

Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020 10:30 a.m.



The Naming of St. John the Baptist
~ Rembrandt van Rijn

Watch our Chapel Service on CHANNEL 102

Order of Worship

The Bells of Taizé

Taizé
Music of Unity & Peace

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

LBW 34

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.***

Oh, come, oh, come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. **Refrain:**



Text: *Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum*, Köln; tr. John M. Neule, alt. **Music:** French processional

Lighting the Advent Wheel: Advent II

We praise you, O God,
for this circle of light
that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
As we light the candles on this wheel,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.
Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.
Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming
is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**

Greeting & Response

The voice of one crying in the wilderness says:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, O Lord,
To prepare the way for the coming of your Son.
Give us courage and faith to proclaim, in word and deed,
the good news of your coming,
even as we wait, in patience or impatience,
for that day when Christ will come again. **Amen.**

For the Beauty of the Earth

LBW 561

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Refrain:

**Christ our Lord, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.**

For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
Sun and moon and stars of light:



Refrain:

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For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight: **Refrain:**

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild: **Refrain:**

Text: Folliot Pierpoint; **Music:** Conrad Kocher

Prayer of Confession

O God, we confess that we have let cares and pleasures of this world distract us from watching for you, the Belovèd of our soul. Forgive us our heedlessness; renew our devotion; and come, Lord Jesus, come.

Absolution

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. Therefore, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I declare unto you the forgiveness of your sins, a pure heart, and a joyful spirit. **Amen.**

Isaiah 40:3-11

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.



Mark 1:1-8

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.*

Prayer

R. J. Neuhaus

Liberate us, we pray, Lord, from the getting and grasping to which we are prone. Teach us the royal way of the gift—that in giving not only things but ourselves we may know even

now the life abundant you promise. The life that is brought to perfection in eternal life with you. Increase in us gratitude for your gift of yourself. Let that gift of gratitude inspire us to live our lives as Love in response to Love.

Thank you for the gift of St. Nicholas and all the saints. Your love for them was no greater than your love for us. Your sustaining presence *to* them and *in* them is your sustaining presence *to* us and *in* us. You are *for* us, as you were *for* them: *Emmanuel, God with us.*

May we dare to live the gift already given. **Amen.**

Sermon

Pr. Kristine

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LBW 328

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
 Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown him Lord of all
 Bring forth the royal diadem
 And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of our God,
 Who from his altar call;
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,
 And crown him Lord of all
 Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
 And crown him Lord of all.

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O seed of Israel's chosen race
Now ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call—
The God Incarnate, man divine—
And crown him Lord of all.
The God incarnate man divine—
And crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, alt.; **Music:** Oliver Holden.

Prayers of the Church

Diana Butler Bass
(Revised)

Offering/Offertory *Prepare the Royal Highway* LBW 26

Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley,
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of Glory,
Foretold in sacred story:

Refrain:

**Hosanna to the Lord,
For he fulfills God's Word!**

God's people, see him coming:
 Your own eternal King!
 Palm branches strew before him!
 Spread garments! Shout and sing!
 God's promise will not fail you!
 No more shall doubt assail you! **Refrain:**

Then fling the gates wide open
 To greet your promised King!
 Your King, yet ev'ry nation
 Its tribute too may bring.
 All lands will bow before him;
 Their voices join your singing: **Refrain:**

His is no earthly kingdom;
 It comes from heav'n above.
 His rule is peace and freedom
 And justice, truth, and love.
 So let your praise be sounding
 For kindness so abounding: **Refrain:**

© **Text:** Frans Mikael Franzén, tr. Hymnal version; **Music:** Swedish folk tune.

Offering Prayer

The Hymnal 1940
 J. G. Whittier

All things are yours.
 No gift have we, Lord of all gifts,
 To offer you.
 And so, with grateful hearts today,
 Your own before your feet
 We lay. **Amen.**

Instruction Concerning the Lord's Supper



HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Even as we watch and wait,
Christ is here.
Come, eat and drink.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

The Meal

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

What feast of love is offered here,
What banquet come from heaven?
What food of everlasting life,
What gracious gift is given?
This, this is Christ the King,
The bread come down from heaven.
O taste and see and sing!
How sweet the manna given!

What light of truth is offered here,
What covenant from heaven:
What hope of everlasting life,
What wondrous word is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The sun come down from heaven.
Oh, see and hear and sing!
The Word of God is given!

What wine of love is offered here,
What crimson drink from heaven?
What stream of everlasting life,
What precious blood is given?
This, this is Christ the king,
The sweetest wine of heaven.
Oh, taste and see and sing!
The Son of God is given!

Prayer after Communion

Gracious and abundant God,
you have done great things for us, and we rejoice.
In this bread and cup you give us life forever.
In your boundless mercy, strengthen us
and open our hearts to the world's needs,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Now Thank We All Our God

LBW 534

Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all harm
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heav'n adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart; tr. Catherine Winkworth; **Music:** Johann Crüger. Public Domain.

Announcements & Thanksgiving

A Blessed Leave-Taking

ELW 242

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night
 Though dark the winter and cheerless,
 The rising sun shall crown you with light,
 Be strong and loving and fearless.
 Love be our song and love our prayer
 And love our endless story;
 May God fill ev'ry day we share
 And bring us at last into glory.

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord. He who was and
 who is and who is to come!

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Rejoice, Rejoice
Take Heart in the Night

Rhonda Reece

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A Christmas Story Told in Paint

**Wednesdays—December 2, 9, 16 & 23—
3:30 PM on Channel 104**



Northfield artist, Mark Daehlin, created this painting for the NRC Chapel last year. He will add two side panels in December. Watch Mark on Wednesdays in December. The completed work will be in the Chapel on Christmas Eve.



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Advent Worship Calendar
10:30 AM on Channel 102

Advent I	11/29/2020	Watch & Wait; Listen & Pray
Advent II	12/06/2020	Giving & Receiving: St. Nicholas
Advent III	12/13/2020	Rejoice! Sunday: Ste. Lucia
Advent IV	12/20/2020	Annunciation Sunday: Angel Gabriel & The Virgin Mary

Christmas Worship Calendar
3:30 PM on Channel 105

Christmas Eve	12/24/2020	Look & Listen: NRC Chapel
Christmas Day	12/25/2020	Look & Listen: NRC Chapel
First Sunday of Christmas	12/27/2020	In the Temple with Simeon & Anna