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**PREPARE
YE
THE
WAY OF
THE LORD**

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

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Morning Prayer Rite I
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The Lighting of the Advent Candles

Loving God, your mercy and compassion endure forever. Open our hearts, that we may receive your love; and following the example of your Son, spread that love to a love-starved world. Through Jesus Christ, who loved us to the end. Amen."

The Passing of the Peace BCP 360

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (Advent) BCP 37

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

Confession of Sin BCP 41

Presider:
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for

ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People together

*Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost
sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of
our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.*

*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that
we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober
life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

Presider:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon (In Advent...)

BCP 43

Our King and Savior draweth nigh
O come, let us adore him.

Venite

BCP 44

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the corners of the earth, *

and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth.

Antiphon (In Advent...) BCP 43

Our King and Savior draweth nigh
O come, let us adore him.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Deum, iudicium* BCP 685

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet 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.

Presider: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Song of Moses *Cantemus Domino* BCP 85

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled
into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the
enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the
gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you
redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to

your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O
Lord,*
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has
established.
The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the 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.

Presider: The word of the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God*

The Song of Zechariah BCP 50

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us *
in the house of his servant David,
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, *
which have been since the world began:
That we should be saved from our enemies, *
and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, *
and to remember his holy covenant;
To perform the oath which he swore to our forefather
Abraham, *
that he would give us,
That we being delivered out of the hand of our
enemies *
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, *
all the days of our life.
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the
Highest, *
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people *
for the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God, *
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited
us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness
and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy
Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. Amen.

A reading from Matthew 3:1-12

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.”

Presider: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sermon Todd Johnson, Lay Worship Leader

The Apostles Creed BCP 53

Presider and People together, all standing

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

*and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
almighty.*

*From thence he shall come to judge the quick and
the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 54

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.

Suffrage A

BCP 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. *And grant us thy salvation.*

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.*

Collect of the Day (2nd Sunday Advent) BCP 159

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.*

A Collect for Sundays BCP 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission BCP 58

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are

near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered at this time, either silently or spoken

The General Thanksgiving BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus
Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St Chrysostom

BCP 59

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplication
unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-
beloved Son that when two or three are gathered
together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of
them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in
this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to
come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 60

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in
believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

Visitors

We welcome you to Christ Episcopal Church and invite
you to be our guests for refreshments in the Parish
Hall immediately following the service!

THOSE ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lector: Joyce Holden

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/11 Holy Eucharist Rite 1, Pastor Richard Rentner
12/18 Morning Prayer
12/24 Christmas Eve Service, Hymn Sing @ 7 PM,
Eucharist to follow, Pastor Richard Rentner

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/6 Mary Abraham's birthday
12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday
12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary
12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/4 John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
12/5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
12/6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
12/7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed &
Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill;
Julie; John; Harriet; John; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda;
Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah;
Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted & Julie; Sherri; Helen;
Eleanor; Sam's sister & family; Eric; Mary's family;
Mark

PRAY FOR those who are suffering the effects of the
pandemic & the 1.09+M Americans who've lost their

lives.

PRAY FOR those who have suffered loss due to gun violence, & those who live these threats every day.

PRAY FOR the underemployed, the unemployed & the homeless

PRAY FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY especially our service men & women

PRAY FOR the people of Ukraine

PRAY FOR refugees worldwide.

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household; Our Diocesan household; Christ Church, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; St John's, Detroit; Canterbury MSU, East Lansing; St John the Evangelist, Santo Domingo, DR

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