

## The Dismissal

### Post Communion Charge

MINISTER: As we go from this Table, may God give us ears to hear, eyes to watch and hearts to intentionally listen. May we know His presence in our midst during this holy season as we anticipate with PEACE the coming of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Please Stand*

**Closing Hymn: #781 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go**

**Closing Prayer**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**Postlude: On Jordon's Banks The Baptist Cry, Announcing That the Lord is Neigh**

- Hal H. Hobson

*Lambert Brandes*



*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 8th, 2019 8:00AM*

## ***The Gathering***

*Prelude: What Wondrous Love Is This* - John Carter

Lambert Brandes

*Please stand*

### **Greeting:**

Vern Wesley

Greetings on this Second Sunday of Advent, let us stand together in the Peace God brings as we anticipate Christ's coming again.

*Please stand*

**Gathering Hymns: #157 *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus***

Vern Wesley

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle PEACE**

John and Amy Nielson

#158 *Messiah Brings Peace*

LEADER #1: A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; From his roots a Branch will bear much fruit.

LEADER #2: The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

**PEOPLE: *The Spirit of counsel and of power, The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord.***

LEADER #1: And he will delight in the fear of the Lord.

LEADER #2: He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears.

**PEOPLE: *But with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.***

LEADER #1: The wolf will live with the lamb and the leopard will lie down with the goat.

LEADER #2: They will neither harm nor destroy on my holy mountain,

**ALL: *For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.***

## **The Lord's Prayer (All)**

***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. Amen.***

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

MINISTER: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**PEOPLE: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

MINISTER: Let us pray.

**ALL: *We come to Your table, Lord, in meekness of heart and humility of spirit, knowing that we cannot approach You in our own righteousness, but because of Your great goodness. Your nature is always to show mercy to those who justly deserve Your wrath and punishment. As we receive the elements, we eat and drink in remembrance of Him Who died for us and rose again, knowing that He has become to us both meat and drink. Help us to live in newness of life and to walk worthily before You all the days of our lives. Amen.***

MINISTER: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The congregation is invited to receive communion at the altar. Please come forward and kneel at the altar as space is available. There you will receive together both the bread and the cup. If you are unable to kneel, please take a seat on the front row and you will be served. When you have finished, please return to your seat so others may kneel.*

*The Church of the Nazarene recognizes an "open communion." You do not need to be a member of this church to partake. Those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome. If Christ invites you, then come!*

## The Service of the Word

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10

*Elijah Perry*

*Isaiah looks towards the "Golden Age" where there will be peace.*

*Some of this will be fulfilled at Christ's second coming*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-13

*Elijah Perry*

*We are called to rejoice in the hope God brings us*

*as we are filled with His Spirit in knowledge and peace*

READER: The Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

**Gospel Hymn: #195 I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day**

**Gospel Reading:** Matthew 3:1-12

*James Cameron*

*John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus*

READER: The Gospel of our Lord

**PEOPLE: Praise be to Thee, O Christ**

*Please Be Seated*

**Sermon**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**The Prayers of the People**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

**Confession of Sin**

*ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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**Assurance of Forgiveness**

MINISTER Sisters and brothers, scripture declares that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!**

**The Peace**

MINISTER: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

*Let's greet one another in the name of the Lord*

**Announcements**

*Rev. John Nielson*

**The Service of the Table**

MINISTER: Magnificent and Merciful God, we come to worship you this morning with great joy and gladness. May the giving of our gifts help firm our resolve to be the Disciples of Christ that you desire for us. Thank you for the blessing of joining in your work both here and around the world. Father, you are full of compassion, mercy and lovingkindness! May we partner with you in selfless love and compassion and be found in your dwelling place all the days of our lives. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**The Offertory:** *The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came* - Setting by Hal H. Hobson

*Lambert Brandes*

*Please Stand*

**The Presentation Hymn**

**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

**Praise Him All Creatures Here Below**

**Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host**

**Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Pastor Stretch Dean*

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE: And also with you.**

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.**

MINISTER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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MINISTER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. As we await with anticipation the celebration of Christmas, we see the brokenness this sinful world brings. Yet, we rest in the Peace your Spirit brings and the promise of Your Kingdom on earth. We praise you for the forgiveness, compassion, and peace you pour out on us every day. Therefore, we rejoice together with all of creation in this song of praise...

**Sanctus**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Hallowed is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please be seated*

MINISTER: On the night in which Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, 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; and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to His command, O Father,

**ALL: We remember His death, We proclaim His resurrection, We await His coming in glory.**

MINISTER: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**ALL: Chorus of Response : (#163) Rejoice! Rejoice!**

*Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

**The Collect of Purity**

LEADER: Almighty God, unto you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Summary of the Law**

LEADER: Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**Kyrie**

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.  
 Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

**The Apostles Creed**

***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*Please be seated*