



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022 YEAR A



Prelude

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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Opening Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

Blue 1982 Hymnal

Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Lighting of the Candles

Presider: Ever loving God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; he is the Savior of every nation. O God, let your blessing come upon our community gathered here before you. Bless us and our advent wreath.

As the Advent Candles are lighted

(In unison) May the light that shines forth illumine our way as we journey towards Christmas; may the light that shines forth illumine our lives as we wait in hope for the birth of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ who is the Light of the World. Amen.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

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.***

Trisagion S100 Hurd

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Together 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 Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

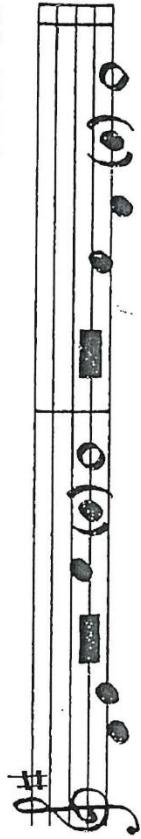
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 see next page

TONE II



Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, judicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, / O God, *
- and your righteousness to the / King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people / right-eously *
- and the poor / with jus-tice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to
the / people, *
- and the little hills bring / right-eous-ness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the / people; *
- he shall rescue the poor and crush / the op-pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure, *
- from one generation / to an-other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon
the / mown field, *
- like showers that wa- / ter 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 / won-drous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for- / ever! *
- and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
A- / men. Amen.

The Epistle: 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn "Isaiah the prophet has written of old" see page 11

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

The Gospel: 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.”

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

The Homily

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

*All: We believe in God the Creator,
infinite in wisdom, mercy and love,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.*

*We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of God’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.*

*We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the divine presence in our lives,
who sustains and strengthens us, especially in our time of need.*

*We believe in one God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit,
and that our faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Savior,
that the realm of God may come upon the earth. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Leader As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy in the light of God’s glory, praying, “Come, O Lord, and save us.”

For the church throughout the world, that we may receive the mercy and righteousness that come from you;

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the People of God;
In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church in St. Charles;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Mision Espitu Santo in Aibonito, and Efrain, their Vicar;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at St. Thomas Romanian Orthodox Church;

We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We give thanks on their birthdays with Maevelyn Savens, Susan Goen, Tor Hvatum and Otto Schoenberg. Let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, that they may have the wisdom and courage to seek peace and justice and equity for all your children, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For all peoples of every race, nation and disposition; may your love so embrace us all, that its power overcomes our conflicts, defenses, and fears; we pray especially for the people of Ukraine; let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, for the homeless, immigrants and refugees, and for the lonely and those in prison, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

We pray for those on our Parish Prayer list, and those whom we name, either silently or aloud [pause];

We pray for all who struggle with addiction, that God may strengthen them in their recovery;

We pray for those serving in the armed forces and all those who work in public service; let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead and those who grieve, let us pray,

Come, O Lord, and save us.

The Presider offers this concluding collect.

Gracious God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you may your hopes and desires be ours, and may we be your expectant people. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Presider

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.

O come quickly, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.

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.

Come Lord Jesus, yea, come quickly, Amen, come Lord, come.

An Advent Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

Presider

It is truly right, and a good and joyful thing that we gather to give you thanks, O Holy God, source of hope and goodness. You come to us in the gathered blue of a world in wait. You enter our time and hallow it. You come to the doorway of our heart and invite us to new life in you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Presider and People

Holy, Holy, Holy S125 Proulx

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are 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 Presider continues

We remember, O creator, from the dark blue of the firmament you ignited creation, you sparked light and life. Your spirit infused the whole world, having brooded over it, knowing it before it began.

You gave hope to a people lost in the darkness. Your promise to Abraham and Sarah was an invitation to bold journey. Your compassion in Solomon was the hope of a new order. In Jeremiah you reminded us that we are molded in your image. In Hosea you called us to a faithful relationship with you alone.

But we loved the darkness more than the light, we struggled to make our own future. We fought to establish our ways, at the expense of yours. We wantonly embraced everything that seemed to satisfy our deep longings.

But you came to us again as the light in Jesus your Christ. In his living you reminded us of your original intent for the cosmic order. In his dying you showed us the way of faithful existence. In his resurrection you promise us again that our journey with you is bound only by your love.

We give thanks that on the night he was given over to suffer and die, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to his friends and said, “take, eat, this is my body given for you. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

So also after they had eaten he took the cup of wine. He blessed you for it, and gave it to them and said, “this is the cup of the new order, my blood poured out for you and for the whole creation for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you do this, remember me.”

Remembering all that Jesus was, and all that Jesus did, the cross and tomb, the resurrection’s bright morning, the promise of a resurrection life, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

In Christ’s name, we ask you again to send forth your spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on the entire creation. By your spirit, grant Christ’s presence with us in the taking, breaking and giving of these simple things. By your spirit, make us one with all creation.

In your kingdom’s coming in the blue darkness of our lives may we sense your presence. Help us to see you and to know you, to hear you and to follow you, never to be the same again because your light lives in us.

All this we ask in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. By Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, we give you honor, praise and glory for ever and for ever more. ***AMEN.***

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Presider

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.

Fraction Anthem

Al- le- lu- ia!
We break this bread to
share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one
bod- y For we all share in the one bread.

Robert S. Mullgardt

Al- le- lu- ia!

The Ministration of Communion

All who hunger and thirst for God are welcome to receive the Holy Communion at this altar. Gluten free hosts are available. Please let the minister know that you require gluten free.

Communion Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people" *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Prayer after Communion

Presider and People

God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel.
Amen.

Advent Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 76 “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry” *Blue 1982 Hymnal*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Toccata on *Veni Redemptor gentium*”

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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Sequence Hymn "Isaiah the prophet has written of old"

The musical score consists of five staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The lyrics are taken from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 11, and describe the coming of the Messiah and the resulting peace and justice.

1. I - sa - iah the pro - phet has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king-dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, the
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

peo-ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters co - ver the seas.
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

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We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Sophia Ackerman, Stephanie Anderson, Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Becky Burley, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Marsha and Keith Cornell, Janice Craft, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier, Mary Gabrisch, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Megan, Peggy and Ron Graul, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Peggy Holmes, Billy Hughes, Andrew Hvatum and family, Margaret Hvatum, Sharon H., Sonja Jenkins, Dayna Jewson, Ellen, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Charlene Mayfield, Jaxon Menner, Katie Merek, Crystal Mersch, Terry Muckelston, Jenny Mullikin, Gary & Kathy Makely, Kim Medley, Scott Medley, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Nina Olmsted, Sandra Olmstead, Jen Peavy, Maureen Polasek, Angelo Powell, Bailee Ratteree, Devon Rauch and family, Chris Reeves and family, Tim Reeves and family, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Scott Schmidt, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, Tom Sellers, The Thompson family, Kevin Tracy, Ethan VanEnglenhoven, Ann Vannier, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Justin Williams, Susan Winfrey, Cheryl Wyatt, Walter Zimmerman Eric, Elizabeth, Sam, Paige, Leo.

We give thanks on their birthdays with Maevelyn Savens, Susan Goen, Tor Hvatum and Otto Schoenberg.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

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