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Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 4, 2022

Sunday Worship: 10:00AM
Office Hours: 8:15am until 3:00pm Monday- Thursday.

Serving Montrose and surrounding communities
With God's Love through Jesus Christ
Since 1831

The Holy Eucharist

Chiming of the Hour

Announcements

The Prelude Reflection on “*Veni Emmanuel*” arr. Lasky

The Gathering Hymn *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*
Hymn 59 v. 1-3

THE WORD OF GOD

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

***People:* And blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

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.*

The Collect of the Day

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 First 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: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Response: 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.**

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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: The Word of the Lord

***People:* Thanks be to God**

The Sequence Hymn *There's a voice in the wilderness crying* Hymn 75

The 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**

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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**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:
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, the 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

Intercessor As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire saying, **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For the Church: remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Liz, our Priest, that we may live boldly as

disciples and be instruments of transformation for the world. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For this parish family, and those of Christ Church and St Marks, that we may bear witness to God's reign by living in harmony with one another and be filled with joy and peace in believing. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For the renewal of all creation, that God will heal the divisions amongst people and the wounds within nature, that God's plan for the earth may flower and all may benefit from the blessings of creation. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For the prophets in our day, and for those who call us to face the truth, live the truth, and speak the truth to one another, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of God. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For an end to violence in our cities and families, that the Spirit of God will transform hearts, help people recognize the dignity of each person, and disrupt the plans of those who seek to kill or injure others. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature and the cold of winter, for the hungry and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially,..... that they may find hope and courage in the power of God's spirit. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For those suffering from addiction and for those who love and support them, that we share God's healing love through our unity in witness and action. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

For all those who have died, remembering especially, that they may find God's holy mountain a haven of peace and glory. **Come, O Holy One, and save us.**

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Nicholas of Myra and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant O Root of Jesse, who comes as a sign of God's justice, hear our prayers and help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Officiant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences on page [376](#), or with some other sentence of Scripture.

The Offertory *Comfort, comfort ye my people* Hymn 67

The Doxology: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
Hymn 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.

The Eucharistic Prayer B

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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 thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and 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:

The Sanctus

S124

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 Lord's Prayer

***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 Fraction Anthem

S161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion

All Baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

Communion Meditation

The Post Communion Prayer

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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 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

The Parting Hymn *People, look East* WLP 724 v. 1-3

The Dismissal

The Postlude *Variations on “On Jordan Banks”* Tune: Winchester
New

Altar Flowers this week are from Bob and Patti Aiken

Our Ministers Today:

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Organist: Joyce Printz

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler, Carol Marker, Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Lector: John Warriner

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Prayers of the People by the Rev. Canon Cliff Carr.

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Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,
 1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.
 1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt.
 Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a ____
 2 O ____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God ____ en - dur - eth, the ____



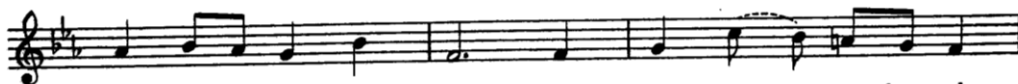
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ____ of



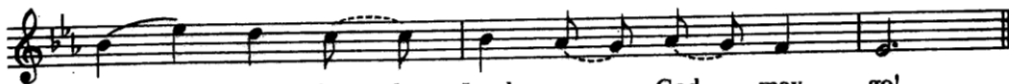
high - way, a high - way for our God! The ____
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they ____ per - ish, like
 feed his ____ flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and ____ pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ____ God ____ may go!
 na - tions shall ____ pass like a dream ____ a - way;
 lead them, and ____ bring them safe to his fold.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

F C F C7 Dm C F C7 F C

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
 3 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease,
 4 He breaks the power of can - celled sin, he sets the pris - oners free;
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be now and ev - er given

F Bb F C7 F

the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.
 MUSIC: Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829); arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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