

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2024

10:30 AM



Holy Eucharist - Rite II

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (red book), # Hymn = 1982 Hymnal (blue book)

Prelude

My Soul Waits in Silence

James Southbridge

The Hymn in Procession

#76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

WINCHESTER NEW

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. BCP, p.335
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

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.**

The Trisagion

Betty Carr Pulkingham

Rich and broad

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho -". The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bass staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "- ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The chords are: D, Cmaj7, Em, D4 - 3, Em, D, C, B, Am, Bm, D, Em, C, D4 - 3, Em, D, C, G.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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 Lessons

The people may be seated.

The First Reading

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.

The Second Reading

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.**

The Gospel Hymn

#75 There's a voice in the wilderness crying

ASCENSION

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

Leader 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."

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

The Sermon

Deacon Jerry Lyle

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

**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, Form IV

BCP, p. 388

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless and guide those who have been called to serve on our Rector Search Committee. Grant them discerning hearts, patient spirits, and unity of purpose. Keep them steadfast in prayer, open to your Holy Spirit, and attentive to the needs, hopes, and faith of this parish. As they seek a shepherd to lead us, may they be faithful stewards of your mission, seeking not their own will but yours alone. Give them clarity in conversation, courage in decision, and joy in the knowledge that you are present in every step of this journey.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless also those whom you are calling to discern with us, that together we may be led to a rector who will proclaim your Gospel, care for your people, and walk with us in love and service.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on the prayer list printed in the newsletter in the order of service. We also pray for those impacted by conflict around the world, and those the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially David Winborn, Patricia Beske, James Barlow, and those that the congregation wishes to name at this time, either silently or aloud, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

After a moment of silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

The Peace *Please stand, as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

We will pass offering plates during the offertory anthem. If you prefer, you may give online via text.

*To give online, text 73256, with the message: **strichard** (please note: no "s" or caps).*

Offertory Anthem

Comfort, Comfort

arr. John Ferguson

Following the anthem, representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. All are invited to stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

#380, v.3

OLD 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 361

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.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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:

The Sanctus

#S-130

Franz Schubert

**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.**

The people may remain standing or kneel.

Celebrant Therefore according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**

BCP, p. 363

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

The Celebrant continues with additional prayers, concluding with:

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.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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 Fraction Anthem

#S-164

Franz Schubert

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion *All baptized Christians are invited to come forward and receive the Sacrament at the Lord's Table.
(Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the Celebrant).*

If you would like someone to pray for you, the St. Richard's Prayer Team will be stationed during Communion in the back of the Nave by the font.

Communion Hymns

#534 God is working his purpose out PURPOSE
613 This is the hour of banquet and of song CANTICUM REFLECTIONIS

The Blessing of Community of Care Ministers

Celebrant In the name of St. Richard's Church,
People **We send you forth bearing these holy 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 in one bread, one cup.**
(If you know someone who would appreciate a COC minister's visit, please contact the church office.)

Prayer After Communion

BCP, p. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.**

Choral Prayer

An Advent Prayer

Allen Pote

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

#597 O day of peace that dimly shines

JERUSALEM

The Dismissal

Celebrant or Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

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Notes About Receiving Communion:

In the Episcopal Church, all who have been baptized with water in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are welcome to receive Communion, no matter in which Christian denomination you may have originally been baptized. You may receive Communion either standing or kneeling. If you are not able to come to the altar rail but would like to receive communion, please let an usher know and they will make sure that the ministers bring communion to you. If you do not want to receive Communion, you are welcome at the altar rail for a blessing or prayer by one of the clergy. To indicate you would like a blessing or prayer, simply cross your arms over your chest as you kneel or stand at the rail.

To receive the wafer, place one open hand over the other and the wafer will be placed in your palm. We also have gluten-free wafers for those who require one. To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips. If you prefer to instinct (dip the wafer in the wine), please hold the wafer in your hands until the chalice bearer comes to you. It is perfectly fine to receive only the bread (wafer). If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest or return to your seat after consuming your wafer.

The mission of the Episcopal Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

We pursue this mission by praying and worshiping, proclaiming the Gospel, and promoting justice, peace, and love.

We carry out this mission through the ministry of all our members – from the youngest to the oldest, and everyone in between.

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