



Poetic Imagery to Provide Peace

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday in Advent



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has
 2 What the fa - thers most de - sired, What the
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's
 4 Wel - come, O my Sav - ior, now! Joy - ful,
 5 Crush for me the ser - pent's head That, set



tru - ly kept his word And at last to
 proph - ets' heart in - spired, What they longed for
 help - er, Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold
 Lord, to you I bow. Come in - to my
 free from doubt and dread, I may cling to



us did send Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 man - y a year Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.
 race be - hold— Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 heart, I pray; Oh, pre - pare your - self a way.
 you in faith, Safe - ly kept through life and death,

6 And, when you shall come again
 As a glorious king to reign,
 I with joy may see your face,
 Freely ransomed by your grace.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts, words, and actions
through my fault,
through my own fault,
through my own most grievous fault.

Therefore, I ask God to have mercy on me; forgive me all my sins; and bring me to eternal life.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,

the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

¹⁰ I delight greatly in the Lord;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not treat prophecies with contempt²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²²reject every kind of evil.

²³May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

¹⁹Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²²Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"

²⁴Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.



1 When all the world was cursed By Mo - ses' con - dem -
 2 Be - fore Saint John was born, He leaped in joy - ful
 3 Be - hold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's trans -
 4 Oh, grant, dear Lord of love, That we re - ceive, re -



na - tion, Saint John the Bap - tist came With
 meet - ing, Con - fess - ing him as Lord Whose
 gres - sion, Whose sac - ri - fice re - moves The
 joic - ing, The word pro - claimed by John, Our



words of con - so - la - tion. With true fore - run - ner's
 moth - er he was greet - ing. By Jor - dan's roll - ing
 dev - il's dread op - pres - sion. Be - hold the Lamb of
 true re - pent - ance voic - ing, That glad - ly we may



zeal The great - er one he named, And him, as
 stream, A new E - li - jah bold, He tes - ti -
 God, Who takes a - way our sin, Who for our
 walk Up - on our Sav - ior's way Un - til we



yet un - known, As Sav - ior he pro - claimed.
 fied of him Whom proph - ets had fore - told.
 peace and joy Will full a - tone - ment win.
 live with him In his e - ter - nal day.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

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 Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Christ the King have joined together to do the Lord's work in their community and around the world. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate in this offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister prays the prayer of the church.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the cap - tives to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Your wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pris - on held. The gates of brass be -
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal



pare a throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
fore him burst; The i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring With your be - lov - ed name.



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Celebrate Christmas with Us!

Christmas Carnival December 22 at 5 PM
Christmas Eve English December 24 at 10:45 AM
Christmas Eve Spanish December 24 at 7 PM
Christmas Day Bilingual December 25 at 10:45 AM
New Year's Eve December 31 at 10:45 AM

Please note there will be no bible study on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or New Year's Eve.

Spiritual Services

To serve you best, we offer a variety of spiritual services. These include confirmation, counseling, visits to the sick and hospitalized, baptisms and quinceañera worship services. Please speak with Pastor Matt to learn more.

Women's Mission Rally 2018

The 2018 Women's Mission Rally for our circuit will be held on January 17 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Lake Havasu City, AZ. The theme is, "Sing praise unto God, out of Zion!" Please contact Pastor Matt for more information.

Worship Schedule

Divine Service in English Sundays at 10:45am
Bible Study in English Sundays at 10:00am

Worship Acknowledgements

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