



# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

Prelude

Advent Music

arr. Charles Callahan

## Processional Hymn

## Hark, a Thrilling Voice is Sounding

H59

- 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding.  
"Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness,  
O ye children of the day."
- 2 Wakened by the solemn warning,  
from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven;
- 4 so when next he comes with glory,  
and the world is wrapped in fear,  
may he with his mercy shield us,  
and with words of love draw near.
- 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit,  
while unending ages run

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

*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.  
**All** Amen.

**All** Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us S91

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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Christ, have mercy upon us.  
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Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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*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 forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **The First Lesson    Isaiah 11:1-10**

Lay Reader    A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah...

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....The Word of the Lord...

**All      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 Lesson    Romans 15: 4-13**

Lay Reader    A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans...

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...The Word of the Lord...

**All    Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Hymn**

### **There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying**

**H75**

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
- 2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay,  
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;
- 3 but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong;  
he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong.  
He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold;  
to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.



Deacon    The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People    **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

### **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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

### **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father 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 and 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**

Leader            Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            That God may bring peace to the nations of the world and guide our leaders in the way of wisdom and righteousness, and especially the President of the United States and the Governor of Arizona, let us pray to the Lord:

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            That we may seek Christ in the scriptures and in the breaking of bread, and that the Church may continue to proclaim the Gospel faithfully and courageously. We pray especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Jennifer our Bishop, Gary and Debra our clergy, and all church leaders, let us pray to the Lord:

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick and raise up all who have fallen, let us pray to the Lord:

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord:

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            That, with all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord.

People            **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            Let us commend the world, which Christ will judge, to the mercy and protection of God.

**People** To you, O Lord, our God.

**Celebrant** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Deacon** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All** Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, in what we have done, and in 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.

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy upon 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.

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** And also with you.

**Congregational Song** Let There Be Peace on Earth  
*(text located on the inside of the back cover)*

**Impact Statement** Caroline Markham

## THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

*Please sit, stand or kneel for the Eucharistic prayer*

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry arr. Charles Callahan

**All** Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye, Heavenly host;  
Praise Him, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*Eucharistic Prayer B* BCP 367

**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.

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

It is a right and a good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in your creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

*The Celebrant continues:*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all the saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Priest** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**People** Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*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.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's Body and Blood. The wine will be offered by intinction, which means that you may dip the wafer into the small cup offered by the Deacon. Please do not put your fingers into the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, just receive the wafer and return to your seat. The Church teaches that you receive the full Christ in either the bread or wine. There is no requirement to receive both. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Communion Music

O Come O Come Emmanuel

arr. Terry Kirkland

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*Celebrant*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

**Communicant**

**Amen.**

*Deacon*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**Communicant**

**Amen.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

**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 the 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.**

## THE BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

**H67**

- 1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
- 2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,  
calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
- 3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad;  
and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia.

Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

Postlude

Prepare the Royal Highway

arr. Paul Manz

Please remain in your seat until the videographer raises an arm to indicate the recording has ended.



*Thank you for worshipping with us today!*

## Family & Friends Prayer List

Claudia Conly for wellness and health  
 Jaen Roybal for a hip injury recovery  
 Stonewall Stoney Bird recovery and comfort from injuries resulting from a fall  
 Amber Johnson facing a reoccurrence of cancer  
 Chris Wilburn for wellness  
 Eva Holt, Janet Morton, Michael Campbell for healing and comfort  
 Joe Anderson for healing post heart surgery  
 June Orscher, for healing and comfort  
*The above name will stay on this list for up to four weeks. If someone needs to remain on this list for a longer period, or to have others added to this list, please contact the church office.*

## Ongoing List

Debra Loder's friend Nancy  
 Hartley Bennett  
 Maureen Freed  
 Jackie Brown  
 Gordon, Sandy Schlegel, Betty Hanson  
 Paul and Linda Campbell  
 All first responders  
 All Healthcare workers  
 All funeral directors and staff



## Military Prayer List

All members of the Armed Forces, especially those serving overseas

<b>U.S. Air Force</b>	Colby	Harlan
	KayLee	Thomas
<b>U.S. Army</b>	Andrew	
<b>U.S. Navy</b>	Abe	Landon McKenzie
<b>U.S. Marines</b>	Tyler	

*Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom;*

## Sunday December 4 Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Patti Glinski
Lector	Jan Savoie
Usher	Linda Brockwell
Bishop's Committee	Linda/Sally

## Sunday December 11 Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi

Acolyte	Allison Nicolosi
Altar Guild	Kate Crammer
Lector	Deb Poteet
Usher	John Carr
Bishop's Committee	Linda/Bob



## Announcements

### Coffee Hour- Caroline Markham-our thanks

12/15 Highway Cleanup -the highway needs your attention  
 12/18 Lessons & Carols  
 12/24 Christmas Eve Service – Invite a friend  
     Music program @5:30  
     Service @6  
 12/25 Deacon's Mass @ 10  
 1/01 SALT Luncheon  
 1/01 Birthday Celebration

Every Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 – 9:45 in the Parish Hall



*Intention of giving* involves joyous acts of thanksgiving in response to all that God has given us. It is about changing lives. Intention of giving programs are guided by grace, not guilt...

**SHARING  
BRINGS JOY**  
TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.

**The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Reddall**  
Bishop

**The Rev. Debra Loder**  
Deacon

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