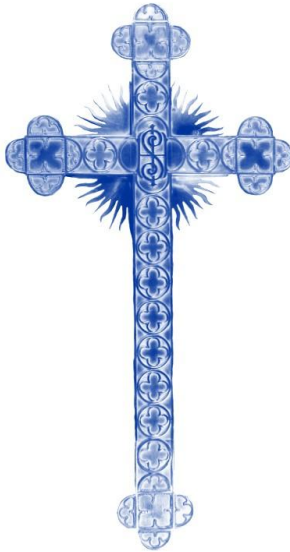


CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

December 7, 2025 ✕ 10:30 am



The Word of God

Voluntary

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Light two candles.

Reader: Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgement; for you are our light and our salvation.

People: **Blessed be God for ever.**

Reader: God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world.

People: **Amen**

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Reader: People of God: be glad! Your God delights in you, giving you joy for sadness and turning the dark to light. Be strong in hope therefore; for your God comes to save. You are God's children.

People: **Lord, make us one in the love of Christ today and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn # 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

S-86*

Kyrie eleison

David Hurd

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.

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Deus, judicium

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Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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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 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

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.

Hymn # 67 (vv. 1-2)

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

The 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.”

Hymn # 67 (v.3)	Comfort, comfort ye my people	<i>Psalm 42</i>
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The Holy Communion

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The Communion of the People		

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *To sip from the chalice: Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *To intinct: Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalice. The chalice will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

Post Communion Prayer

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Hymn # 65

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden vag for Herran

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

Voluntary

* "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.

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