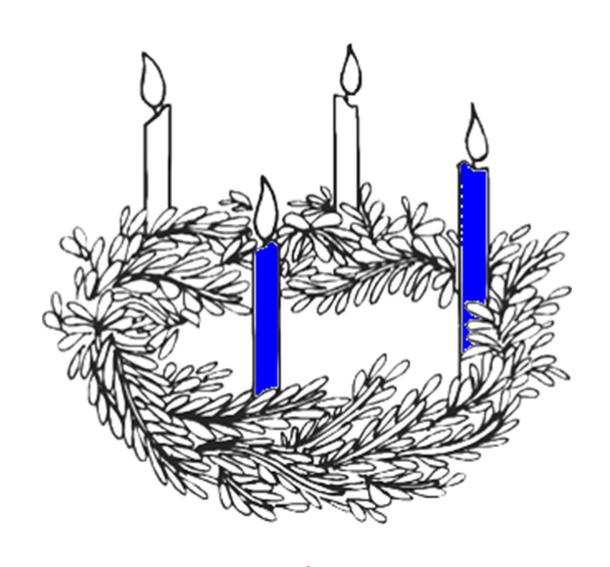
# A SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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# The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Verger Today we light the second candle of Advent, the Prophet's Candle, which reminds us of the prophets who, with hope and longing, foretold the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Maggie, Michael, Annie, Isabel, Rachel, and Michael Stewart will pray the following prayer and then light the Prophet's Candle:

Let us pray: God our Father, you spoke through your prophets of old to tell us of a Savior who would bring peace to all the world. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your saving love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light who is coming into the world. *Amen.* 





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# The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.

People Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

respie rimem come, zora jest

# The Collect for Purity

# Celebrant and people

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.* 

# The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

# The Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

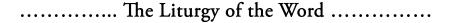
Lord, have mercy upon us.

# The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.



### The First Lesson Please be seated

Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 72:1-15

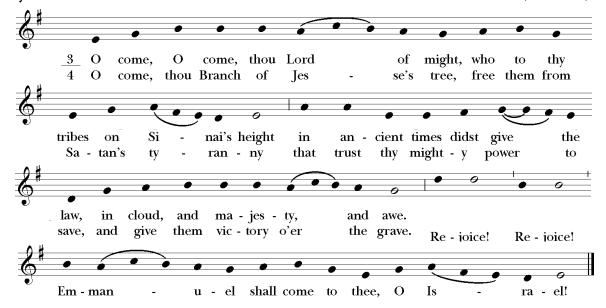
- Give the King your judgments, O God, and your righteousness to the King's son.
- Then shall he judge your people with righteousness and defend the poor with justice.
- The mountains also shall bring peace, and the little hills righteousness to the people.

- He shall vindicate the poor among the people, defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another.
- He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, even as showers that water the earth.
- In his time shall the righteous flourish, even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
- His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, and from the river unto the world's end.
- Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; his enemies shall lick the dust.
- The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.
- For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, and shall preserve the lives of the poor.
- He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

The Second Lesson Romans 15:1-13

<sup>1</sup> We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. <sup>2</sup> Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. <sup>3</sup> For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." <sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup> And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Lector The Word of the Lord People Thanks be to God.



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# The Gospel Please remain standing

Matthew 3:1-12



Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew. *People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." <sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

The Sermon Please be seated

The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell

The Nicene Creed Please stand

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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 Please kneel

After each prayer, the People respond with the words "Hear our prayer.".

### The Confession of Sin

### Celebrant and People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

### The Absolution

### The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16* 

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace Please stand

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord

# ...... The Holy Communion ......

At the Offertory Agnus Dei Smith

The Congregation is invited to sing during the offertory

Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns! Alleluia, alleluia, for the Lord God Almighty reigns! Alleluia! Holy, holy are you, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!
You are holy! Holy are you, Lord God Almighty!
Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb!
Amen.



If you'd like to give an offering this morning, you can place your gift in the offering plate, scan the QR code to the right, or visit our website and click on the "Give" tab.



# The Great Thanksgiving - Anglican Standard Text Please stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

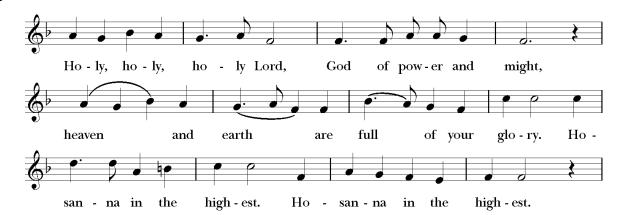
People We lift them up to the Lord.

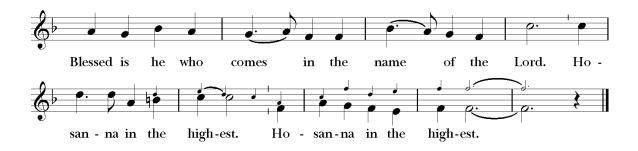
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life: that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus





### Please kneel

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

So now, O merciful Father, in your great goodness, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "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: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, because of our many sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we ask you to accept this duty and service we owe, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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*.

### The Lord's Prayer

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

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

Invitation to Communion Please be seated

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei





### Communion Music

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Saviour died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

### Before the throne of God above

Behold him there! the risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace! One with himself, I cannot die: my soul is purchased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Saviour and my God, with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

# My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

### Communion Music

My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.

O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.

Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless number let them come and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Communion Music All for Jesus

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this our song shall ever be; for we have no hope, nor Saviour, if we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us strength to serve thee, hour by hour; none can move us from thy presence while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar thou wilt give us sweet content; there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee in the solemn sacrament. All for Jesus, thou hast loved us; all for Jesus, thou hast died; all for Jesus, thou art with us; all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus, this the church's song must be, till, at last, we all are gathered one in love and one in thee.

### Post Communion Prayer Please kneel

# Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

# The Blessing for the Second Sunday in Advent

May he whose second coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with for ever. *Amen.* 



# The Dismissal

Gospeler God is good,
People All the time!
Gospeler All the time,
People God is good!

Gospeler Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the coming of Christ!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

# Postlude



# Serving in the Liturgy

**Celebrant** The Reverend Canon Andrew M. Rowell **Gospeler** The Reverend Deacon Leah M. Slawson

Assisting The Reverend Alan L. Reid

**Director of Music** The Reverend Dr. Jack N.T. Lindsay

Vergers Dinah McLemore and Angela Schofield

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Crucifer David Rees

Server Emily Tock

Gospel Torch Bearers Isabella Reynolds and Leo Webber

Altar Guild Rebecca Stuart, Marion Smith, Judy Derickson, and Lyle

Wilder

Greeters David Rees, III, Kate Rees, Paula Rees, and David Rees, Jr.

Prayer Team Sally Ashurst, Bob Ashurst, Lucile Waller, Lynn Arnett, and

the Daughters of the Holy Cross

Ushers Woodley Bagwell, Joseph Hixon, Don Hale, Gene Crane, and

Trey Starke



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