

THIRD SUNDAY OF
Advent

11 A.M. DECEMBER 13, 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 ye 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 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.
Your God will turn your mourning into joy, and will comfort you,
and make you rejoice from your sorrow. *cf. Philippians 4:4; Jeremiah 31:13*
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 61:1-4, 10-11

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. ⁴ And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Luke 1:46-55

MY SOUL IS FILLED WITH JOY as I sing to God my Savior:
 you have looked upon your servant,
 your have visited your people.

I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
 that my name will be remembered for all will call me blessed.

And holy is your name through all generations!

*Everlasting is your mercy to the people you hast chosen,
 and holy is your name.*

I proclaim the power of God, you do marvels for your servants;
 though you scatter the proud-hearted,
 and destroy the might of princes.

To the hungry you give food, send the rich away empty.

In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen.

In your love you now fulfill what you promised to your people.

I will praise you Lord, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

REJOICE EVERMORE. ¹⁷ Pray without ceasing. ¹⁸ In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. ¹⁹ Quench not the Spirit. ²⁰ Despise not prophesyings. ²¹ Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. ²² Abstain from all appearance of evil. ²³ And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.



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

John 1:6-8, 19-28

THERE WAS A MAN sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. ⁹ He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. ¹⁹ And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? ²⁰ And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. ²¹ And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. ²² Then said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? ²³ He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias. ²⁴ And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? ²⁶ John answered

them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; ²⁷ He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. ²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

SERMON

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◆ 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.

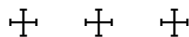
Leader May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

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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