

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

Entrance Hymn

On Jordan's Bank #418

Responsorial Psalm #995

Psalm 85: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Communion Hymns

Jesus, Hope of the World #909

This Is Jesus #2071

A Voice Cries Out #416

As the Deer #2027

Closing Hymn

People Look East #409

Readings

#995

First Reading:

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading:

2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel:

Mark 1:1-8



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty;
from there He will come 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 life everlasting.
Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle. Be our
protection against the wickedness
and snares of the Devil. May God
rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O prince of the
heavenly hosts, by the power of
God, cast into hell Satan, and all
evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

418 On Jordan's Bank



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -
ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.
Tune: WINCHESTER NEW, LM; adapt. from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690

First Reading

IS 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her
that her service is at an end,
her guilt is expiated;
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;
the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.
Go up on to a high mountain,
Zion, herald of glad tidings;
cry out at the top of your voice,
Jerusalem, herald of good news!
Fear not to cry out
and say to the cities of Judah:
Here is your God!
Here comes with power
the Lord GOD,
who rules by his strong arm;
here is his reward with him,
his recompense before him.
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;
in his arms he gathers the lambs,
carrying them in his bosom,
and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14



Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

I will hear what the LORD God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people
and his faithful.

His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*

Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from
heaven. *R.*

Also the LORD will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Justice will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way. *R.*

Second Reading

2 PT 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved,
that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years
and a thousand years like one day.
The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,”
but he is patient with you,
not wishing that any should perish
but that all should come to repentance.
But the day of the Lord will come like a thief,
and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar
and the elements will be dissolved by fire,
and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.
Since everything is to be dissolved in this way,
what sort of persons ought you to be,
conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion,
waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames
and the elements melted by fire.
But according to his promise
we await new heavens and a new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
Therefore, beloved, since you await these things,
be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel

MK 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.”
John the Baptist appeared in the desert
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
People of the whole Judean countryside
and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem
were going out to him
and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River
as they acknowledged their sins.
John was clothed in camel’s hair,
with a leather belt around his waist.
He fed on locusts and wild honey.
And this is what he proclaimed:
“One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Communion Hymns

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909 Jesus, Hope of the World

Refrain



Je-sus, hope of the world, Je-sus, light in our



dark-ness, here we a-wait you, O Mas-ter Di-vine.



Here we re-ceive you in Bread and in Wine:



Je-sus, hope of the world.

Verses



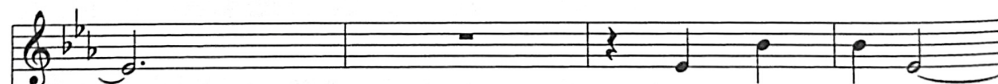
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Come, Lord Je - sus!



Cantors:

1. Come to us, O Son of God!
2. Come to us, O Prom-ised King!
3. Come to us, O Ris-ing Sun!
4. Come to us, O Heart's De-sire!



Come, Lord Je - sus!



- Come to us, O Son of Man!
 Come to us, O Prom-ised Peace!
 Come to us, O End-less Light!
 Come to us, O Sav-ing Love!

This Is Jesus

2071

Text and Music by Jim Cowan
b.1952

Refrain

This is Je - sus, Em - ma - nu - el. God is with us,
in this sa - cra - ment. Come, re - ceive Him. A - dore Him.
This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

1-3. to Verses

4. Final

This is Je - - sus, our Lord.

Verses

1. Bright Star of Da - vid, Ra - di - ance of God;
2. Drink of Liv - ing Wa - ters, flow - ing from the Lord.
3. Priest of high - est hon - or, King and Sov' - reign Lord, un -
now be - come the Li - ving Bread, the bo - dy of the Lord.
Taste the cup of bless - ing par - take of pre - cious blood.
blem - ished Lamb of Sac - ri - fice, Your ver - y life out - poured:
Come in a - do - ra - tion, re - ceive with trem - bling hands; the
Riv - er of Sal - va - tion, ho - ly cleans - ing tide;
roy - al pas - chal vic - tim, true be - got - ten Son,
sa - cra - ment most ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb.
Foun - tain of Re - demp - tion, flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side..
of - fered as our ran - som by the Ho - ly One.

416 A Voice Cries Out

Verse 1



1. Con-sole my peo-ple, the ones dear to me: speak to the



heart of Je - ru-sa-lem: the time of your mourn-ing is



end-ed now, the Lord of life will come.

Refrain



A voice cries out in the wil - der - ness: Pre - pare a



way for the Lord! A voice cries out in the wil - der -



ness: Make straight a high-way for God!

Verse 2



2. Ev - 'ry val - ley is made a plain, ev - 'ry



moun-tain is lev - eled the glo - ry of God shall



then be re - vealed, and the na-tions will sing in praise.

Verse 3



3. A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry? All flesh is like



grass and its flow - ers: the grass may with - er, the



flow - er may fade, but the Word of the Lord is for - ev - er.

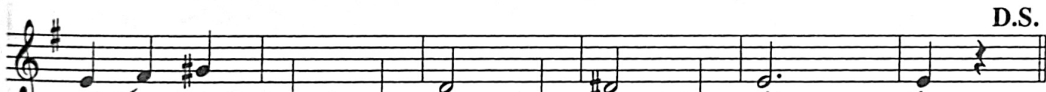
Verse 4



4. Zi - on, shout from the moun - tain top, lift up your



voice O Je - ru - sa - lem, and say to the peo - ple of



God's own land, "Be - hold, be - hold your God!"

Verse 5



5. The Lord will ap - pear as a shep - herd, hold - ing his



lambs in his arms, keep - ing his flock so



close to his heart lead - ing them all, old and young.

As the Deer

2027

Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my
2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er, e-ven
3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver; on-ly



soul long-eth af-ter Thee;
though You are a King.
You can sat-isfy.



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire, and I
I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much
You a-lone are the real joy giv-er and the



long to wor-ship Thee.
more than an-y thing.
ap-ple of my eye.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield. To



You a-lone may my spir-it yield.



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I



long to wor-ship Thee.

Closing Hymns

People, Look East 409



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth



Of the crown - ing of the year.
One more seed is plant - ed there.
Guard the nest that must be filled.
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Him who brings new life to earth.



Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen
Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
That in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
God for fledg - ing - time has cho - sen.
Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
With the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day—



Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.