



ST. ELIZABETH'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
聖公會頌主堂

Sunday, December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling**

Worship Leader: **Justin**

Reader & Intercessor: **Charles**

Host: **Fenella**

Introduction before starting service – Justin

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Opening Sentence (P. 269) – Justin

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God

Luke 3:4, 6

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Rev. Maria

2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace

The Peace (P.192) – Rev. Maria

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

People: **And also with you.**

Grace (P.185) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Confession (P.45) – Justin

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness

by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All: **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 neighbours 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 (P.46) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah 40:1-11 – Charles

Reader: **God's People Are Comforted**

¹ *Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.*

² *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.*

³ *A voice cries out:*

*'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

⁴ *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.*

⁵ *Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,*

*and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'*

⁶ *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.

⁷ *The grass withers, the flower fades,*

when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

⁸ *The grass withers, the flower fades;*

but the word of our God will stand for ever.

⁹ *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!'

¹⁰ *See, the Lord God comes with might,*

and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,

and his recompense before him.

¹¹ *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 – Justin, Charles

Prayer for the Restoration of God's Favour

To the leader. Of the Korahites. A Psalm.

Leader: **1** Lord, you were favourable to your land;

you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: **2** You forgave the iniquity of your people;

you pardoned all their sin. Selah

Leader: 8 Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

People: **9 Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Leader: 10 Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

People: **11 Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

Leader: 12 The Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

People: **13 Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.**

Gospel Hymn – *CP106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the God, our God, may go!
2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.
3. But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your
breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.
4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places, where the Lord our God may go!

Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft

Text: Is. 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan

Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim

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Gospel Mark 1:1-8 – Rev. Maria

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: ***The Proclamation of John the Baptist***

¹ *The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

² *As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,*

*‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;*

³ *the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

*“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight”’,*

⁴ *John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ 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. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – Rev. Maria

The Apostles’ Creed (P.52) – Justin

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **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.

Prayers of the People (2nd Sunday of Advent) – Charles

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's transition to St. E, Fr. Jim's retirement

Anglican: Spain - The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano

Diocesan: Project Ploughshares - the peace institute of the Canadian Council of Churches

Infirm: Esther Chen

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people realign their lives. As we gather expectantly in God's presence, let us pray.

Intercessor: God of cleansing and liberating power, give us the courage and perception to see ourselves as we really are, and repent of our sin; may the whole church be cleansed and renewed.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the world's leaders and all in authority, that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of love and faithfulness, may every family be surrounded and upheld by your presence, the conflicts healed and the needs provided for, and every act of kindness blessed.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wholeness, bring your reassurance and healing,
your hope and patience to all who are suffering in any way;
bring freedom to all imprisoned by hate, guilt or despair,
and a change of heart to all who need to forgive.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our
many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set
us free.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your
Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Collect of the Day (P. 269) – Charles

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as
our Saviour taught us,

All: **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.**

Blessing (P.683 ii) – Rev. Maria

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

<https://www.stechurch.com/announcements>

For more info about the Advent Prayers from today refer to “Advent: Readings and Prayers for Advent at Home” Compiled by the Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk with prayers from Bishop William Cliff.

As posted on the Anglican Journal Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/bill.cliff1/posts/10105419457830441>

Dismissal – Justin

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday Dec 13 10:15am

English Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

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