

SECOND SUNDAY OF
Advent

11 A.M. DECEMBER 6, 2020



Brookview
BAPTIST CHURCH

✦ The Gathering ✦

INVOCATION

INDELIBLE GRACE¹

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. * Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art: dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. * Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king, born to reign in us forever, now thy precious kingdom bring

OPENING SENTENCE

Isaiah 40:3

IN THE WILDERNESS prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

ENTRANCE HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

AMERICAN FOLK

1. On Jor-dan's storm - y banks I stand, And cast a wish - ful eye
2. All o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains Shines one e - ter - nal day;
3. No chill - ing winds nor poi-s'nous breath Can reach that health - ful shore;
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And be for - ev - er blest?

To Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions lie.
There God the Son for - ev - er reigns And scat - ters night a - way.
Sick - ness and sor - row, pain and death Are felt and feared no more.
When shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And in His bos - om rest?

Refrain
I am bound for the prom - ised land, I am bound for the prom - ised land;

O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom - ised land.

ACCLAMATION AT THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader People of God: return! You are called to be God's own.
From the mountains announce the good news.
God comes in justice and peace to all who follow his ways.
Surely the Lord is coming soon.

All Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus! Rul - er of all na - ture!
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God and man the Son! Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twin - kling star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown!
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing!
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heav'n can boast!

OPENING PRAYER

◆ The Service of the Word ◆

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 40:1-11

COMFORT, COMFORT MY PEOPLE, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. 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. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Go on 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, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Refrain **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

- 8 I will hear what God proclaims; *
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
9 Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, *
glory dwelling in our land.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

- 10 Kindness and truth shall meet; * justice and peace shall kiss.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, *
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

- 12 The LORD himself will give his benefits; *
our land shall yield its increase.
13 Justice shall walk before him, *
and prepare the way of his steps.

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

THE EPISTLE

2 Peter 3:8-15

BUT DO NOT OVERLOOK this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. ¹⁵And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still thru the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et bards fore - told,

From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world:
 Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heav'n's all gra - cious King!"
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - ring wing,
 Look now! for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing:
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,

The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.
 And the whole world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³ the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴ John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

◆ The Sending Forth ◆

HYMN OF RENEWAL *He Looked Beyond My Fault* LONDONDERRY AIREⁱⁱⁱ

AMAZING GRACE shall always be my song of praise,
For it was grace that bought my liberty.

I do not know just why He came to love me so.

He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary
to view the cross where Jesus died for me.

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul.

He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Church; the nation; the world; the community; the suffering; the lost; the bereaved

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader Our Lord says, “I am coming soon.”

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

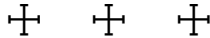
Leader May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL CHORUS *Wait for the Lord*

TAIZÉ^{iv}

WAIT FOR THE LORD, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord; keep watch, take heart!



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