

## SERMON NOTES

“Our Way”  
(Luke 1:57–66)

Our options when conflict comes:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Way
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Way
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Way
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Way

“On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him after his father Zechariah, but his mother spoke up and said, ‘No! He is to be called John.’ They said to her, ‘There is no one among your relatives who has that name.’ Then they made signs to his father, to find out what he would like to name the child” (Luke 1:59–62).

“He [Zechariah] asked for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s astonishment he wrote, ‘His name is John’” (Luke 1:63).

“John” means “\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.”

When it comes to grace, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ it.

For next week...

Read Matthew 1:1–17 and answer these questions:

1. Who are the five women in this list? What do they have in common?
2. Do you recognize any notorious sinners in this list? What were they famous for?
3. Why is Jesus related to “the good, the bad, and the ugly?” What does this teach you about your family?



8:00AM

## DIVINE SERVICE

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Second Sunday in Advent  
5 December 2021

*Please register your presence with us  
by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you  
and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.*

### AS WE GATHER

When family conflict comes we are tempted to say, “My way!” “No way!” or “Your way!” Is there a better way? You bet there is! It’s Zechariah and Elizabeth’s way. They resolve their conflict with two powerful words—“Our way!”

**PRELUDE** — *PICARDY*

arr. Paul Taylor

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** “*Hark the Glad Sound*”

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## ✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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INVOCATION (*Stand*)

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

*Two Advent candles are lit.*

**P** Let us pray....O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen

## $\text{✠}$ SERVICE of the WORD $\text{✠}$

### INTROIT

Psalm 81:8; 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

**P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

**C** **Hear, O My people, while I admonish you! O Israel, if you would but listen to Me!**

**P** I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

**C** **But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me.**

**P** Oh, that My people would listen to Me, that Israel would walk in My ways!

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

## SALUTATION

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## BENEDICAMUS

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**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN "The King Shall come When Morning Dawns"

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## POSTLUDE — PUER NOBIS

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

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“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” # 632

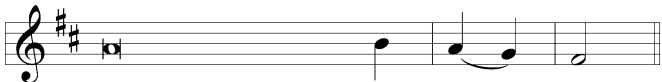
**NUNC DIMITTIS** *(Stand) ~ Song of Simeon* pg. 199



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING** pg. 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



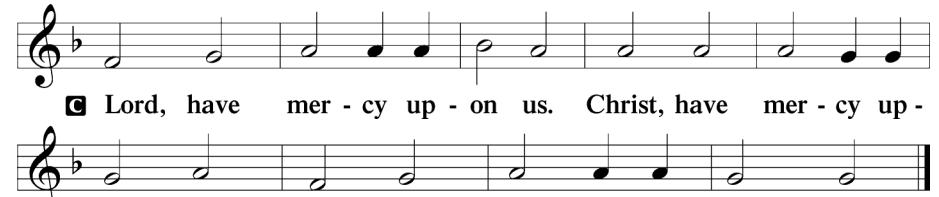
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT** pg. 201

**C** A - men.




**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy* pg. 186



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY** pg. 189

- P** The Lord be with you.
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- C** And with thy spir - it.
- P** Let us pray...Heavenly Father, when we go through conflict and pain in our families, deliver us and empower us with your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men. *(Sit)*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 2:18-25

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man He made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 103:13-18

- L** As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.
- C** For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
- L** As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field;
- C** for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.
- L** But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children’s children.
- C** to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:3-6

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

LORD’S PRAYER

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

(John 20:19) pg. 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALLELUIA and VERSE (Stand)

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- L** Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** Alleluia! Alleluia!
- L** Prepare the way of the Lord, Luke 3:4b, 6
- C** make His paths straight;
- L** all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
- C** Alleluia! Alleluia!

AGNUS DEI, ~ *Lamb of God*

(John 1:29) pg. 198

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-66

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter. pg. 190

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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**✠ SERVICE of the SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS** ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**NICENE CREED**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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**SERMON** "Our Way" - Luke 1:57-66

**OFFERING** — *VENI EMMANUEL*

Rudolf Moser

**OFFERTORY** (*Stand*)

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**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -