

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Second Sunday of Advent, Year B

December 4, 2011

The Word of God

Prelude

Rule Beasley

The Opening Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Hymnal 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh", it seems to say;
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."

Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;

So when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.

Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath- *Light one candle of Hope (Peace, Joy, Love) Sing:*

Light one candle for Hope, One bright candle for hope, He brings hope to every heart, He comes, he comes.

Light one candle for Peace, One bright candle for peace, He brings peace to every heart, He comes, he comes.

Song of Praise

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant 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.**

Teachers and children may go to Sunday School. All others, please be seated.

The First Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Benedixisti, Domine Page 708, 709, BCP

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You have been gracious to your land, O **LORD**, *
you have restored the good fortune of **Jacob**.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your **people** *
and blotted out all their **sins**.

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**.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who **fear him**, *
that his glory may dwell in our **land**.

Mercy and truth have met to-**gether**; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each **other**.
Truth shall spring up from the **earth**, *
and righteousness shall look down from **heaven**.

The LORD will indeed grant pros-**perity**, *
and our land will yield its **increase**.
Righteousness shall go be-**fore him**, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his **feet**.

The Second Reading

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
 Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
 tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
 calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
 Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God away;
 let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
 let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.
 For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;
 and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

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The Gospel**Mark 1:1-8***Deacon*

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reverend Janet Fullmer

*Silence***The Nicene Creed**

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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.

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Katherine our presiding Bishop; Nedi our Bishop; and for all people, lay and ordained, who serve and minister in your name. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, I ask your prayers for St. Andrew's, Prineville, and the Rev. Janet Warner. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; especially we pray for Bill, Barbara, Libby; are there others? *(Please name those for whom you offer prayers)*

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.... *(Please name those who have died)*

Silence

In our congregational cycle of prayers, I ask your prayers for Tameka Smith, Ross Hucke, Leonard Bailey, Jim Ramsey, and Diane Walworth. Pray for St. Paul's.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

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

**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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Halle, Halle

Choir

The Doxology

Hymnal 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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.

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

Celebrant 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:

8:00 - said:

10:00 - Sung: S130

**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.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant 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 Lord.

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."

People 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.

Celebrant Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord 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.

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

Celebrant 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,

**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.
And 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

8:00

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.

10:00- The Fraction Anthem *SI64*

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Food for Holy People.

*All are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine or a blessing -grape juice or gluten free bread are available.
For private intercessory prayer for healing for yourself or others, please go to the station at back of the nave during communion.*

The Communion Hymns

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Hymnal 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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Let us break bread together

Hymnal 325

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising son, O Lord, have mercy on me.
Let us drink wine together on our knees;...
Let us praise God together on our knees;...

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The Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

**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 Advent Blessing:

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

The Closing Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridgroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti; Public Domain

The Dismissal

Deacon

People

Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

Rule Beasley

Today's Servers~

*Celebrant: The Rev. Janet Fullmer; Deacons: The Rev. Georgia Giacobbe, The Rev. Stephen Schafroth;
Acolyte: Kristen Manciu; Worship Leader: Jeff Krier; Lector: 8:00-Jenny Curtis, 10:00-Rosemary Ross;
Prayers of the People: 8:00-Verna Browne, 10:00-Skip Fisher; Eucharist Minister: Marilyn Roth;
Pianist: Rule Beasley; Altar Guild: Kaethe Worcester, Mary Ellen Lowe;
Intergenerational Hour and Sunday School: Denise Beasley, Gretchen Kimsey;
Flowers: Shirley Bjelland in memory of my husband and in celebration of Pam and Lou JR's birthdays.;
Greeter: John Mabrey; Coffee Host: Andrea Booren*

PLEASE PRAY For our diocese, friends and family:

In our diocesan cycle of prayer: Please pray for St. Andrew's, Prineville, and the Rev. Janet Warner.

For Comfort, Healing and Strength: for Libby McDaniel; Bill Van Nice; Barbara Williams; Don Lewis; Patrick Martin; Jack Howe; and all who are in need of help and strength.

For our Vestry and work groups: Building and Administration: Laurance Kerr, Junior Warden; Jill Durow, Pat Fowler, Jenny Curtis, Jerry Frazier, Treasurer; Relationship/Serving: Andrea Booren, Amy McIlvenna, Julie Reynolds, Diane Walworth; Worship/Education: Diane Walworth, Joanne Manciu, Robert Kirby, Julie Reynolds, Monte Dickinson, Senior Warden; and Deb Hucke, Deputy Clerk.

For those serving in the Armed Forces of our Country and for all those who serve and protect us, especially: In Iraq and Afghanistan: Roland Willoughby, Crystal Cornejo, and Brandon Lee; John Bixler, Kelsey Neubauer, Albert South, Kyle McCullough, Turf McCullough, Kevin Gross, Travis Kennedy, Ben Schloss, Michael Stebbins and Max Turner, Amy and Gavin McIlvenna.

CALENDAR:

<i>Tuesday</i>	Bible Study	1:00 pm	<i>Mill Creek-3rd Floor</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	Eucharist	Noon	<i>Diocesan Chapel</i>
	1 st Weds. Potluck	5:30 pm	<i>Taylor Hall</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	Healing Service	Noon	<i>St. Paul's</i>

Readings for Sunday Dec. 11:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Canticle 15
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

INTERGENERATION HOUR AND MILL CREEK EUCHARIST- TODAY! At 9:00, meet in Taylor Hall for an Advent theme activity and teaching with the children, Sunday School teachers, and all who join the fun; at 1:30 pm, come to Mill Creek, 3rd floor meeting space, for a casual and comfortable Eucharist service.

Also today, after the 10:00 service, Lessons and Carols planning, and, looking ahead, planning for an Epiphany Service of Lights and Song.

MISSING GAVIN: Please keep Gavin McIlvenna in your prayers as he is away from us. When you have a moment, send a note or card:

SGM Gavin McIlvenna
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APO AE 09630-0010

PREPARE! Get Ready! These Advent words have are appropriate spiritual watchwords- and they apply pretty well to preparing for Christmas, too. SO...as we prepare for Christmas Eve Services, we're putting together a children's Christmas story, to be acted out by the children present...if you know you'll have your little ones here, or maybe your grandchildren...sign them up! We'll give them a part...and if they surprise you, bring them along- they'll be welcome to join the cast!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- Work continues ongoing at Janeal's Habitat House: 2419 E. 16th (16th & Thompson. Workdays are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 to 12:30. . Check out the web site for photos as the work progresses. See John Adams or Ron Fullmer for more information.

VESTRY NEWS- Financial reports and vestry minutes are in binders in the office- as well as on the kiosk in the narthex. Also posted are the organizational chart and *Who's Who* for information, committees, etc; a church *Calendar at a Glance*; pictures, notices of parish events, financial reports, and other sundry items of interest – look for them on the bulletin board, kiosk in the narthex, and on the web site. Please check them out!

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY AND THE MESSENGER: If you didn't get a Messenger in the mail, you can find extra copies in the narthex or office. If you'd like a new parish directory, please pick one up from the narthex, and if you'd like an expanded directory- one that lists all those near and far who receive the Messenger, please tell Wanda and she'll give you the expanded listing.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Coming up in December:

Sunday, Dec. 4, **Intergenerational Hour**, Advent Theme, 9:00 am, Taylor Hall;

Eucharist Service at Mill Creek, 1:30 pm;

Wednesday December 7: **Potluck** at 5:30 pm, hosted by our *Cursillo Community*;

Tuesday Dec. 13, 7:00 Library- **Book Study** on *Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom;

Sunday Dec. 18: **Lessons and Carols** at 4:00 pm;

Saturday Dec. 24, **Christmas Eve Services:**

Family Service at 5:00 pm,

Carols at 9:30 pm,

Traditional Service at 10:00 pm;

Sunday Dec. 25, **Christmas Day**, 8:00 and 10:00, right here at St. Paul's on Minnesota St.

as usual- but very festive! **All are Welcome!**

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