

Closing Hymn CP 100

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Tune: Psalm 42

Postlude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748) 2200220.

Advent 2 The light of Peace

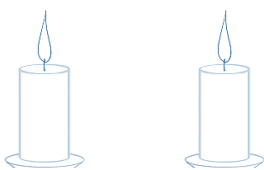
Reader: In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "*Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins*" (Isaiah 40:1).

Reader: We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

Congregation: We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

Reader: We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. [2 purple candles are lit] May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together, unafraid, to worship and glorify God. **Amen.**

Hymn 89 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
[Verses 1 & 2]



The Cathedral Church of All Saints



The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

Prelude Music: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*
J. S. Bach

Advent Candle Lighting

Opening Hymn: CP 103

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Tune: Winchester New

Collect

**God of hope,
you call us from the exile of our sin
with the good news of restoration;
you build a highway through the wilderness;
you come to us and bring us home.
Comfort us with the expectation
of your saving power,
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from 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.

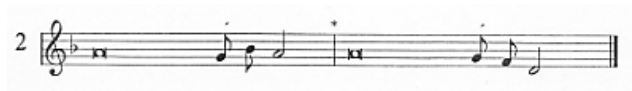
Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, '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 for ever. 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

Chant 2



You have been gracious to your / land, O Lord,*
you have restored the good for-/tune 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;*
and 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 / or his feet.

The Gradual Hymn CP 106

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Tune: Ascension

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark [1:1-8]

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.'

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Preparation Hymn [See handout music]

Hope Is a Star

Tune: Moon Beams



Hymn During Communion CP 94

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord, be strong, take Heart!

Source: Taizé Community