

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

8:00 am



The Holy Eucharist, Rite One
Trinity Church, Swarthmore

Welcome! Wherever we are as we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be as one Body enlivened by the one Spirit in our worship, relationships, and loving service.

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...

~ Matthew 3:4-6

Our worship in this service follows Rite One of the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP), beginning on page 323. This service is broadcast live and is being recorded on our [Trinity YouTube channel](#).

Opening Acclamation

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The people standing, the Presider says

Presider Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider says

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.**

People Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Liturgy of the Word

Scriptural excerpts are from the NRSV translation, with the psalm as in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send 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 the book of 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.

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

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deus, iudicium*

The Congregation recites the half-verse printed in bold.

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.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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.**

The Holy 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 Nicene Creed

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**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.**

The Prayers of the People

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In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Daniel, for . . . ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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.**

The Presider concludes with an absolution.

Sharing a Sign of Christ's Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements follow, after which offerings of bread, wine and gifts for the work of the Church are brought to the table for consecration.

Liturgy of the Table: Holy Communion

All are welcome to come to the altar rail. All who are drawn to God in the way of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Trinity Church. Instructions for receiving sacramental Communion follow after the Great Thanksgiving.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I, BCP p. 340

The People rise, kneel, or remain seated in reverence, as the Spirit enables

The Presider, faces them and says

People 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, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds with praise of God in accordance with the liturgical season

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

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues with an account of what God has done through Christ, Christ's institution of sacramental Communion at his last supper with his friends, and an invocation of the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify this sacrament and all who participate in it.

The Presider concludes the Great Thanksgiving with the following words, which all are asked to affirm with a heartfelt "Amen"

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People **AMEN.**

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

All **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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread and says

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider Let us pray.

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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.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

On receiving Communion:

If you wish to receive, please come up the center aisle and extend your arms, both hands palm up. Wine-host is available in two ways: sipping from the common cup or receiving in a little glass from a tray. Wine host is not required for full Communion. The common cup and the tray will be offered to the congregation in separate locations at the rail. If you wish to receive from a little glass, please go to that station and take a glass close to you from the tray. After receiving, place the empty glass on one of the trays against either side wall, returning down a side aisle. To receive instead a spoken blessing, simply fold your hands across your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available from the priest upon request.

Let us pray.

Presider and People

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 priest, or bishop if present, may bless the congregation before the dismissal

Dismissal

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Clergy

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Following worship, all are welcome to join in fellowship over coffee, tea and snacks in the Shero Room.

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