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The Second Sunday of Advent December 4, 2022

The Liturgy of The Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

Procession to the Altar Hymn #65

Prepare the way

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

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

Almighty God, to 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.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 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 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy Tribes on Sinai's height... in ancient times didst give the law, in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Refrain: Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (3:1-12)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, free them from
Satan’s tyranny that trust thy mighty power to
save, and give them victory o’er the grave.

Refrain: Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel shall
come to thee, O Israel!

The Sermon

Silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed (Standing, as able.)

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

As a people in darkness waiting for the coming of
the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Unity of Christ’s One, Holy, Catholic and
Apostolic Church, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Bartholomew, Ecumenical Patriarch of
Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Justin,
Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our presiding
bishop, Greg our bishop; for priests, deacons and
all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy
people of God, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer

For the Anglican Communion, especially the
dioceses of Dioceses of Nsukka - (Nigeria), Nyahururu -
(Kenya), Nyamlel - (South Sudan), Nyang - (South Sudan), Southern
Nyanza - (Kenya), Nzara - (South Sudan), and The Episcopal
Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East; our
diocese, especially St. Alban’s, Edmonds;
Redeemer, Kenmore; and our parish, let us pray to
the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations
in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joseph
our president; for our armed forces and those who
are deployed especially for those we now name...;
let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, the
unemployed, those in prison, and for the sick
and suffering; praying for all those on our prayer
list and those in our hearts, praying especially for
Lyn, Areewa, Marisa, Rico, Saray, Leif, Kari,
Kathryn, Milana, Jackie, Elianny, Glen, Gary, Harold,
Marilyn, Keith, Justin & Kendra, Alex, Janae, Jeanne,
Travon, Debbie, Cindy, Scott, Mike, Tom, Daisi, Kim,
Mike, Bill, Michele, Maya, and for those we now
name...; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those anticipating the birth of a child, a move, a
change in employment or any new beginning, let us
pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all the blessings of this life,
especially for the blessings we now name...; let us
pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died and now abide in Christ's presence, especially Barbara Watson and for those we now name...; let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People

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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

Offertory

Our Sunday loose cash offerings go to our Emergency Aid Fund, which directly serves families and individuals in need within our community. Your generosity makes saying "yes" to those who need help the most possible.



The Great Thanksgiving – B

[Please see Book of Common Prayer, pg. 367]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

Celebrant and People

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our father in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Holy Communion

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All persons are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion in one or both of the elements or receive a blessing. Gluten-free hosts and alcohol-free wine are available upon request at the rail. If you have yet to be baptized and are interested in learning more about this sacrament, please see one of the clergy following the liturgy.

If you do not wish to come forward for Communion or a blessing, or if you are attending the liturgy virtually, you are invited to pray the following from The St. Augustine's Prayer Book.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive Communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. 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.**

Procession to the Neighborhood

Hymn #67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

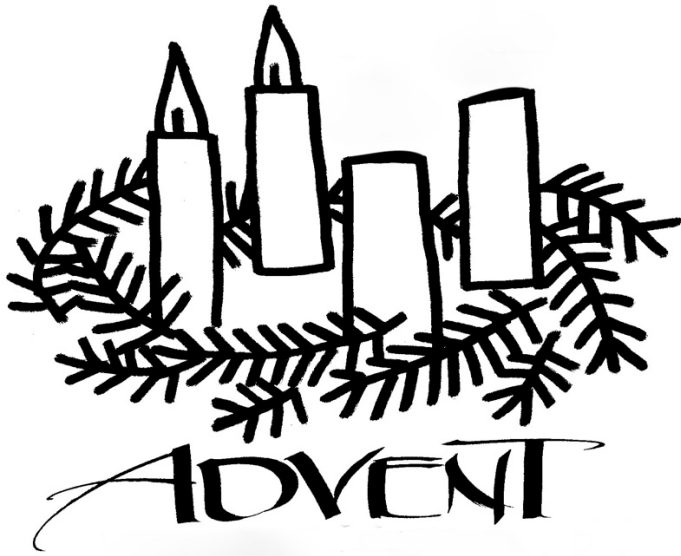
St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Reader: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light the second candle as a symbol of the shepherds, agents of the gospel and redeemers of the world.
(Light 2 purple or blue candles.)

Hymn: "O come, O come, Emmanuel"
Hymn 56, vss. 3-4

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Advent @ Home

Second Sunday of Advent

Reader: "In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people'" (Luke 2:8-10).

Reader: Today we remember the shepherds, workers for the common good, steadfast watchmen isolated and alone, far from the warmth of home, doing the job no one wants. And yet God saw them, God valued them, and God declared the greatest news of all to them alone.

People: Today we give thanks for the shepherds among us, back-breaking laborers on whom our economy stands, those we overlook or rarely see, yet rely on for our very survival, the ones who have much to teach us about watching for God in the darkness.