York, NY: Church Publishing, Inc. (2017), 21-22.

## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

During this time of uncertainty, increased stress and anxiety, you may find yourself or loved ones in need of support through these community resources.

**If you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

**Arizona's Free Crisis Counseling**  
Resilientarizona.org

**Dial 2-1-1**

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

**1-800-273-8255**

### **Alcoholics Anonymous Group Meetings Online**

[onlinegroupaa.org](http://onlinegroupaa.org)

### **Arizona Job Openings**

[www.arizonaatwork.com](http://www.arizonaatwork.com)

### **Old Town Mission – Cottonwood**

OldTownMission.org  
(928) 634-7869

Homeless Resource Center, Food Pantry

Produce Market, Medical,  
Vision and Legal Clinics

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Sedona**

180 Soldiers Pass Rd  
(928) 821-1292

Resource center for food, clothing,  
shelter, healing

### **Spectrum Healthcare – Cottonwood**

SpectrumHealthcare-Group.com  
(928) 634-2236

Physical and Behavioral Health Services,  
and Psychiatry

### **Unemployment Insurance Benefits**

[www.azui.com](http://www.azui.com)

### **Verde Valley Sanctuary– Cottonwood**

VerdeValleySanctuary.org  
(928) 634-2511

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault 24/7 Help Line  
Advocates; Safe shelter, legal and social  
service resources

### **Verde Valley Caregivers – Sedona**

vvcaregivers.org  
(928) 204-1238

Services to support older adults  
and adults with disabilities with transportation,  
shopping for groceries, medical appointments,  
and other errands. No senior left isolated.



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