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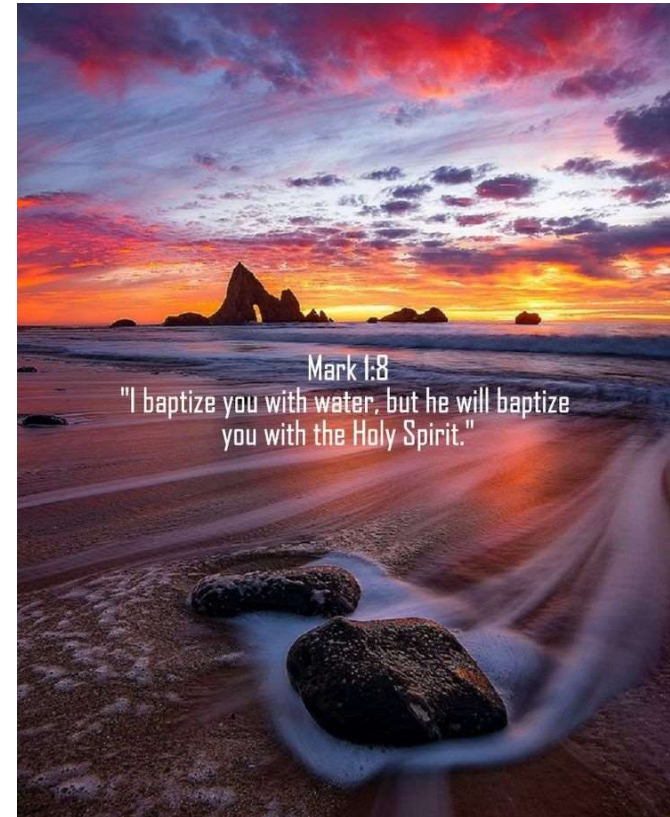
**Participating in Today's Service:**

Russell Rheault, Maria Gurriere, Kathy Ossene (A/V Team), Karen & Earl Taylor (Greeter), Russell Rheault (Eucharistic Minister), John McLaughlin (Crucifer), Betty Blodgett (Lector), VESTRY & VOLUNTEERS (Counters), Carol Uppgard, Coffee Hour Coordinator

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 10, 2023

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Oxford



Welcome to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. We're glad you are here! All are invited to receive Communion at Christ's Table. The Worship service/Mass is projected on the screen. Our Book of Common Prayer (BCP) contains all prayers & services. Hymns are in the hymnal blue book (H).

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Processional Hymn:** #65 (H) *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”, (v1-3)*

**Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath**

**Second Week of Advent: Peace, a Purple Candle**

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. **Amen.**

**Kyrie: #S91 (H)**

**Collect for Second Sunday in Advent** p211 (BCP)

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

1st Reading: **Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** p708-709 (BCP)

Epistle: **2 Peter 3:8-15a**

**Sequence Hymn:** #75 (H) *“There’s a Voice” (v1-2)*

The Gospel: **Mark 1:1-8**

**Sequence:** #75 (H) (v3)

Sermon The Reverend Julia Dunbar

The Nicene Creed p358 (BCP)

Prayers of the People Form IV p388 (BCP)

(In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **The Church of Pakistan (United)**. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for **Ministerio Hispano en Worcester; Ministry Development Grant Committee; Episcopal Service Corps (ESC); Episcopal City Mission, Boston.**)

Confession of Sin p360 (BCP)

The Peace p360 (BCP)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (see bottom of next page)

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

**Offertory Hymn:** #76 (H) *“On Jordan’s Bank”, (v1-3)*

**Doxology:** #380 (H) *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (v3)*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer A p361 (BCP)

The Lord’s Prayer p364 (BCP)

The Breaking of the Bread

INVITATION TO ALL TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

**Communion Hymn:** #67 (H) *“Comfort, Comfort Ye”, (v1-3)*

Post Communion Prayer p365 (BCP)

**Recessional Hymn:** #72 (H) *“Hark! The Glad Sound!”, (v1-3)*

**Happy December Birthdays!!**



***4- Christine Gurriere, 5- Annie Lashus, 13- Barbara Hanc***

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Christmas Flower forms: in honor, thanksgiving or in memory of...please complete & return by December 17.*
- *Vestry meeting following the service.*
- *The Living Nativity today Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 4pm and 5:30pm at the Mesa Farm, 67 Muschopauge Rd., Rutland, MA. (508-886-6898).*
- *December 24<sup>th</sup>-10:30am-Fourth Sunday of Advent-Morning Prayer. 4:00pm-Christmas Eve Eucharist with Choir.*
- *Our outreach team is filling Christmas stockings again this year for residents of Hodges House. Needed items are posted at the back of the church. If you have questions, please contact Carol Uppgard.*
- *Please remember the Food Shelf Christmas Bags. We need: tea, coffee, canned pasta and canned meat (no tuna). Also, we need stocking stuffer items for the kids at the food shelf. Small toys, dolls, books, puzzles, etc. Thank you!*
- *Choir practice following the service and a brief coffee break. Please see Glynne if you are interested and enjoy singing!*