

**December 6, 2020
10:30 AM**

**The Second Sunday
of Advent**

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II



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*We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

"Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!"

Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

Opening Hymn:

On Jordan's Bank

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

H #76

WINCHESTER NEW
from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690

1. On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry an - noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breastfrom sin; make straightthe way for God with - in,
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion Lord, our re - fuge, and our great re - ward;

a - wake and heark-en for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre - pare a homewhere such a migh - ty guest may come.
with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flowersthat with - er and de - cay.

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

All: **And the darkness has not overcome it**

Reader: On this Second Sunday of Advent we light these two candles to remind us of the Light that shines in the world; the Light that we wait for; the Light that is coming: Jesus our Redeemer.

Leader: Let us pray,

All: **Let these candles, O Lord, be a sign to us this day of the root that comes out of the stump of Jesse which makes the wolf and the lamb lie down together, and which makes every path straight; that when our Lord Jesus comes he might find his light burning in us, in our homes, in our community, and in our church. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: 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.**

The Lessons

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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

- 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.

Second Reading

2 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.

The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Gradual:

When the Silence Takes a Voice

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p. 64

NUN KOM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
fr. Erfurt Wnchiridia, 1524

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The music is in common time. The lyrics for the first song are as follows:

1. When the si -lence takes a voice it may not be soft and mild:
2. John came like a storm from God, and a crowd was drawn to hear
3. Near us now, though sens - es strain, strain to re - cog nize the form
4. But our hearts search out that form, through the ad - vent of the years,

The lyrics for the second song, 'Nun Kom, der Heiden Heiland', are as follows:

aft - er years of mu - ted peace words may thun - der, fierce and wild.
what the si -lence had pre -pared: "Turn to God for God is near!"
God may take and man - i - fest in the si -lence and the storm.
as we turn and turn a - gain and a - gain know God is near.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

All: **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.”

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Karen Cuffie

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.

Prayers of the People

Presider: In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

Leader: O God in days to come, the mountain of your house will be established and your joy shall reign. We pray for the Church, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your path. In the diocesan cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Board of Trustees and their continued service in El Camino Real. Come Lord Jesus,

***People:* and hear our prayer.**

Leader: Out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus,

***People:* and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Please add your own petitions either silently or aloud.

(Silence)

Come Lord Jesus,

***People:* and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week; that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. With grateful hearts, we give thanks. Please add your thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

(Silence)

Come Lord Jesus,

***People:* and hear our prayer.**

Leader: In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray

that you might be always present with those whom we love
but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus,

People: **and hear our prayer.**

Presider: Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when
your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in
manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and
come to adore him.

People: **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

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

(There will be a moment of silence)

Presider and People

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 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Exchange peace.

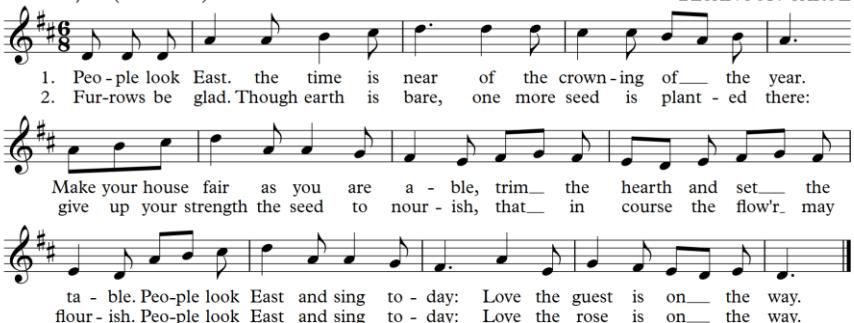
Offertory:

People Look East

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Wonder, Love and Praise, #734

BESANCON CAROL



Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

Presider and People

**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.

The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St Stephen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People and Presider

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.

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

People and Presider

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
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 Breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Presider

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church,
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you
praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim
your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive
you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to
come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your
grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in
you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn:

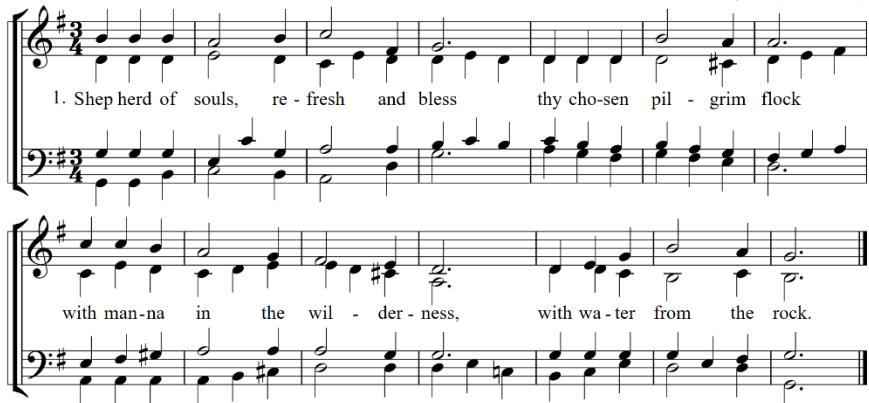
Shepherd of Souls

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

H #343

ST. AGNES

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves are in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first two lines of the lyrics are: "1. Shep herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho-sen pil - grim flock" and "with man-na in the wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock."

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Mission Song:

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Franz Mikael Franzen (1772-1847)

H #65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN
Then Swenska Psalmbooken, 1697

1.
3.Pre-pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let His
Fling wide you gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em- brace. His

ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet
ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place. All

One whomes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.