

St Martin's Church, North Nibley

13th December 2020

A Service of the Word for the 3rd Sunday of Advent :

"Gaudete" or Rose Sunday:

Rejoicing in the message of John the Baptist

Welcome, Notices and Introduction *[Priest]*

[Priest] We meet in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Hymn - Hail to the Lord's Anointed.

[Priest]

Lord, speak to us **that we may hear your word.**

Move among us **that we may behold your glory.**

Receive our prayers **that we may learn to trust you.**

Amen.

Collect

[Priest] God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your
Son:

give us courage to speak the truth,

to hunger for justice,

and to suffer for the cause of right,

with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 126

Refrain:

The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦
then were we like those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦
and our tongue with songs of joy.

3 Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦
and therefore we rejoiced. *[R]*

5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.

6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Refrain:

The Lord has indeed done great things for us.

Lord, as you send rain and flowers

even to the wilderness,

renew us by your Holy Spirit,

help us to sow good seed in time of adversity

***and to live to rejoice in your good harvest of
all creation;***

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Hymn – On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

by Gary Miles

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Isaiah 40.3-5*

Gospel: John 1:6-8 and 19-28

Sermon

Creed. *[Priest]* Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Anthem – Never weather-beaten sail
by Thomas Campion (1619)

A Prayer for Forgiveness

[Priest] A voice cries out in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord.'

So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.
cf John 1.23

Heavenly Father,

you call us to prepare for the coming of your Son:
forgive us our unreadiness to receive him.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus,

you were proclaimed by John the Baptist:
help us also to prepare your way.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit,

you speak through the prophets:
make us attentive to hear your word.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive your sins

and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in
heaven.**

Give us his day our daily bread.

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
trespass against us.**

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn - Hills of the North Rejoice

Our service draws to a conclusion

The Blessing

[Priest] May God the Father, judge all-merciful,
make us worthy of a place in his kingdom.

Amen.

May God the Son, coming among us in power,
reveal in our midst the promise of his glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit make us steadfast in faith,
joyful in hope and constant in love.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

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Sunday 20th December at 4.30pm

Carol Service by ZOOM

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CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am FAMILY COMMUNION in CHURCH

And as an audio-service at northnibleychurch.uk

Hail to the Lord's anointed

great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
and love, joy, hope, like flowers,
spring in his path to birth;
before him on the mountains
shall peace the herald go;
and righteousness in fountains,
from hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before him,
and gold and incense bring,
all nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
to him shall prayer unceasing,
and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

5 O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blessed;
the tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever;
that name to us is Love.

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On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin:
make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare
for Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail you as our Saviour, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4 Stretch forth your hand, our health
restore,
and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine
and fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise to you, eternal Son,
whose advent has our freedom won,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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Hills of the North, rejoice,

river and mountain-spring,
hark to the advent voice;
valley and lowland, sing.
Christ comes in righteousness and love,
he brings salvation from above.

2 Isles of the Southern seas,
sing to the listening earth,
carry on every breeze
hope of a world's new birth:
In Christ shall all be made anew,
his word is sure, his promise true.

3 Lands of the East, arise,
he is your brightest morn,
greet him with joyous eyes,
praise shall his path adorn:
your seers have longed to know their
Lord;
to you he comes, the final word.

4 Shores of the utmost West,
lands of the setting sun,
welcome the heavenly guest
in whom the dawn has come:
he brings a never-ending light
who triumphed o'er our darkest night.

5 Shout, as you journey home,
songs be in every mouth,
lo, from the North they come,
from East and West and South:
in Jesus all shall find their rest,
in him the universe be blest.

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Anthem: Never weather-beaten sail by Thomas Campion (1619)

Never weather-beaten sail more willing
bent to shore,
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected
slumber more,
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly
out of my troubled breast:
*O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and
take my soul to rest.
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise
my sprite to Thee.*

Ever blooming are the joys of heaven's
paradise.
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor
vapour dims our eyes:
Glory there the sun outshines, whose
beams the blessed only see:
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, etc
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