

## SECOND ADVENT | HOLY EUCHARIST

John the Baptizer proclaims the coming of Jesus and calls people to be baptized as a sign of repentance.

### About this Gathering

Welcome to Advent – from the Latin *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit.” – a season rich in politics, prophecy, prayer, perseverance and holiness. In Advent we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ first coming at his birth on Christmas and we look forward to Jesus’ second coming at His return. Please add your voice to worship, prayer & song!

### Hymn 65 | Prepare the way, O Zion



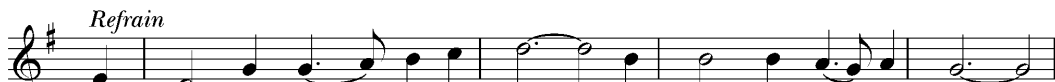
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed are you holy and living one.

*You come to your people and set them free. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### Lighting the Advent Candle

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

*Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.*

Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

*O Lord God of hosts.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

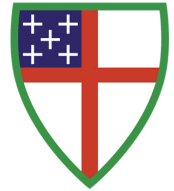
*Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.*

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

*And grant us your salvation.*

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S-102 | *Trisagion or Thrice Holy* | Sung three times

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The music consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first two phrases, and the second system covers the final phrase. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

**Collect**

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

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.*

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

As sovereign ruler and tender shepherd, God comforts the people.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

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 flesh 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 flesh is 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 news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13**

Thanksgiving is given for the return from exile and the Lord's continued help [is requested].

Let us read Psalm 85 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD; \*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \*  
and blotted out all their sins.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.  
<sup>10</sup>Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.  
<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.  
<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.  
<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

A response to the anxiety of many about the apparent delay of Christ's eagerly expected second coming.

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

But 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 destroyed with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be destroyed 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 destroyed 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. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **ADVENT IN ACTION | PREPARING FOR CHRIST | WEEK 2**

Monday – Pray for the Church & for St. Mary's people, leaders & pastors.

Tuesday – Pray for spiritual awakening.

Wednesday – Pray for renewal and revival.

Thursday – Pray bold prayers and that God will answer them.

Friday – Pray for boldness in sharing the Gospel.

Saturday – Ask God to prepare the hearts of those waiting to hear the Good News of Jesus.

Hymn 76 | On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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.

**Mark 1:1-8**

Mark's good news of Jesus Christ and the proclamation of John the Baptist.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ. 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,'" so John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And the whole Judean region 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 strap of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of our Savior.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**

## **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Let us lift up our voices to God in strength, saying, "Be patient with us and prepare us, Lord."

Together as your Church, we long to see your face. Speak to us, Savior, as we walk through the wilderness listening for the sound of your voice. Give our leaders patience, wisdom, and a heart for your will: we pray for all baptized ministers of the Gospel, lay leaders and ministers and for bishops, priest, deacons.

In your mercy,

*be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

We pray for all who govern, especially our presidents and prime minister and the Parliaments, Congress and Courts of our lands. Guide the leaders of the nations as they work for the welfare of their people and the good of all.

In your mercy,

*be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

Awaken us to the suffering of people near us and those far from us. Call forth in us a spirit of generosity and kindness. Equip us to respond to their needs. Arouse in us a sense of urgency to demonstrate your Good News in our lives and voice it, that all may hear. Make us messengers of your love. We pray especially for...

In your mercy,

*be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

We ask you to comfort those who have lost hope, who struggle with anxiety about the future, who live in fear. Bring healing to those for whom we pray. We pray for those who have died, that their memories be blessings in our lives. We pray especially for...

In your mercy,

*be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

In the name of Jesus we pray;

*be patient with us and prepare us, Lord.*

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

**Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*And also with you.*

**HOLY COMMUNION | PLEASE SHARE COMMUNION WITH US**

Following Jesus’ prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary’s welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to “Do this for the remembrance of me.”, St Mary’s gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

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**Hymn 380 | From all that dwell below the skies**

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let  
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and  
 \*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 the Cre - a - tor’s praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er’s  
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Restore us, O God of hosts;

*Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.*

God be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to God.*

Let us give thanks to our God.

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace 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.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**WLP 785** | *Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy* | Sung twice. Your choice of language.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Holy God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Savior Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Savior, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest,

*to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray boldly in our chosen language and voice.

Please pray boldly the Lord's Prayer version of your choice and language. The version below is optional.

*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, forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Breaking the Bread & Communion**

God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.*

We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

### **Sending Prayer**

Let us pray together.

*Eternal God by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day and all our days in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.*

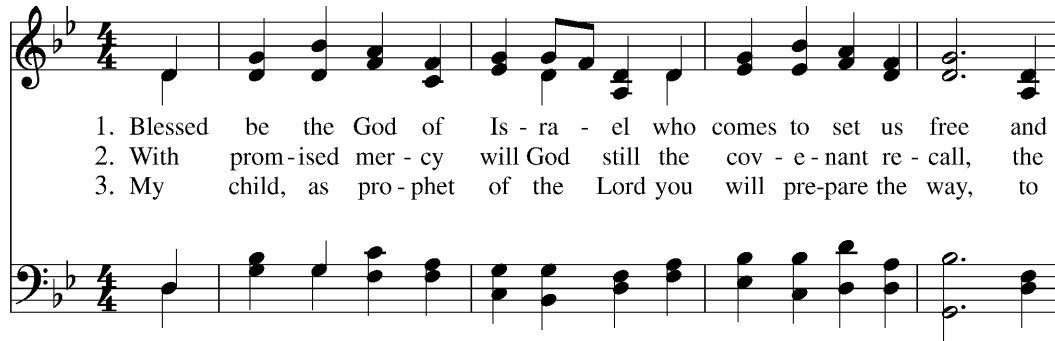
### **Blessing Over the People**

May this Advent Season prepare us to rejoice again at the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ who came among us in great humility that we might know God's love for us; may we expectantly await Jesus' second coming in power and great glory praying that Almighty God will make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and may God's Blessing be with us, Christ's peace be with us, and the Spirit's outpouring be with us, now and always. Amen.

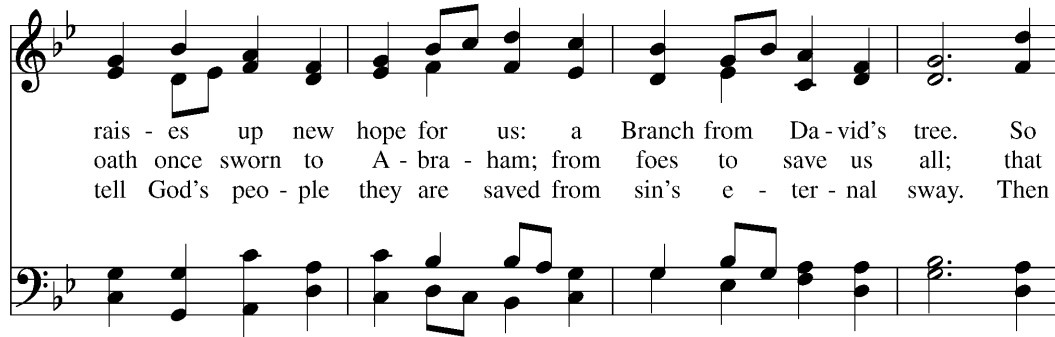




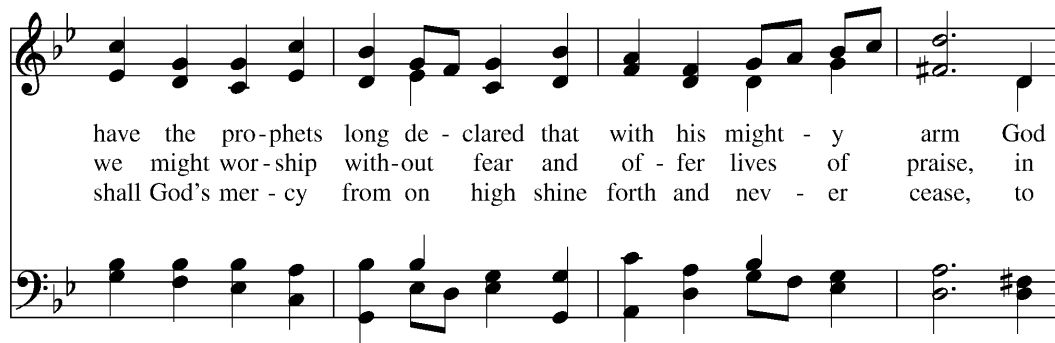
Hymn WLP 889 | *The Song of Zechariah*



1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and  
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the  
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to



rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So  
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that  
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God  
we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in  
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to



would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.  
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.  
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

**Universal Prayer of Peace** | *Iona Community*

Let us pray together.

*Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our lives, our world, our universe. Peace, peace, peace. Amen.*

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Thanks be to God.*

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