



Holy Cross EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

The Service of the Word

Prelude: *Music Ministry*

Opening Hymn 324: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.*

Celebrant Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever**

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*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL *** (Ages 4 – 10 years)
During the following hymn, children process with the leader to the
Chapel for a lesson and singing; they return at The Peace.

Song of Praise: S-96: Kyrie

*Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy,*

The Collect of the Day - *prayed by the Celebrant*

The First 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.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (read responsively by whole verse)

- 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.

Sequence Hymn 56: “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.*

The Gospel Reading: *Matthew 3:1-12*

Reader 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.”

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

Sermon *The Rev. Rob Dixon*

The Apostles’ Creed *(in unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen*
(*“catholic” means universal)

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, during this season of Advent and beyond, help us to prepare ourselves for your Son.
That he may dwell in us and us in him, eternally.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you; *That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on all who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those among our families and friends who experience sadness and grief during the holiday season; *That they may experience your steadfast love and be filled with peace and joy.*

We pray for all who have died; *Silence* - lovingly receive them into your eternal kingdom. *That we may one day be reunited with them, in you.*

We pray for those on our church’s prayer list, for all who are sick or lonely, for prisoners, and for the victims of crime everywhere. *That your healing presence may embrace them all.*

Let us now pray for our additional needs and those of others.

The Confession (p. 360 BCP)

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: Welcome & Announcements

For Giving Electronically

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Thank You!





The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

The Communion. All baptized Christians are invited and welcome to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited come forward, cross their arms over their chest, and receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to someone in the pews, please notify the ushers at the door of the church. For bread only, no wine, put one arm across your chest. Gluten Free available.

Offertory: “Litany for Advent” (Lyrics on Insert)
Choir Special

The Doxology 380: (v. 3)
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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving
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.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sanctus S-129
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.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Communion Hymn: “Lord I Need You” (See Insert)
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

(Refrain) Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me (Refrain)

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way

And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay (Refrain)

Communion Hymn: “Even So Come” (See Insert)
All of creation all of the earth
Make straight a highway a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

(Refrain) Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing
Even so come Lord Jesus come
Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon (Refrain)

So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon
So we wait we wait for You
God we wait You're coming soon

Post Communion Prayer (p. 365 BCP)
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.

Closing Hymn: “Come Thou Expected Jesus”
Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine own sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Flower Dedications

Your Sermon Notes:

Prayer List

Requested Prayers will remain on the list for 4 weeks. Please let us know if you need to be on longer.

Requested Prayer

Ann, Arlie, Art, Axel, Barbara C., Barbara S., Betty E., Beverly, Bob D., Bobby, Brad, Brenda B., Brian, Brenna, Cheri, Chris, Curtis, Debby, Della, Dewey, Diane, Dixie, Don D., Donnie, Ede, Elaine, Eleanor, Ellen, Emily, Fay, Fr. Chris, Gary, Gene, Gordon, Gracey, Gretchen, Harold, Jack, Jackie Lap., Jacob, Jerry H., John H. Jr., Joyce, Kathy M., Kelli, Kenneth, Laura G., Laura W., Linda D., Linda S., Lisa, Mabel, Madeleine, Manuel, Marilyn, Matthew C., Melissa, Michelle, Mike, Nancy, Pamela, Patrick, Phyllis S., Rachel H., Ralph, Regina, Ronda, Sally, Scott, Seth, Sherry Jo, Sylvia, Thomas, Tom L., The Hardcastle Family, The Rev. Marguerite Alley, The Rev. Trisha Spencer, Valerie, Wade, Wendy, William B., & William Z.

Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Asa Ramsey, Ben Boyer, Benjamin Merriweather, Bruce Gough,

Cale Eggart, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Corbin Czeck, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, James Madden, Jeremy Rice, Jessica Parker, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., T. J. Bossa, Tyler Post, William Verwoerd

Prayers for Guidance & Peace

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Repose of the Soul

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