

St. Paul's Cathedral *of the City*
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**December 4, 2011
10:30 A.M.**

**The Second Sunday
of Advent**

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you!

Welcome to St. Paul's Cathedral

The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego The Worldwide Anglican Communion

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you and invite your full participation in today's worship.

BCP page numbers refer to the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

A period of silence is held after each reading and the sermon.

The order of service can also be followed beginning on BCP page 355.

As a courtesy to others, please silence electronic devices.

We thank you for your care when gently raising or lowering the kneelers in the pews.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

§ *The Congregation stands at the tolling of the bell.*

HYMN 76

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

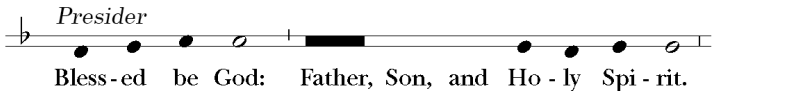
1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.; Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE ACCLAMATION

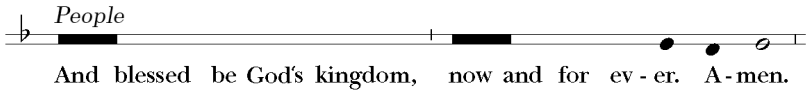
S 76

Presider



Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit.

People



And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

KYRIE (*choir*) from *Mass for Four Voices* William Byrd (1543–1623)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 211

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.**

§ *Please be seated*

THE FIRST LESSON

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 forever. 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.**

- 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.

Gloria Patri

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

§ *Please stand*

ALLELUIA VERSE (*Cantor, then all repeat*)

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is u/pon me;*

he has annointed me to preach / good tidings to the poor.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

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

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

§ *Please be seated at the introduction of the sermon*

§ *Please stand for the Creed*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who feeds his flock like a shepherd.

For the peace of the world, and for the holy Church in every place.

Come, O Lord, and hear us.

For Katharine our Presiding Bishop, James our Bishop, for all bishops, presbyters, deacons and all who minister in Christ.

Come, O Lord, and hear us.

For all in authority; for candidates for public office and for justice, wisdom, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

Come, O Lord, and hear us.

For the environment. For safety for those who are traveling.

Come, O Lord, and hear us.

For all who wait in need and for all who are suffering.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

For the dying and the dead; their care-givers and all who mourn.

The Intercessor offers prayers on behalf of the congregation and bids their prayers.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and desolation.

Come, O Lord, and hear us.

The Presider says the concluding Collect

O Root of Jesse, who rises as a signal among all peoples, come and deliver us without delay. Glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 360

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

§ *The People may stand or kneel.*

Silence

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 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

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.

§ *Please stand.*

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

§ *The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Laying on of hands for healing—for your own needs or for the needs of another person—is available during Communion north of the communion rail.

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir)

Deus, tu convertans

Tone III

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM (choir)

Lo, in the time appointed
Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Lo, in the time appointed the Lord will come; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands: for the Lord God shall come into his everlasting kingdom; And upon the throne of David shall he reign for ever, Alleluia.

§ Please stand.

HYMN 462

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, his foot - steps can - not err;
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blos - som show;
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wick - ed earth re - dress;
4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame
5 For great thou art, and won - ders great by thy strong hand are done:

1 be - fore him right - eous - ness shall go, his roy - al har - bin - ger.
2 and jus - tice, from her heaven - ly bower, look down on us be - low.
3 for thou art he who shalt by right the na - tions all pos - sess.
4 to bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, and glo - ri - fy thy Name.
5 thou in thy ev - er - last - ing seat re - main - est God a - lone.

Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt.

Music: York, melody from *The CL Psalmes of David*, 1615;
adapt. *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, 1621; harm, John Milton, Sr. (1563?-1647)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

§ *The People stand or kneel.*

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 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, ►

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE FRACTION: THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence follows as the Bread is broken.

THE INVITATION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

After the Invitation has been given, please be seated or kneel until you are ushered to the Communion rail. Please take your purse or valuables with you to the rail.

When taking Communion, you may partake of only the Bread. After receiving it, you may cross your arms across your chest to signal to the chalice bearer that you do not wish to receive the wine. (The Chalice Bearer will pause with the cup and say the words.)

If you want to receive the Cup by intinction (dipping), please allow the chalice bearer to intinct the bread for you. The altar servers all sanitize their hands before the distribution of communion.

AT THE COMMUNION, AGNUS DEI (choir) from *Mass for Four Voices* Byrd

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM *How beautiful upon the mountains* Sir John Stainer (1840–1901)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! How beautiful upon the mountains, how beautiful the feet of him that bringeth glad tidings, that publisheth peace.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.

All **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

Presider May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

§ Please stand.

HYMN 67



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Fantasy on "Veni Emmanuel"
Kenneth Leighton (1929–1988)

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Welcome to St. Paul's Cathedral

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**PLEASE JOIN US for refreshments and fellowship
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St. Paul's Cathedral is home to a vibrant, growing Episcopal congregation in the urban heart of San Diego. Social justice and community outreach are central to the Cathedral's spiritual core. To learn more about membership, please speak to one of the clergy after the service, or visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard following services, or call the cathedral office at 619.298.7261 ext. 334.



Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist 8 AM and 10:30 AM; Misa en Español 1:00 PM; Evensong 5:00 PM; Children's Godly Play 10:30 AM.

Daily Services: Monday-Friday: Morning and Evening Prayer, 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; Saturday at 8:30 a.m. only; Holy Eucharist at 12 noon on Monday-Saturday. The church office is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 1:30–5:00 p.m.

The many activities at the Cathedral each week are summarized in the **Cathedral Life announcements** insert in today's bulletin.

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Flower donations are welcome for memorials or celebrations. Please call the office to convey date, in memory of/thanksgiving for, and your name.

Large print bulletins and assisted hearing devices are available at morning services and are available from an usher.

If you wish, you may listen to the service via the **outdoor speakers** in the Fifth Avenue courtyard. Chairs are also available.

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