



11:00 A. M.

*Contemporary Service
The Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 9, 2018*

Christ Church Vero Beach

Gathering Music

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the word of the Lord; and these are the days of your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored. And though these are days of great trial, of famine and darkness and sword, still we are the voice in the desert, crying, ‘prepare ye the way of the Lord.’

Refrain: Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun and the trumpet call; lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee, out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh; and these are the days of your servant, David rebuilding a temple of praise. These are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world, and we are the lab'ers in your vineyard. Declaring the word of the Lord.
(Refrain)

There is no god like Jehovah. *(repeated several times, then sing refrain again)*

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Welcome *(Welcome people & explain service)
(Introduce Prayer and Welcome Team Members)
(Encourage all to sign Friendship Book)
(Highlight one (1) announcement)*

Opening Prayer *(In unison)*

Almighty God to you all our hearts are open, all our desires are known, and from you none of our secrets are hid. For the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord, cleanse us by your Holy Spirit, that we might faithfully worship you this day in Spirit and truth, as you so desire and deserve. Amen.

Opening Set *(At conclusion of Opening Set, Brady directs people to sit if O. T. Lesson or Epistle is to be read **OR** to remaining standing if only Gospel is to be read)*

1.

He's coming on the clouds,
kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
as broken hearts declare His praise.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Refrain: Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power, and fighting our battles.
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains.
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.
Every knee will bow before Him.*

So open up the gates,
make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free.
For who can stop the Lord Almighty? *(refrain)*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? *(repeat)*
Who can stop the Lord?

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2.

All of creation, all of the earth
make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let every nation shout of Your fame;
Jesus is coming soon.

Refrain: Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a Church ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. *(repeat line)*

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true;
Jesus is coming soon. *(refrain)*

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon. *(repeat)*

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a Church ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing:
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a Church ready for You.
Every heart longing for our King, we sing:
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come.

song by Chris Tomlin/Jason Ingram/Jess Cates
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Reading: *(If preaching from the Gospels then just the Gospel will be read. If preaching from the OT or epistle then it is read along with the Gospel)*

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Pastor Comfort those who live with grief. Help them to experience Your goodness and grace in the midst of their loss.
Lord in Your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Watch over those who feel isolated and alone. Calm their fears as You lead them into freedom and peace.
Lord in Your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Strengthen and encourage those who seek to serve and protect the last, lost, and the least.
Lord in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Lead us to be generous with our time, talent and treasure.
Lord in Your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Gracious Father, as Christ Church searches for its fourth Rector, we find peace and hope in knowing that You are now preparing a man after your own heart to serve as our future pastor. Grant wisdom and patience to the members of our Vestry and Search Committee, guiding them through the discernment process by your Holy Spirit. As they trust in your goodness and grace, assist them in discovering that faithful shepherd You have anointed to lead Christ Church

into its next season of mission and ministry. This we ask for your glory, in the mighty name of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Pastor Father, assist us in naming before You this day those in trouble, sickness or need. May Your love and goodness fill their lives. *(Pause for a few seconds)*
Lord in Your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Confession and Absolution

We pray to you Father for the forgiveness of our sins. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, long suffering and of great mercy: I confess to You with my whole heart all my sins, my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doings, thinking, and speaking; the hurts that I have done to others and the good that I have left undone. O God, forgive me, create in me a clean heart, and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Children Arrive

Offertory

Refrain: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, prepare ye the way of the Lord. The voice of One calling in the desert. Prepare ye the way of the Lord.

Ev'ry valley shall be lifted up and ev'ry mountain made low. The crooked straight, the rough ways made plain. Prepare ye the way of the Lord. *(Refrain)*

Hear the voice-it's calling to you-prepare your hearts for Him. Look up to the hills, your redemption is near. Lift up your heads! Jesus is near! *(Refrain)*

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Holy Communion

(All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant Father, it is a joyful thing to worship together, giving you thanks and praise for all you are and all you have done. As we join with the saints and angels in heaven to proclaim your glory, we sing,

Celebrant and People sing

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Lord God, you loved us so much that, even when we were lost in our sin and rebellion and had no hope of saving ourselves, you in your great mercy sent the gift of your only son Jesus Christ to live and die among us, that we might be saved from the death of sin and drawn into eternal life.

In obedience to your will Father, Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross to become a perfect sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. In gratefulness for his undeserved gift, we offer ourselves to your service. And now, Father, we offer these gifts of bread and wine, asking you to make them holy and set apart by your Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said to them, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, by means of this holy bread and cup, we celebrate the memorial of your Son, showing forth the sacrifice of his death and proclaiming his resurrection until he comes again. Gather us by this Holy Communion into one Body in your Son Jesus Christ and make us a living sacrifice of praise for you.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Celebrant and People AMEN.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

These are the gifts of God for his people, take and eat and see that the Lord is good.

Band and EM's approach Lord's Table to receive Communion.

People come forward to receive Communion

Communion Song

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)
music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, we give you thanks for feeding us with the spiritual food
by which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the
world strengthened by your Spirit to love and serve you and our
neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

Blessing

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make
you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the
blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Song

Refrain: Behold, He comes riding on the clouds, shining like the sun and the
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salvation comes.

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