

# MORNING PRAYER: RITE II

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

December 13, 2020

**The Prelude:** Antiphon: *O Clavis David*

Early Medieval Latin Chant

*O Clavis David et sceptrum domus Israel,  
qui aperis, et nemo claudit,  
claudis, et nemo aperit:  
veni et educ vincitum de domo carceris,  
sedentem in tenebris et umbra mortis..*

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel,  
you open and no one can shut;  
you shut and no one can open:  
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,  
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Plainchant, Piano arr. Joseph Martin

Antiphon: *O Oriens*

Early Medieval Latin Chant

*O Oriens,  
splendor lucis aeternae et sol iustitiae:  
veni et illumine  
sedentes in tenebris et umbra mortis.*

O Morning Star,  
splendor of eternal light and sun of justice:  
Come and enlighten  
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

## Words of Welcome

**The Opening Hymn: 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, stanzas 5 & 6**

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; version Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Plainsong, Mode 1, *Processionale*, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890);  
acc. Richard Proulx (1937-2010); Refrain alt. harmony David Willcocks (1919-2015)

## The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more sentences of Scripture.*

## The Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant 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.**

## The Absolution

## The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All: 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. Alleluia.

## **Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Officiant: Our King and Savior now draws near:

**People:** Come let us adore him.

*Officiant and People*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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## **Psalm 126** *Read in unison.*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The LORD has done great things for them."  
The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.  
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 First Lesson**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah** *Surge, illuminare*

*Officiant and People*

**Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut. They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders. You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. 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 Lesson

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle:** This Is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons

*John Bailey, Organ*                      *Matt Presson, Voice*  
*Barbara Krumbieck, Cello*                *David Wilson, Violin*

This is the record of John,  
when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?"  
And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not."  
"Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Then said they unto him,  
"What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?"  
And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

Text: John 1:19-23 from *The Geneva Bible*, 1560

Music: Orlando Gibbons, c. 1620

## The Homily

The Reverend Kevin Lloyd

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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.**

## Suffrages B

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;  
**People: We praise your Name for ever.**  
Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
**People: Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**  
Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
**People: For we put our trust in you.**  
Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;  
**People: And we shall never hope in vain.**

### The Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Collects

*The Officiant prays a series of Collects.*

### Parish Prayers and Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Please read together the names on our list, when prompted.*

Together we pray for: **Anne, Bill, Bill, Caroline, Courtney, David, Deanna, Florence, Hilary, Jerry, Jim, Jim, Joe, Lauren, Mason, Pat, Rock, Sandy, Sharon, Vern, the Seneca family.**

### The Prayer St. Chrysostom

*Officiant*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### The Closing Hymn: 65 Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.

*Refrain: Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God's most holy Name.*

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. *Refrain*

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. *Refrain*

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)  
Music: Swedish melody, 1697.

### The Exchange of the Peace

**The Postlude:** There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Henry Hugh Bancroft