

# Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

*Offering Companionship Along The Way*

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# DECEMBER 6, 2020

**Prelude** (Vocal Ensemble): Deus tu convertens (Wilt thou not turn again) Motet for Advent II  
(*Offertoria totius anni*, 1593) by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

*Pastor* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

*Pastor* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy**

*Pastor* Lord, have mercy.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

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

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**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 Prophecy of 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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

- 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.

**The Second Letter of 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** “O come, o come Emmanuel” vs. 3 and 4

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

*Pastor*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**1:1-8**

*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."

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

**Sermon**

**The Right Rev. Ian T. Douglas**

### **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**

Father, we pray for all peoples throughout the world. May people who suffer, and are caught up in the midst of natural disaster, poverty, homelessness, or racial discrimination find peace through you;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for our Bishops, Ian and Laura, for our Rector, Heidi, and for all those who minister in the Church, both lay and ordained;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for our President, Donald, for our President-elect, Joe, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We give thanks at all times for the blessings of our lives. We lift up our thanksgivings (*we leave time for people to say silently or aloud the things for which they are grateful*). We pray for those in our Diocesan Prayers today; St. Thomas' Bethel, Christ Church Bethlehem, Old St. Andrew's Bloomfield. And we remember the ministries of our ECCT: For the Chapel on the Green, New Haven, Church by the Pond, Hartford, for all Ecclesia ministries, and for the ministry of the Midnight Runs. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Geoff and Judy Brown, Jane Ellen Canfield, Mary Anne Carley, and for their families;

**That we may serve and love them, and one another, as Christ loves us.**

Have compassion on those who suffer, especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). We pray for all who are afflicted with any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

We pray for all those who have died, especially those who we name (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*). Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for all the saints, those we love in this world, and in the next;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Amen.**

### The Prayer List

#### SICK

Eric  
Roberto  
Alice  
Millie  
Allie  
Sam  
Dana  
Brianna  
Cindy  
Marlene Stratman  
Christine Garfield  
Carlos  
All cancer patients as they continue their recovery  
Martha

All caregivers  
And all those suffering with COVID-19

#### REST IN PEACE

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi UK  
Lilia Hoddinott  
John Bryant  
Caroline Vreeland  
Wendy Gails  
Gail Capozzi  
Virginia Eaton Ferranti  
Hamilton Eaton, Sr.  
Randle Brooks  
All who have died from COVID-19

## Confession

**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

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

*Priest*           The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**The Offertory** How lovely are the messengers, from St Paul

by Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdi (1809-1847)

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Priest*           The Lord be with you.

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

*Priest*           Lift up your hearts.

*People*           **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Priest*           Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*           **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy**

Gevert 2016

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

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 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 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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Priest* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **Fraction Anthem**

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## **Prayer for Spiritual Reception**

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

By the Rev. Ben Brockman

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

Bishop Douglas

**Final Hymn** "Comfort, comfort, ye my people"

*Genevan*

## **Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** Improvisation on tune *Genevan*



## **Serving Today**

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Music Director and Video Editor:* Christine Gevert  
*Our Bishop is with us today and is our Preacher:* The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas  
*Lector:* Pari Forood  
*Psalmist:* Connie Frost  
*Epistoler:* John Oler  
*Intercessor:* Arete Warren  
*Altar Greens:* Theresa Kenny  
*Counter:* Barry Anderson  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown

## **Announcements**

*Sundays* In Person services are not being held at this time.  
10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music  
Now on YouTube!  
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”  
12 Noon – Vestry meeting on Zoom

*Thursdays* 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke

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