

The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist
December 4, 2022 • 10:30 am

PRELUDE | Chorale prelude on “Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele”

J.G. Walther (1684-1748)

The Word of God

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

HYMN | Prepare the royal highway (Bereden väg för Herran)

Hymnal 65

Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.
Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

SONG OF PRAISE | Lift up your heads

Musical score for the hymn "Lift up your heads". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. The lyrics are: "Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates; be-hold, the King of glo-ry waits; the King of Kings is draw-ing near; the Sav-ior of the world is here!— Re-deem-er, come, with us a-bide, our Thy Ho-ly Spir-it lead us on un- hearts to thee we o-pen wide; from us thy in-ner til our glo-rious goal is won; e-ter-nal praise, e-pres-ence feel; thy grace and love in us re-veal. ter-nal fame be of-fered, Sav-ior, to thy name!"

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God 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.**

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 fating together, and a little child shall lead them.

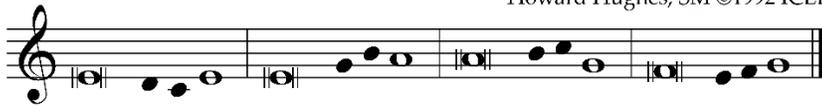
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
 and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
 for the earth 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 the Churches..

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 | *The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.*

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- 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 Blest are you, O God of Israel, *
 you alone do wondrous deeds!**
 19 And blest is your glorious Name forever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory. ~ Amen. ~ Amen.
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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.

HYMN | O day of peace (Jerusalem)

Hymnal 597

1 O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small.
As beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord.
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Savior 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."

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

A brief silence follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED

**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 truly 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Risen Lord,
***People:* Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

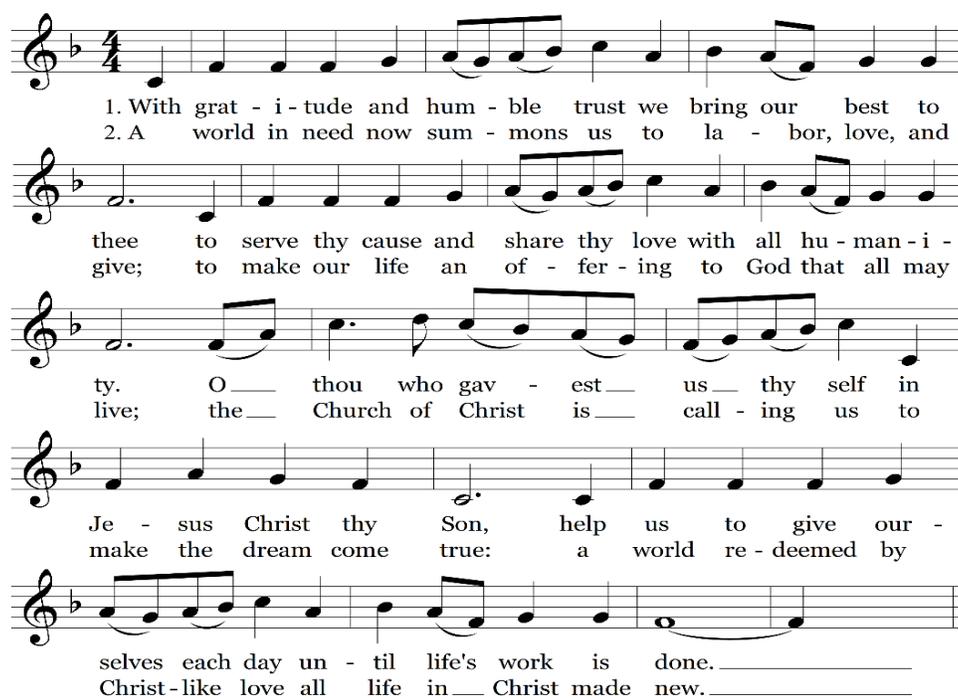
CELEBRATIONS AND INVITATIONS

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM | A shoot shall come forth

music by Richard Horn (1938-2004)

OFFERTORY HYMN | With gratitude and humble hearts



1. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to
2. A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all hu - man - i -
give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to God that all may
ty. O thou who gav - est us thy self in
live; the Church of Christ is call - ing us to
Je - sus Christ thy Son, help us to give our -
make the dream come true: a world re - deemed by
selves each day un - til life's work is done.
Christ-like love all life in Christ made new.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer

SURSUM CORDA

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 our thanks and praise.**

SANCTUS | Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
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.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

THE LORD'S PRAYER | *contemporary, said*

Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

FRACTION | Be known to us

Antiphon: Cantor, then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Verses sung by Cantor or Choir



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN | Comfort, comfort ye my people (Psalm 42)

Hymnal 67

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.

DISMISSAL

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE | Chorale prelude on “Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele”

J.C. Oley (1738-1789)

Altar flowers can be given in celebration of an anniversary, to honor someone, or to remember a loved one who has died. To sign up, call the office at 608 233-3249, or email at general@standrews-madison.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Tuesday, December 6

8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
6:30pm Hymn Study (Zoom)

Wednesday, December 7

6:30am Dawn Patrol Bible Study
8:00am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
7:30pm Benedictine Cell Group

Thursday, December 8

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00am

Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30am

Choral Eucharist

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