



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 and 10:30 am • December 7, 2025

ABBREVIATIONS: **BCP** Book of Common Prayer | **CG** A Child's Guide to the Holy Eucharist | **LEVAS II** Lift Every Voice and Sing II | **WLP** Wonder, Love and Praise

THE PRELUDE

Advent Meditation

Jules Verne

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light this candle to remember God's gift of peace.

Silence is kept.

Today, Isaiah speaks of a shoot from the stump of Jesse: a ruler who will judge with righteousness and bring a peace so deep that wolves and lambs can dwell together. Paul reminds us that Christ came so that all peoples might live in harmony. And John the Baptist calls us to prepare the way by turning our hearts toward God.

Silence is kept.

Peace can mean the absence of conflict, but it is also the deep stillness that comes when God makes all things whole: when justice and mercy meet.

Silence is kept.

What brings you peace?

Silence is kept.

QUIET MOMENT OF CONTEMPLATION

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

57. Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

EOW

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 SONG OF PRAISE:

8:30 | 10:30 Kyrie S85

BCP 356 | CG 5

Celebrant Kyrie eleison.

People **Christie eleison.**

Celebrant Kyrie eleison.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE 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.**

THE CHILDREN'S HOMILY (10:30)

After the homily, the children aged 3–11 are invited to process out for Christian Formation time in Curry Hall, Room 201. They will return at the Peace.

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

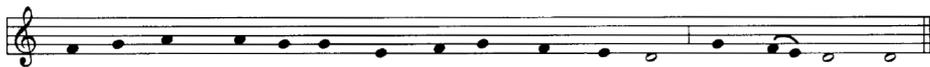
Deus, iudicium

8:30 *The psalm will be read antiphonally by whole verse by side of the church, beginning with the Narthex side.*

10:30 *Cantor sings antiphon
Cantor & congregation sing antiphon*

Cantor sings verses

Cantor & congregation sing antiphon after verses 3, 6, and 19.



All the peo - ples of the earth will be blessed in him, hal - le - lu - jah.

- 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 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.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN:

54. Now come, savior of the nations

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Deacon 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ryan Parker

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

The congregation will read the bold text together.

Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Sean our presiding bishop, Sam and Jennifer our Bishops, George, Grey, and Ryan our clergy, our vestry and leaders. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

Come and teach us the way of prudence.

O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

Come and redeem us for our life together.

O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

Come save us and do not delay.

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those in our parish family including Alice, Betty, Bill, Diane, Eva, Gregory, Jan, Jane, Liz, Lorrie, Margaret, Marion, Maxine, Nancy, Nancy, Remmy, and Scarlett. And for our friends and family including Bill, Bob, Caline, Cally, Charlie, Danielle, Denise, Evonne, Fitzroy, Gemma, Geralyn, Ginger, Allen, Caden, Crew, Hannah, Heather, James, Joe, Joelle, John, June, Kate, Keili, Kevin, Laura-Benton, Linda, Lois, Lori,

Moira, Nadia, Rae, Renee, Robert, Rosalie, Roy, Roy, Sam, Sandy, Sandy, Sara, Sarah, Shannon, Shannon, Stephanie, and Thom. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died; remember especially those we now name. Marilyn Kavulich, Alex Allen, and Michael Welton; and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for those recently born and for all those who preparing for marriage including George and Lindsey and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

Setting by Christian Schoen

Refer to Hymn 54 for the English translation of the anthem's German text.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN:

56. O come, O come, Emmanuel - vss 3 & 4

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS

8:30 **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

10:30 S113 (Sanctus)

John Merbecke

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ,

crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: TRADITIONAL VERSION

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THE FRACTION

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Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE COMMUNION HYMN:

76. On Jordan's Banks

Winchester New

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

EOW

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I 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.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE FINAL HYMN:

65. Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon or Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Improvisation on Veni, Veni Emmanuel

Christian Schoen



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CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY VESTRY 2025

Wardens Sarah O'Connor (Senior) and Dave McKinnon (Junior)

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Officers Matt Dutton (Treasurer), Bill Sena (Assistant Treasurer) and Hannah Harris (Registrar)





QUICK LINKS

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We thank the following people for their service today:

CELEBRANT (8:30)	The Rev. Ryan Parker
CELEBRANT (10:30)	The Rev. Grey Maggiano
PREACHER	The Rev. Ryan Parker
MUSICIANS (10:30)	Christian Schoen and the Nativity Choir
ADVENT CANDLES (8:30)	Dave and Becky McKinnon
(10:30)	Robin Scott and Marion Youngblood
LECTORS (8:30)	Ed Hughes, Annette Hughes
(10:30)	Marcia Perry, Emily Jividen, Ailsa Tessier
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (8:30)	Helen Armstrong
(10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford, Yvette Smith
BANNER (10:30)	Logan Lee
CRUCIFER (10:30)	Alicia Lester-Bodford
TORCHES (10:30)	Morgan Smith, Arjun Pant
LIVESTREAM TECHNICIAN (10:30)	Jesse Lee
ALTAR GUILD	Emily Jividen, Olivene Virtue
ALTAR FLOWERS	Shari Knox
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE	Sam Wesonga

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Josh Anderson	Lay Associate for Communications and Administration
Kate Mohan	Diaconate Discernment Intern
Monique Holmes	Business Manager
Eva Warren	Nursery Attendant
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