

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019, 10:00 a.m.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

*Purple was the traditional color of Advent, a color that represents penitence and fasting, as well, as royalty.*

*Purple will continue to be the traditional color of Lent. But for Advent, we shall use deep blue, as other churches have come to do, because deep blue represents the Advent themes of expectation, hope and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. It is the color in the sky before the sun rises, encouraging us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day. The use of blue has deep historical roots.*

*The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four blue or purple candles in a circle of evergreens, with a central white candle lit on Christmas Eve and Day. The meaning assigned to each candle varies by tradition.*

## The Word of God

Prelude

Prelude on "Helmsley" - Lind

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

The Processional Hymn

On Jordan's Bank

Hymn #76

The Opening Acclamation

✠ Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

**All 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.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper. It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*A family steps forward:*

Leader Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

*The candles are lit.*

Leader "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."  
(Colossians 3:15)

People **Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls.**

**Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.**

Celebrant/Preacher: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson     Isaiah 11:1-10

1st 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 ad-  
der'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.

1st Reader     Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People     Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated, and join in singing,*

The Response

Psalm 72

Marty Haugen



Lord, ev-'ry na-tion on earth will a - dore you, — and all peo-ples shall walk by your light.

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*God, may your judgement come dwell in your king, your justice to each son and daughter;  
Oh show forth your justice, your mercy to the poor.*

*Justice shall flourish, and peace forevermore from the seas to the ends of the earth.*

*For he shall rescue the poor when they cry, the weak and the helpless he shall save;  
his mercy will shine on the poor and needy souls.*

The Second Lesson     Romans 15:4-13

2nd Reader     A Reading from the Letter of Paul 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.

2nd Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able, and join in singing,*

The Gospel Procession

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord**

*From Godspell by Schwartz*

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: Pre - - - pare ye the way of the Lord. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Pre - - - pare ye the way of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 3:1-12



Celebrant 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please join in singing 'Prepare Ye', as the Procession returns.*

*Please remain seated for*



The Sermon

The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please stand as able, and join in saying,*

## The Nicene Creed

*(Updated from The Book of Common Prayer addendum, Enriching our Worship I)*

**All 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.**

**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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 People join in reading the words in bold.*

Our Advent prayers call upon God with our ancestors, the significant people of the Bible that led the way to the birth of Jesus.

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

**God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence in the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace especially in all places of conflict in our world.

**God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to bring forth new life into a world desperate for love, hope and opportunity for all.

**God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

**God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness and anxiety, alone and afraid, light and peace.

**God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

God of the Magi, give your church gifts, and the will to find you among the poor and the marginalized.

**God of the Magi, hear us and help us.**

God of John the Baptist, give your church the grace to be a messenger of change and hope, to preach a message of love and peace in wilderness moments.

**God of messengers, hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

For all first responders and members of the armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

**God of Peace, hear us and help us!**

God of Healing, give hope in your promised coming, especially for those suffering in body, mind or spirit: Andrea, Aidan and Lorcin, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Stephanie Bezner, Howard Dale, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Sally Hill, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Nathan Reddall, Shelley Reece, Doug & Gwynne Shaw, and Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now  
(*please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*)

We pray: **God of Healing, hear us and help us!**

God of New Life, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name to you now (*please add your prayers, silently or aloud*)... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

**God of New Life, hear us and help us!**

Let us pray together:

**All** In you we find our true joy, O God. Let this Advent season be a time to become mindful and alert in service to your people. Open our minds, hearts and hands to receive your transforming grace. We pray through Jesus Christ who is always coming among us. Amen.

The Confession of Sin *(taken from Liturgy of the Whole Church, Susan F. Bock, Church Publishing)*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Please STAND or kneel, as able*

Celebrant Emmanuel, we want to believe you are with us dwelling in this and every moment,

**People** Yet we catch ourselves longing for the past and rushing toward the future.

Celebrant We want to be found wide awake, alert with love, as you appear in this and every moment,

**People** Yet we often slumber through, and laze away the miracle of ordinary days.

Celebrant We want to wait for you alone, and seek your will in all we do, with desire and hope,

**People** Yet sometimes our trust fails, our longing grows cold, and our hope dims.

Celebrant We want to make room in our hearts, for you to be born again,

**People** Yet we say or do things that hardens our hearts to you and your people.

Celebrant We confess our failure at missing the mark, of not loving from our highest self.

**People** We are sorry and we ask your forgiveness as we journey together in this Advent season recognizing our need for you.

Celebrant May our Gracious God, 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*Purify My Heart*  
*Grace Buchen, flute*

*Brian Doerksen*

*Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver. Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord, I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.*

*Take my life, Lord, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.*

*Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy. Purify my heart. Cleanse me from my sin deep within.*

*Refiner's fire...*

Please STAND as able, and join in singing,

Offertory Hymn

What Can I Give Him?

CRANHAM

9 What can I give him poor as I am? If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

Words by Christina Rossetti Music by Gusstav Holst

Please continue STANDING, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People Blessed be God forever.**

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain standing for,

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer 2 from *Enriching Our Worship 1*, supplement to *The Book of Common Prayer*)

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in **bold**.

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:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

FOREST GREEN

7 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-  
san - na in th high-est. Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the  
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. The People join in reading the text in **bold**.

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 St Francis and 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.

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

**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.**

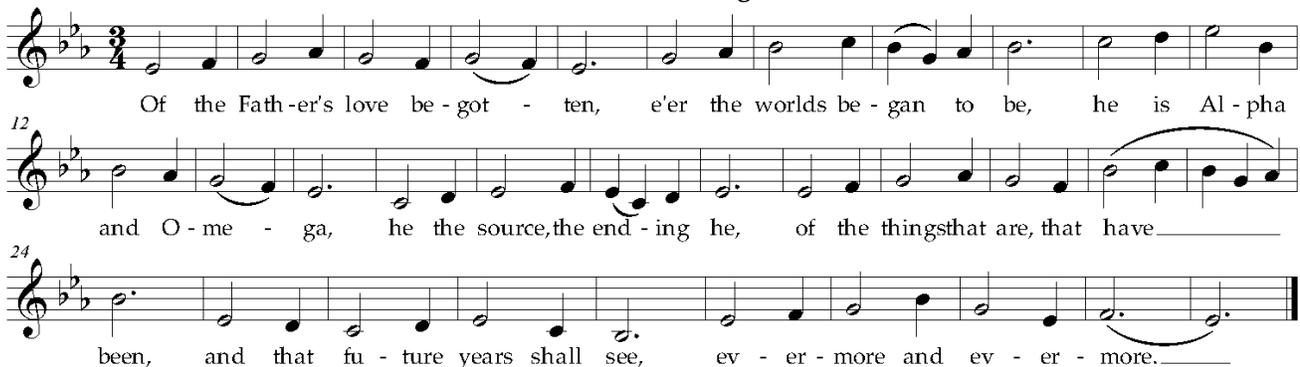
## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

### Of the Father's Love Begotten

### DIVINIUM MYSTERIUM



Of the Fath-er's love be - got - ten, e'er the worlds be - gan to be, he is Al - pha  
and O - me - ga, he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that have  
been, and that fu - ture years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Hymn # 82, The Hymnal 1982

## The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.*

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

Communion Music

*Long-Expected Dawn*

Karen Marrolli

*When our hearts are troubled and in need of light, and the darkness deepens 'midst the thickening night,  
we await your coming as our souls press on toward a long-expected dawn.*

*When our hearts are broken and in need of balm, you send your promise, your hope and calm.  
We await your presence as we travel on toward a long-expected dawn.*

*O Light of Hope! Break forth! Appear and shatter all the darkness here!  
O let your advent herald clear an end to sorrow and to fear!*

*You come from heaven to make straight the way, birthing hope from sorrow, changing night to day.  
Lord, walk among us as we journey on toward a long-expected dawn.*

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Holy and eternal God, you have graciously fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant

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 Spirit. May the dawn of Christ's coming be the joy of your strength. And may the blessings of God our Creator, Jesus our Savior, and the Spirit our Sanctifier, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**



*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Recessional Hymn

**Comfort, Comfort**

**Hymn #67**

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude*

*Magnificat Op. 41, No 2 – Guilmant*