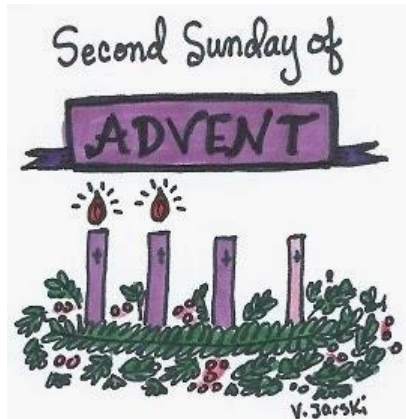


**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 6th 2020**



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**Opening**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also, with you.**

**Sentence**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God  
*Luke 3.4, 6*

**Collect**

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Readings**

ISAIAH 40:1-11;

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13;

2 PETER 3:8-15A;

MARK 1:1-8

## Reflection Dec 6th, 2020 – from John Maroney

Good Morning my sisters and brothers;

On Monday evening I participated in the ordination of my dear friend Enrique Martinez at St Paul's Cathedral in London. It was a culmination of many years of hard work for Enrique. His family in Colombia was able to watch via livestream. It was a blessing and an honour to be part of such a memorable occasion.

On the way home it began to snow, and by the time we drove through the sleepy town of Melbourne it was really coming down. The winds were gusting and visibility deteriorated quickly. It snowed all through the night and most of Tuesday. The landscape was transformed into a beautiful winter wonderland. This afternoon Nina and I went for our customary walk. It was beautifully sunny and the sky was an almost indescribable Honolulu blue. Most of the snow had melted, leaving the Wabash road treacherous with mud and slush. The winter wonderland was gone. So we thought. As we approached the Kent Bridge which marks the halfway point of our journey, we looked over at a deep ditch and saw these beautiful snow drifts. They are a work of art. With the landscape as a blank canvass, it is amazing to see God the artist at work. The snowdrifts remind me of ancient Japanese paintings of tsunami waves. If you look closely one can almost note delicate brush strokes. Although the snow drifts are essentially frozen in time, there is a sense of frenetic energy that spills out beyond the frame. We stood there in awe, looking at a masterpiece hanging suspended in God's outdoor cathedral. And as the sun was quickly setting and the quality of light changed, the snow drifts took on a new dimension. And we noticed that they were elegantly tattooed with the tracks of all kinds of God's creatures. We saw raccoon and coyote tracks, as well as cat, deer, dog and muskrat. There were also bird tracks of every imaginable size and shape. It was a spiritual experience to say the least. And there was a sense of melancholy knowing that the snow drifts would soon melt, but also a sense of elation that we had seen them. Where others might have only seen a muddy rural side road, we found a psalm written in the snow.

There is beauty everywhere my sisters and brothers.

My hope is that you see beauty where others might not.

This is a wonderful world.

And I close with some of the lyrics of "What a Wonderful World" sung so beautifully by Louis Armstrong

"I see skies of blue and clouds of white

The bright blessed days, the dark sacred nights

And I think to myself

What a wonderful world"

Let us pray

Remain with us, Lord, for the day is far spent and evening is at hand. Kindle our hearts on our way that we may recognize you in the scriptures and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

Amen

Dios los bendiga

Paz

I love you

John



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Prayers for 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent) from Dorothy Koorn - [simcoecleanair@gmail.com](mailto:simcoecleanair@gmail.com)

***Adapted from "Occasional Celebrations of the Anglican church of Canada"***

As we begin our prayers let us respond to the call to prepare the way of the Lord.

Let us remember that the Lord of Glory experienced the pain of life and death, and pray for the sick, the poor, the oppressed, the anxious, the weary and the bereaved.

And, remembering that He shall reign for ever and ever, let us pray for the rulers of the earth, for peace and justice on earth, for unity and the Mission of the Church, that we may be a sign of the age to come.

With longing in our hearts for God's reign of peace, let us hear again the story of Christ's coming, and join with Mary and Joseph, and all our forebears in faith, in offering our worship.

We pray for: - Todd our Bishop, Anne our Metropolitan, Linda our Primate, Mark National Indigenous Archbishop, Marinez Bishop of Amazonia. AD Rick Jones, Rev. Enrique Martinez

For the week beginning Sunday December 6, 2020, we will be praying for the **Rev. Jason Postma** and the people of **St. James', Paris**.

We pray for our shut-ins at home, hospital and in local nursing homes. We especially remember: June, Shirley, Iris, Julie, David, John, Anna and Jack B.

Pray as well as for the ones who have asked for Your healing touch upon their lives: Betty F., Don G., Franz and Elaine Z., Steven K., Rebecca M., Trista P., Bill MC., Dwayne M. and Andrea B., Susan A., Olivia H., Karen M., Delores B., Dale & David F, Rose G, Eric, Julie and anyone known to you. Amen.

God of our hope, hear again the cry of exiles, imprisoned in a dark land of war, hunger, disease and intolerance. Come among us with strength and healing, and bring us back to the world of your just and holy purpose. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

It is important that we keep the prayer list and shut-in list up to date. If you know of any changes to these lists can you please email Anne at [lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lpbparishsecretary@gmail.com) or Enrique at [enrique6921@hotmail.com](mailto:enrique6921@hotmail.com)

If you know of anyone that has asked you to pray for them during this pandemic, we will put on the prayer list for a month.



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### **Prayer of Confession**

Search us O God and know our hearts today  
Try us and know our anxious thoughts,  
see if there are any hurtful ways in us  
and lead us in your loving and life-giving Way

### **Words of Assurance**

God knows our secret fears, ignorance & selfish ways.  
God forgives, forgive yourself, forgive others  
Amen

### **Closing Prayer**

God our strength and salvation, receive all we offer you today, and grant that we who have confessed your name, and received new life in baptism, may live in the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen

### **Doxology**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### **Indoor Services continue in a limited fashion.**

Dear parishes in Norfolk

The areas covered by the Haldimand-Norfolk Public health have moved into the Province's Orange Zone as of 12:01am on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to follow the Diocesan AMBER Stage guidelines with the following modifications:

- All meetings/groups should be virtual except 12 step groups
- If a meeting must be held in person, there must be a maximum of 10 people present less than 1 hour
- While soloists, cantors or small vocal groups (4 or less) are still permitted, facemasks must be worn by the singers unless they are separated from others by an impenetrable barrier
- No wind instruments
- Pastoral visits should be done by phone or zoom unless there is a strong pastoral need for an in-person visit. Facemasks must be worn. Hospital visits may continue within the hospital's guidelines.
- No permission will be given for any exception to the AMBER Stage protocol.

If the public health unit's restrictions are more stringent than those of the diocese, please follow those.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns regarding these modifications to the guidelines.

Pax  
Tanya+

### **Services:**

Memorial will not be holding any in-person services until further notice

December services for St. John's, Port Rowan and Woodhouse

Sunday Dec.13<sup>th</sup> at 11am Eucharist Service at St. John's Woodhouse with Rev. Jack Cox

Wed Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm there will be a hope and healing Christmas service at St. John's Woodhouse

Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 Morning Prayer at St John's Port Rowan with Rev Enrique Martinez

**This year on Christmas Eve the Eucharist Services with Rev Jack Cox will be as follows:**

St. John's Port Rowan at 5pm

St. John's Woodhouse at 9pm

**There will be no Christmas Day Services**

Sunday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am Morning Prayer at St John's Port Woodhouse with Rev Enrique Martinez

**Your Long Point Bay Regular Service can be found here:**

**Please click on the link to watch this week's video**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uNT\\_lvJrN4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0uNT_lvJrN4)

## Here are today's hymns you can sing along with

### **103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**

1. On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within.  
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;  
Prepare we in our hearts a home, where such a mighty guest may come.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thins hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee whose advent doth thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Ghost for evermore.

### **106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness**

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;  
The power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.
3. But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;  
You stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.  
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;  
In pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.
4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
Make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

**At this extraordinary time if you wish a telephone visit please call Enrique. If you have any other announcements or news contact Anne Halls at the contacts below.**

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