



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

DECEMBER 4, 2022 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to all who worship with us this morning, and a special welcome to all our guests who join our virtual worship. We are delighted that you are worshipping with us!

Second Sunday of Advent



*We light the Advent Wreath candles on the four Sundays of Advent. Each candle of the Advent wreath has a meaning: **Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**. Purple is the liturgical color for Advent, thus three of the candles are purple. The rose candle has always been connected with joy, because the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday (gaudete in Latin means 'rejoice'). Finally, on Christmas Eve, the central Christ Candle is lit to represent the long-anticipated birth of Christ into the world.*

THE SECOND CANDLE: THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE OR CANDLE OF PEACE

The Bethlehem candle symbolizes the preparations made to receive and to cradle the Christ Child.

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

HYMNAL 616

James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 319

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

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

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 324

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

TRISAGION

WLP 845

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM ISAIAH

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. Ring of Judah and Jerusalem

will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (*chanted*)

BCP 685

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

HYMNAL 76

Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said

to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. CHARLES FELS

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BCP 328

Intercessor

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers Michael, the presiding bishop, Brian, our bishop, and Bailey, Ashton, Charles, and Steve, our clergy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe and Bill, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity especially Bailey Norman, Elizabeth Pack, and Mary Rhoades.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, St. Alban, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

In the Diocese of East Tennessee, we pray for Nativity, Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. In our companion Diocese of South Dakota, we pray for St. John's, Deadwood, our sister parish; and for Christ Church, Ft. Thompson, South Dakota, and Christ Church, Chamberlain, South Dakota. We pray for the Diocese of Haiti, St. John the Evangelist Church and Medical Clinic. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

We pray for those in assisted living: Mary Helsley

We pray for our parish members: Catherine Whitten, Wendy Whitten, Melisha Willis, Caroline Wood, and Pat Wykoff.

We pray for the women and men who are currently serving in the armed forces at home and abroad, especially Thomas Bautz, Brian Bustle, Courtenay Clary, Seth Knazovich, Seth Kosko, Alex Mol, Justin Snyder, Thomas Stickle, Aaron Volk, Kyle Zirkel.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Priest then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 331

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

ABSOLUTION

BCP 332

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

The Priest will then say one or more of the following sentences

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

THE PEACE

BCP 332

All stand. The Presider says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you

People And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

PEOPLE LOOK EAST

PARISH CHOIR

Traditional

DOXOLOGY

HYMNAL 380 (v. 3)

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.*

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

BCP 340

The people remain standing. The priest then says

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then the Presider proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty...

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and People

SANCTUS

HYMNAL S 114

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, ...

...world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and maintains a moment of silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM

HYMNAL S 169

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

The Presider then says the following Invitation

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

HYMNAL 75

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.
Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Franz Mikael Franzen (1772-1874) tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

REJOICE, REJOICE, BELIEVERS

SIMON BALLINTOY

Harvey E. Hahn

The Altar Greenery is given to the glory of God.

The Ambry Candle is given by Jim and Nancy Anderson and James and Amelia Knight to the glory of God and in celebration of the Anderson's granddaughter Kiera's 4th birthday and in celebration of Amelia Bell Knight's birthday.

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.



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