

St. Luke's Table

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

Luke 3.4, 6



Light of the World - Peace

Good Morning and Welcome!

The Gathering of the Community

A Service of Holy Eucharist
with S-1 Eucharistic Prayer
(Supplementary to the BAS)

Opening Hymn



Christ the Good Shepherd -- Le Breton/Gaudin,
Amiens Cathedral, Amiens, France

The Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Last Sunday we lit the first candle
in our Advent Wreath, the Candle of Hope.
We light it again as we remember
that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem,
will come again to fulfill all of God's promises to us.

(The Candle of Hope is Lit)

The second candle of Advent
is the Candle of Peace.

Peace is a word that we hear a lot.

It is one of the things that we hope for.

Christ brought peace when he first came to us
and he will bring everlasting peace
when he comes again.

We light the candle of peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him, peace is found.

(The Candle of Peace is Lit)



Hand of Christ / The Palm of Peace,
Gallen-Kallela, Akseli, 1865-1931

Peace is like a light shining
in a dark place.

As we look at this candle,
we celebrate the peace
we find in Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Prayer:

These Candles Shine with Glorious Light

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(to the tune of On Jordan's Bank)

**These candles shine with glorious light,
give peace and hope to those in night.
They brightly shine in night's dark day,
give peace and hope for us today.**

**Give peace, O Lord, to us this day,
make in our hearts a ready way.
That Christ, our King of Peace, may come
Into our hearts and make His home.**

The Grace

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**To you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

**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 Proclamation of the Word

First Reading:

Isaiah 40: 1-11



John the Baptist Preaching -- JESUS MAFA,
Cameroon

Isaiah 40: 1-11

40:1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

40:2 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.

40:3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

40:4 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.

40:5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

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40:7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

40:8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever.

40:9 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!"

40:10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

40:11 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.

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13,(alternating verses)

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 together;
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 prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**God of grace, you loved the world so much
that you gave your only Son to be our Saviour.
Help us to rejoice in our salvation
by showing mercy and truth,
and by walking in the way of righteousness
and peace. We ask this in his name and for his sake.
Amen.**

Second Reading:

2 Peter 3: 8-15



Waiting for the Boats -- Joao Marques de Oliveira,
National Museum, Lisbon, Portugal

2 Peter 3: 8-15

3:8 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.

3:9 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.

3:10 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.

3:11 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,

3:12 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?

3:13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

3:14 Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish;

3:15a and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

Gradual Hymn:



Peace and Plenty, Hart, William, 1823-1894

The Good News:

The Gospel of Christ
according to
Mark 1: 1-8



Christ of Baptism -- Church of La Tirana, La Tirana,
Chile

Reflection



Love and peace messages
on the John Lennon wall in Prague

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**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

Offered by
Lyda Miller



Love Lets Go of Power

Confession and Absolution

Dear Friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love
and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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.**

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn



Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness

Prayer over the Gifts:

**God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Holy God, lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love
you bear us and place the song of your Spirit
in our hearts.

When we turn from your love
and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin and reveal the vision
of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory saying:

**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.**

Gracious God, in the fullness of time
you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.
Rejected by a world that could not bear
the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his friends, saying,
“Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks, and said
“Drink this all of you, this is my blood
of the new covenant which is shed for you
and for many. Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

And now we gather
at this table in response
to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup, ourselves,
our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love
for all the world and ministers
of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

God of promise, you prepare a banquet
for us in your kingdom.

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for
the children of God.

Thanks be to God.

Music During Communion



Naive drawing in the style of
an ancient map of Jerusalem

Prayer After Communion

**Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us
with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear
the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Doxology

Glory to God,

**whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God, from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn



Peace, Michnay, Andrea

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