Second Sunday of Advent
St. Stephen's Parish
December 6, 2020 - 9:30 AM

Entrance: Come, Lord! Maranatha (Fr. Ricky Manalo, CSP)

Now is the time; prepare the way;
salvation is close at hand.
Make straight the paths of the Lord,
lift up your voices and pray:

Come, Lord! Maranatha!
Come and bring us your peace.
Come, Lord, Maranatha!
Come to us; set us free.
Come, Lord, and bring us your peace.

Kyrie Eleison: Misa del Pueblo Inmigrante (Bob Hurd)

We praise you, O Lord, Dawn from on high: Lord, have mercy.
Kýrie, Kýrie, Kýrie eléison.

We praise you, O Lord, Alpha and Omega: Christ, have mercy.
Christe, Christe, Christe eléison.

We praise you, O Lord, Emmanuel: Lord, have mercy.
Kýrie, Kýrie, Kýrie eléison.

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!
Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him, his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85 (Luke Mayernik)

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

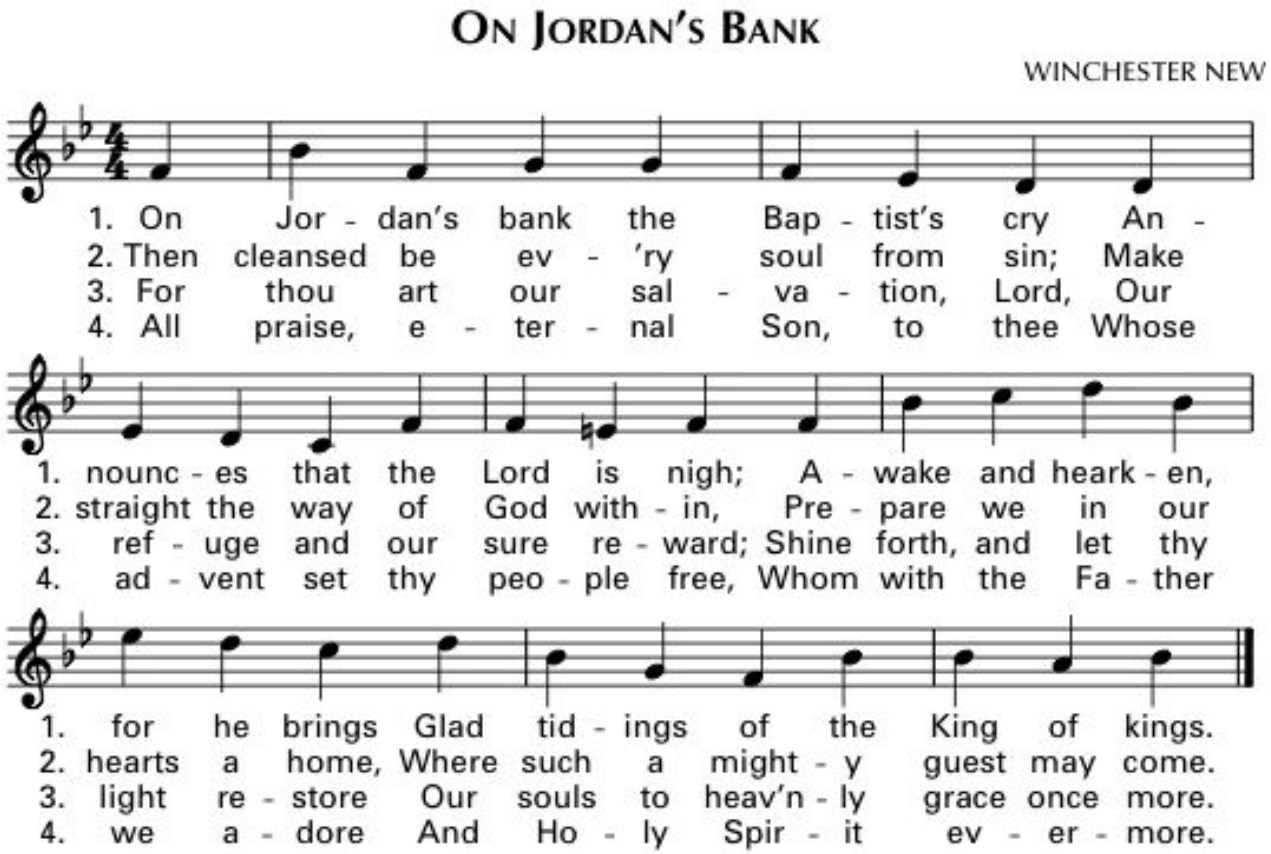
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after men. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

Presentation of the Gifts



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Music: *Musicalishes Handbuch,* Hamburg, 1690; adapt. by William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

Holy: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts.
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, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Amen: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God: Belmont Mass (Christopher Walker)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Song

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Closing Song: Ready The Way (Curtis Stephan)

Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.

Make straight the road, raise the valleys, and mountains make low.
Turning from sin, let the broken be whole, and ready the way of the Lord.

Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.
Ready the way, ready the way, ready the way of the Lord.

Thank you for joining us!
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