

The Second Sunday of Advent



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
God meets us in our fear

December 4, 2022 Rite II

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

10:00 AM EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC: RITE II

**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary 10 minutes before
and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service as a sign of respect for
God and the rest of our worshipping community.*

PRELUDE *Savior of the Nations Come*

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

PROCESSIONAL *On Jordan's Bank (vss. 1-3 see page 21)*

(All stand as able)

The Word of God

The people stand for the Acclamation.

Celebrant Blessed be our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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 TRISAGION (*sung 3x*)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

(The Celebrant says the Collect)

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.*

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

The First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The 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.

³His 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;

⁴but 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.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The 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.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They 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.

¹⁰On 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 Psalm: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
²That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
¹⁹And blessed be his glorious Name forever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen

The Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁴Whatever 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. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you

may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For 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, ⁹and 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”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May 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.**

ALLELUIA *The people stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

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

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This 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.’ ”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“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. ¹²His 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.”

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand as able)*

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively. The People remain standing. At the conclusion of each petition, the leader says:

Leader: As we wait and watch, we pray. . .

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(kneel or stand)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Peace Prayer Chain * by John Bell

Light looked down and saw the darkness.

I will go there', said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

'I will go there', said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

'I will go there', said love.

So he,

the Lord of Light,

the Prince of Peace

the King of Love

came down and crept in beside us.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY HYMN *Savior of the Nations Come*
(vs all page 22)

SANCTUS (S130)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant and People

**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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM (S164)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread.


If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN *There's a voice in the wilderness*
(vs all)




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 - du - reth, 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.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*stand or kneel*)

Celebrant Let us pray.
People God for whom we wait,

**we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming. Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant ...this day and always,
People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Prepare the Way, O Zion (vs all see pg 23)*

DISMISSAL

Celebrant ...Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

POSTLUDE *On Jordan's Bank* setting by Edwin T. Childs

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for:

Amanda Vandervort, Amelio Collins & family, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Chris, Connie Proctor, Daniel, The Smith & Family, Diane Rogalcheck, Gay Miezin, Greg Rasmussen, Heidi Partain, Helen Dekker, Irene Stone, Jane Goerss & family, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Leslie, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Meow Meow the cat, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Robin Alley, Tracey and her kids, Sue Forgue, Tom Beechey.

And for those who grieve the recent death of loved ones:

Parker the dog

Mary Hartwick

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group.

All who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, especially for refugees, those affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

All Veterans; for Oriana & Richardson Naki, Steven Isaacks, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Zachary Kielar, Matt Olsen, Michael Webb, and all American troops, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way ...and those we now name. [*silence*]

Due to health concerns and logistics, Rev. M.E. determined the **8:00 am Rite I service will be on hiatus until 2023.**

Questions - please call or email!



FROM
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 4 (Sun.) Advent 2

December 7 (Weds.) 6:00 pm ~ Advent Series

December 11 (Sun.) Advent 3

December 14 (Weds.) 6:00 pm ~ Advent Series

December 18 (Sun.) Advent 4

December 21 (Tues.) 7:00 PM ~ Blue Christmas

December 24 5:30 PM ~ Music

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

6:00 PM ~ Christmas Eve Service

December 25 10:00 AM ~ Christmas Day Service

OFFICE CLOSED

December 26 – January 2

Do you like to sing? If the answer is yes, please consider joining the St. Martin's Christmas choir. Please contact Karen Wilberg at kwilberg28@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to sign up to sing!

PROCESSIONAL *On Jordan's Bank* vss. 1-3

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY *Savior of the Nations Come (vs all)*



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

CLOSING HYMN *Prepare the way* (vs all)



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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pets too!

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