musical setting: Hymnal S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

Please be seated

#### Communion of the People

At Holy Communion, all baptized Christians are welcome to receive. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten free wafers are available upon request; ask the priest when at the altar rail. The wine may be taken from the cup by drinking (placing your hand on the base to guide it) or by "intinction" (dipping the bread). If you wish to participate but do not want to receive the bread or wine, simply cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you need assistance to the altar rail or if a priest may bring the elements to your pew.

#### **Communion Anthem –** Advent Message

Martin How

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: prepare ye the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Words Revelation 22:20 and Isaiah 40:3; music © Josef Weinberger, Ltd.

#### Communion Hymns sung by all

The king shall come when morning dawns (St. Stephen) Hymnal 73 Come, thou long-expected Jesus (Stuttgart) Hymnal 66

#### Sending out of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors (when applicable)

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy Celebrant gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the

communion of Christ's body and blood.

We who are many are one body, because we all share one Congregation bread, one cup.

Please stand

#### Prayer for Mission said by all

BCP 365

Hymnal 67

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.

#### Blessing

#### Hymn in Procession sung by all

Comfort, ye my people (Psalm 42)

BCP 366 Dismissal

**Postlude** – From heaven above to earth I come Johann Pachelbel

#### **Music Notes**

Today is the second Sunday in the season of Advent, and the focus of our waiting for Christ's coming shifts to John the Baptist, who was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. Three of today's hymns, "There's a voice in the wilderness", "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry", and "Comfort, comfort, ye my people", as well as the communion anthem focus on John the Baptist or the prophecy about him, even quoting it. The second communion hymn and offertory anthem reflect general Advent themes, as does "The King shall come" which also specifically fits with today's psalm.

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# VISITOR INFORMATION

#### Children's Chapel

A Children's Chapel, including music and a story, is offered for all potty-trained 3-year-olds through 3rd graders during the service. To participate, children simply follow the cross in procession to the McCarty Early Learning Center after the reading of the Gospel and then return as a group during the Peace.

#### **Nursery and Restrooms**

A <u>nursery</u> is available during the service for children through age 2. It is located in the McCarty Early Learning Center across the circular drop off west of the church. **Restrooms** are located in the church office building south of the church.

#### Sunday Classes for Adults and Children

Sunday classes for adults and children are offered at 10 a.m. Please see the announcements insert for a list of classes and their locations.

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#### Worship Participants

We thank God for those leading worship and pray that all will be blessed in our service today.

#### 8:45 a.m. service

**Advent Wreath** The Smith Family Verger Frank Scheu Lectors Charles Chunn, Agnes Danciger, Brooks Whittaker

Lucy Perkins, Gray Chunn, Ann Palmer Chunn, Evelyn Dunton **Acolytes** Chalice Bearers Kelli Chunn, Frances Hutto, Mark Hutto, Payson Tilden Ushers Steve Sirbaugh, Jim Graham, Joey Milne, Nick Pulignano, Jeff Smith

11:00 a.m. Service Advent Wreath The Hofheimer Family Verger Keith Daw Hugh Burkett, Mamie Burkett, Marcela Beard Lectors

William Beard, Virginia Beard, Maddox Racine, Harry Wilson **Acolytes** Chalice Bearers Amy Morales, Barbara Stevenson, Christine Burkett, Alex Cain Ushers Jack Lockwood, John Falconetti, Rocco Falconetti,

Baker Madison, Ben Stewart

Altar Guild Barbara Pickett, Katie Athey, Daisy Davidson, Debbie Fannin, Patti Frykberg, Valerie Goodwin, Judy Lanier, Anne Lee, Ann Scheu

Flower Guild Cynthia Athey, Betsy Booth, Russell Glasheen

#### THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in loving memory of Sharon McCormick by Shawn and Bonnie McCormick.

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### St. Mark's Episcopal Church Vision

St. Mark's is a missional church built at the headwaters of the Gospel where the life and light of Christ flow into our community, our city, and God's world. (Ps 46:4-5)

### St. Mark's Episcopal Church Mission

To cultivate generations of servant-leaders rooted in God's Word and nurtured by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus to the world.



# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

A River of Grace. A Life Abundant.

Welcome! We are delighted to have you join us for worship today! Newcomers, please complete a Connect Card (located in the pew in front of you) so that we can get to know you better. Regular attendees, please use this same card to ensure we have your current contact information. Please note that all page numbers listed in the bulletin preceded by BCP refer to the red Book of Common Prayer in the pews. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982. Hymn numbers preceded by an "S" (service music) are found near the front of the hymnal.

Information on childcare, restroom locations, and educational offerings is on page 6.

# The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist - Rite II December 7, 2025 - 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

**Prelude** – From heaven above to earth I come

Johann Pachelbel

#### The Word of God

Please stand

Hymn in Procession sung by all

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New) verses 1-4 only Hymnal 76

#### **Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant 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.

#### Hymn of Praise sung by all

Hymnal 56, verses 1 and 2

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

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#### Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.** 

Please be seated

#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

On this Second Sunday of Advent we light the next candle on our Advent wreath. It reminds us that God has spoken through his prophets and that they have delivered good news to his people. While his people have broken their covenant and strayed from their relationship with God, the prophets remind us that God is faithful and that he will not abandon his people. He has raised up for us a Savior and the prophets call out for us to prepare our hearts for him.

#### First Lesson – 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 Anglican chant sung the choir

chant: Boyce

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.

#### **Second Lesson** – 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.

Please stand

Sequence Hymn sung by all

There's a voice in the wilderness crying (Ascension)

Hymnal 75

**Holy Gospel** – Matthew 3:1-12

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

People 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."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel reading potty-trained 3-year-olds through  $3^{rd}$  graders are invited to follow the cross to the chapel for Children's Chapel as the congregation sings 'Jesus loves me'.

**Sermon** – The Rev. Charlie Holt

Please stand

Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People – Form I

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Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem – Zion, at thy shining gates

arr. George Guest

Zion, at thy shining gates, lo, the King of Glory waits! Haste thy Monarch's pomp to greet, strew thy palms before his feet. Christ, for thee their triple light faith and hope and love unite: this the beacon we display to proclaim thine advent day. Come, and give us peace within; loose us from the bands of sin; take away the galling weight laid on us by Satan's hate. Give us grace thy yoke to wear; give us strength thy cross to bear; make us thine in deed and word, thine in heart and life, O Lord. So, when thou shalt come again, judge of angels and of men, we with all thy saints shall sing alleluias to our King.

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Please stand

Offertory Hymn sung by all

Hymnal 76, verse 5

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.

Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant
 People
 Celebrant
 People
 Use The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
 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 continues...

Sanctus sung by all

musical setting: Hymnal S 130

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

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

After the Sanctus you may stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer.

#### Lord's Prayer said by all

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.