

# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

9:15 am



## *An Order for Holy Eucharist* **Trinity Church, Swarthmore**

Welcome! As we prepare to worship this morning, we seek to be united to God and one another,  
in the Spirit of Christ.

*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

Welcome! This service is meant to be especially suitable for children and their friends, of any age. There is room in it for interaction and play, as well as unplanned sounds and events! Upon entering, children and invited to **take a plain "Prayer Card" and write or draw a prayer or thanksgiving**, which will be shared with all by the priest during the service. We encourage older persons to help younger persons with **reading (or memorizing) the words in bold**.

The form for worship for this season has been adapted from the "Thanksgiving of the People of God," A New Zealand Prayer Book, pp. 404-429. This service **is not** livestreamed or recorded.

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## The Ministry of Word and Prayer

### The People Gather

We greet one another informally. Children are invited to take a Prayer Card and packet of markers (crayons or pencils) to their pews, to draw or write a prayer for sharing in the service. We warm up our voices and spirits by practicing one or two of the day's songs.

All standing, the presiding priest or minister then says

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator  
and our Savior Jesus Christ.

**God fill you with truth and joy.**

Let us draw near to the light  
**which has drawn near to us.**

### Gathering Hymn

### Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people

*Hymnal 1982 #67*

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,  
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover,  
and her warfare now is over.
2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth  
in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him  
and the hills bow down to greet him.
3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that the word is never broken

### Collect of the Day

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 congregation sits.*

# The Proclamation

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-7, 9 (excerpts)

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...  
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...  
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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Song of Bringing

“Alleluia”

James Smith



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

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 Word of God.

**Praise to Christ, the Word.**

## Homily

*Children are invited forward for a children's homily. Children are then asked to return to their seats to continue working on their Prayer Cards.*

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the  
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

*Allowing silence between biddings, the presiding priest or minister says*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world...Pray for the Church...

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations...Pray for justice and peace...

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..

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

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

I ask your prayers for those celebrating this week...and for other people, concerns, or reasons for thanks we name now...

*At this time, Prayer Cards are shown and described to the congregation. After intercessions or thanksgivings, the following may be used.*

<p>AFTER THANKSGIVING</p> <p>For your love and goodness <b>we give you thanks, O God.</b></p>	<p>AFTER INTERCESSION</p> <p>God of love <b>grant our prayer.</b></p>
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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...

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

God has promised forgiveness to all who confess their own sins and forgive others. That we may walk in newness of life, let us now confess our sins.

**Merciful God,  
we have sinned  
in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done  
and in the good we have not done.  
We are truly sorry.  
We repent and turn to you.  
Forgive us, for our Savior Christ’s sake,  
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The priest offers God’s absolution of sin for all who truly repent.*

**We Share in Christ’s Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you;  
**And also with you.**

*All are invited to share a sign of Christ’s peace with one another. Announcements may be offered. As we sing the following song, bread and wine for Holy Communion and financial gifts for the work of the church are brought to the altar. We encourage families to allow children to put in small coins as a lesson in giving to the church for our shared ministries*

**Song of Offering**

**“The desert shall rejoice”**

*WLP #722*

**OPENING REFRAIN:**

The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:

- 1) it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with praise and singing.
- 2) for the ears of the deaf shall hear  
and the blind, their eyes be opened.

- 3) for the tongue of the mute shall sing  
and the lame will dance with gladness.
- 4) for the ground will become a pool  
and the dry land springs of water.
- 5) as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.
- 6) unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

# The Ministry of the Table: Holy Communion

*The offerings of the people are presented. Bread and wine for communion are placed on the table.*

## *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

*The presider tells of God's purpose and work in creation through the gift of Christ, ending*

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying/singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*And these words may be added*

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

*The presider then recounts the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper*

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;  
on the night before he died  
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you,  
for this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this as often as you drink it,  
to remember me.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ:**

**We remember your death;**

**We proclaim your resurrection;**

**We await your coming in glory.**

**Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

**Blessing, honor and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

As Christ teaches 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 today 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 for ever. Amen.**

*The priest breaks the bread in silence and then says*

The bread we break  
is a sharing in the body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.**

Bread and wine; the gifts of God  
for the people of God.  
**May we who share these gifts  
be found in Christ and Christ in us**

*The presiding priest and people then share in receiving communion.*

**Instructions:** *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.*

Songs during Communion

*Taizé*

“Wait for the Lord”

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord, keep watch, take heart!

"Come and fill our hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace; you alone, O Lord, are Holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace Amen. Amen.



Prayer After Communion

*The priest says*  
Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;

we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.

**Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name.**

*A blessing may be given. The congregation is sent out  
with these words.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

1. **Prepare the way, O Zion,  
your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley  
a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory,  
foretold in sacred story.**  
*REFRAIN:*  
**Oh, blest is Christ that came  
in God’s most holy Name.**

2. **He brings God’s rule, O Zion;  
he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding,  
for grace and joy abounding.**  
*(Refrain)*

3. **Fling wide your gates, O Zion;  
your Savior’s rule embrace.  
His tidings of salvation  
proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow before him,  
their voices will adore him.**  
*(Refrain)*

*All are invited to join the various programs and discussions outlined in the announcements. Coffee is available at the kitchen window in the Shero Room, through the interior double doors of our worship space.*

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