

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B**

**Gathering:**

Sing We Maranatha! (Cooney) (V3,V4)

Here in lily, there in stone,  
Ev'ry stranger welcomed home.  
Each response to hunger's cry,  
Brings the morning nigh.

Here in robin, there in trout,  
Ev'ry choice and ev'ry doubt.  
Ev'ry heart that learns to give,  
Leads to where you live.

**Let us see you where you are,  
Breath of lovers, seed of star.  
Source and heart of ev'rything,  
Sing we, Maranatha!**

**Advent Candle Lighting: Advent Gathering (Cooney/Daigle) (V2) ... G250**

Where is the peace you promised the widow?  
Show us your face O promise of dawn.  
Where is the home you promised the orphan?  
Show us your face, O Lord Jesus come.

Come O hope of your people.  
Come among us and stay.  
Lead us in mercy up from the shadows, shine in our darkness  
Be here today.

**First Reading**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Comfort, give comfort my people, says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to the people,  
that their service is at an end, their guilt is expiated,  
indeed, they have received from the hand of God  
double for all their sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the desert prepare the way of the Most High!  
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 God shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of God has spoken."  
Go up 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 God Most High  
Who rules with strength;  
Your reward is with you, your recompense before you.  
Like a shepherd You feed your flock,  
in your arms you gather the lambs,  
carrying them in your bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.  
**The word of God.**

### **Responsorial: Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness (Haugen) ... G73**

Refrain

Lord, Let us see your kindness, Lord, let us see your kindness

Vs. 1: Let us hear what our God proclaims: Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who ear God. Refrain

Vs. 2: Kindness and truth, justice and peace; truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, Justice shall rain from the heavens. Refrain

Vs. 3: The Lord will come and you will know God's love, justice shall walk in God's pathways, salvation the gift that God brings. Refrain

#### **A reading from the second letter of Peter**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with God one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day.  
God does not delay fulfilling promises,  
as some regard "delay,"  
but is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.  
But the day of judgment 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 God's promise, we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await for these, be eager to be found without spot or blemish in God's sight, and at peace.

**The Word of our God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB877**

Alleluia

"A voice cries out in the desert;  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight God's paths"

**Gospel Reading**

**A reading from the Gospel of Mark**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the One sent by God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who shall prepare your way;  
a voice of one crying in the desert:  
Prepare the way of our God, make straight God's 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; the one who is coming will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **The Good News of Salvation**

### **Homily**

### **Universal Intercessions**

Response: God of hope, hear our prayer.  
(God of hope, hear our prayer.)

For all who must wait: that we may enkindle hope during our waiting by reflective listening to our lives, healing of past wounds, and inspiration to compassionate action, let us pray ...

For wisdom and understanding for political leaders: that God will inspire the leaders of all nations with insights to promote peace, understanding, and justice so that all may live in safety and freedom, let us pray ...

For deeper respect and appreciation for the created world: that we may be good stewards of the earth, air, land and water that God has provided for our well-being and that of future generations, let us pray ...

For the repose of the soul of Patricia Blassie and for the comfort of her family, let us pray...

And for what else shall we pray?...

### **The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of Gifts**

### **Offertory: Comfort, Comfort, O My People (arr. Ferguson) ... BB60**

1 Comfort, comfort O my people,  
speak of peace, now says our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.  
Speak unto Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them!  
Tell of all the sins I cover,  
and that warfare now is over.

2 Hark the voice of one who's crying  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding all to full repentance,  
since the kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey,  
now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet Him,  
and the hills bow down to greet Him.

3 O make straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain,  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits His holy reign;  
for the glory of the LORD  
now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that His Word is never broken.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

**Blessed be God forever.**

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer *(if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)*

**Holy: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB879**

**Mem: Mass of Renewal - When We Eat This Bread (Stephen) ... BB881**

**Amen: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB883**

**Lamb of God: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB884**

**Communion1: Now In This Banquet (use Advent refrain) (Haugen) ... G600**

Advent Refrain:

God of our journeys, daybreak to night;  
Lead us all to justice and light.  
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,  
Wisdom to walk in your way.

Vs. 1: You who have touched us and graced us with love,  
make us your people of goodness and light. Advent Refrain

Vs. 2: Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;  
open our eyes to the glory of God. Advent Refrain

Vs. 3: God who makes the blind to see,  
God who makes the lame to walk,  
bring us dancing into day,  
lead your people in your way. Advent Refrain

Vs. 4: Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind,  
"Strong" is your name, Lord, "Gentle" and "Kind." Advent Refrain

Vs. 5: Call us to be your light,  
call us to be your love,  
make us your people again. Advent Refrain

Vs. 6: Come, O Spirit! renew our hearts!  
We shall arise to be children of light. Advent Refrain

**Communion2: : Hymn to Our Lady of Guadalupe ... Handout**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Announcements**

**Go in peace,  
Thanks be to God.**

**Sending: A Voice Cries Out (Joncas) ... BB46**

Vs. 1 Console my people, the ones dear to me:

Speak to the heart of Jerusalem:  
The time of your mourning is ended now,  
The Lord of life will come. REFRAIN

REFRAIN A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord!  
A voice cries out in the wilderness:  
Make straight a highway for God!

Vs. 2 Ev'ry valley is made a plain,  
ev'ry mountain is leveled  
the glory of God shall then be revealed,  
and the nations will sing in praise. REFRAIN

Vs 3 A voice shouts: "Cry!" O what shall I cry?  
All flesh is like grass and its flowers:  
the grass may wither, the flower may fade,  
but the Word of the Lord is forever. REFRAIN

Vs 4. Zion, shout from the mountain top,  
lift up your voice O Jerusalem,  
and say to the people of God's own land,  
"Behold, behold your God!" REFRAIN

Vs 5. The Lord will appear as a shepherd,  
holding his lambs in his arms,  
keeping his flock so close to his heart  
leading them all, old and young. REFRAIN