



# SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Announcements

Words of Greeting

L: A voice crying out in the wilderness:

**P: Prepare the way of the Lord!**

*Matt 3:3*

The Call to Worship

L: ...

A voice cries out in the wilderness,

**P: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"**

L: Let us line the road with beauty

**P: and pave it with acts of justice.**

L: For the Holy One is coming our way,

**P: the giver of life and the source of living water.**

\* Hymn            "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"            (vs. 1) PH 9

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,  
     That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
     Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

\*Prayer of Confession

L: We have all sinned, not one of us is clean;  
     but there is mercy for those who call on the name of the Lord.  
     Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

**P: "Prepare the way of the Lord," your prophet says to us.**

**Forgive us when we have failed to prepare your way.**

**Forgive us when we have stood in your way, instead:**

**when we let the challenging words of your prophets roll off of our lives,  
     rather than let them spark change;  
     when we walk around a neighbor in need,  
     rather than encounter a chance for compassion.**

**Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.**

(silent reflection)

L: Hear us, Lord.

**P: Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us assurance that the glory of your coming  
     does not depend upon the righteousness of your followers. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Grace

L: . . . In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**P: Thanks be to God.**

\*Our Joyful Response    "Angels We Have Heard on High"       (Vs 1) PH 23

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
     And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains.  
     Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

\*Passing of the Peace

A Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

L: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."  
     A choir sings in the silence, "Come, Emmanuel."  
     Every valley shall be filled.  
     Every heart shall be made whole,  
         for peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.  
     As we light our second Advent candle

**P: we pray for the holy peace of God.**

L: Come now, O Child of Mary.

**P: Come now, O Prince of Peace.**

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

# Children's Christmas Presentation

# HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

## The Prayer for Illumination

L: Let us prepare ourselves to hear God's word; let us join in prayer:

**P:** Empower us by your Spirit, O God,  
to hear your Word amid the words that we read and speak this day.  
Enable us to discern your light and follow the path you set before us. Amen.

## The Gospel Reading

## Mark 1:1-8

## The Proclamation “Good News for Sinners”

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

## An Affirmation of Faith

L: The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

**P: Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus.**  
His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God.  
He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel,  
the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.  
He gave history its meaning and direction  
and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world

*(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)*

\*Hymn of Dedication (Vs. 1) TNCH 154

## “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart..

## Prayers of the People

## A Time for Gratitude

\*Prayer of Gratitude and the Lord's Prayer

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

**P:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## DEPARTING TO LIVE GOD'S WORD

### Charge and Benediction

**L:** . . . Prepare the way of the Lord!

**P:** Amen.

**L:** May the God of peace make you holy and the power of the Spirit sustain you until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**P:** Alleluia! Amen.

\* Congregational Response

(Vs. 1) TNCH 154

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

1. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Postlude

## The Second Sunday of Advent

11:00 pm, Sunday, December 6, 2020

Topic: BCPP November Worship

Time: December 6, 2020 - 11:00 AM Central Time

Joining the Zoom Meeting (Three options)

**First option:**

(This link will work for all Sundays of December):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85305859007>

Meeting ID: 853 0585 9007

**Second option:**

If you have problems with the link, go to <https://zoom.us/>, select "Join a Meeting" from the top ribbon and enter the Meeting ID # then click "Join."

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