

The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019 · 7:30 AM
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order

BCP 319

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (*kneeling*)

BCP 330

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Trisagion (*said three times*)

BCP 324

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Illumination

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The Collect of the Day

BCP 159

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After the Gospel is read,

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Patty Rhyne

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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The Advent Prayers of the People

After each intercession,

Reader: We bring our prayers to you,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace *(standing)*

BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Presentation *(spoken)*

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord:

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 333

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

The liturgy continues on BCP 340.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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

BCP 337

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available.

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The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

BCP 339

The priest says a dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God.

Intercessions

The Church – Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sam and Anne, our Bishops; Metlha, Bishop of Botswana; Orlando, Bishop of Costa Rica; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the work of the Mothers’ Union around the world

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BCP 352

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Trisagion S-100, Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us

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BCP 211

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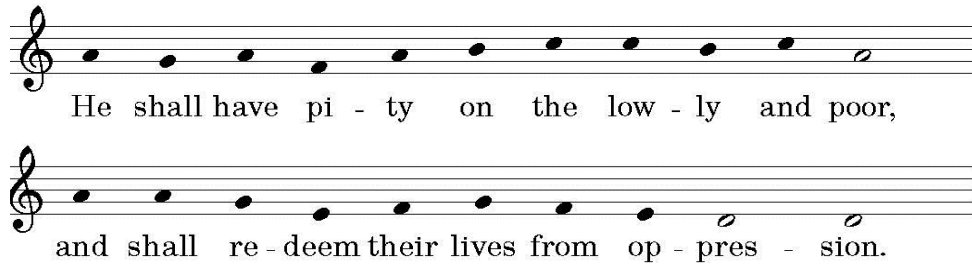
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Silence

Hymn 54, Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

Children may now follow the banner for Children's Chapel in the Green Room, and they will return during The Peace.

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After the Gospel,

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People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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The Nicene Creed (standing)

BCP 358

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Advent Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes:

Reader: We bring our prayers to you,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace *(standing)*

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory, A spotless rose

Herbert Howells

A spotless Rose is blowing sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter and in the dark midnight.
The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might the blessed babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

Jacob Plaisted, *soloist*

Presentation Hymn 76 (stanza 5), All praise, eternal Son, to thee

Winchester New

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Great Thanksgiving *(kneeling or standing)*

BCP 361

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 liturgy continues on BCP 367.

Sanctus S-124, Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd

The Memorial Acclamation

BCP 363

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem, S-164, Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Schubert

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

The Communion

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Communion Hymn 69, What is the crying at Jordan?

St. Mark's, Berkeley

Communion Motet, A new commandment

Richard Shephard

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

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

Hymn 65, Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

The Dismissal

BCP 366

The priest says a dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude, *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Sentences

BCP 40

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 41

Officiant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(silence may be kept)

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

People: ***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too closely the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.***

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy Holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter *(standing)*

BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: ***And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.***

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

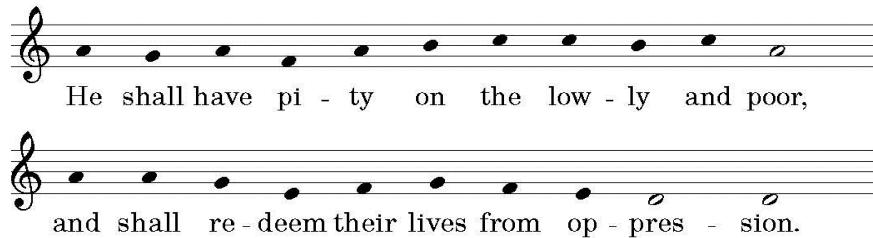
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Venite S-4, O come, let us sing unto the Lord *(The S- numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal.)*

Edwin George Monk

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Canticle Benedictus Dominus S-191, The Song of Zechariah

Edward John Hopkins

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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 54, Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland

The Sermon

The Reverend Patty Rhyne

The Apostles' Creed (*standing*)

BCP 53

The Prayers (*kneeling*)

BCP 54

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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 Suffrages (*kneeling*)

BCP 55

Officiant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
People: *And grant us thy salvation.*
Officiant: Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
People: *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
People: *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
People: *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
Officiant: Let thy way be known upon earth;
People: *Thy saving health among all nations.*
Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
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Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;
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The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

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The Collects

BCP 56

Meditation (*seated*), A new commandment

Richard Shephard

A new commandment I give unto you: that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Intercessions and The General Thanksgiving (*kneeling*)

BCP 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Grace

BCP 59

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem, A spotless rose

Herbert Howells

A spotless Rose is blowing sprung from a tender root,
Of ancient seers' foreshowing, of Jesse promised fruit;
Its fairest bud unfolds to light amid the cold, cold winter and in the dark midnight.
The Rose which I am singing, whereof Isaiah said,
Is from its sweet root springing in Mary, purest Maid;
For through our God's great love and might the blessed babe she bare us in a cold, cold winter's night.

Jacob Plaisted, *soloist*

**All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.**

The Prayer and Blessing

Hymn 65, Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran

Postlude, *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland*, BWV 661

Johann Sebastian Bach

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019 · 5:00 PM
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Congregational hymnals used: *The Hymnal 1982* and *The Faith We Sing (TFWS)*

Music for Meditation (*seated*)

TFWS 2025, As the deer pants for the water
TFWS 2167, More like you

As the Deer
More Like You

THE WORD OF GOD

A Penitential Order

BCP 351

The Confession of Sin and Absolution (*kneeling*)

BCP 352

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.

Trisagion (*said three times*)

BCP 324

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
People: *Have mercy upon us.*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Illumination

There is great symbolism in the Advent Wreath. It is circular to remind us that God has no beginning and no end. It is made of evergreens to remind us that God's love is steadfast and unchanging. It has a candle for each week of the season and one for Christmas to remind us of the importance of watching and waiting expectantly and of the coming of Christ in the fullness of time.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 211

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The First Reading: 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.

Hymn 67, Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Priest: 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."

After the Gospel,

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Chip Edens

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP 358

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 Advent Prayers of the People

Each petition concludes:

Reader: We bring our prayers to you,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

The Peace (*standing*)

BCP 360

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn 2171, Make me a channel of your peace

Channel of Peace

Presentation Hymn 43 (stanza 4), Doxology

The Eighth Tune

***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 Great Thanksgiving (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 361

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.

Sanctus S-124, Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd

The Memorial Acclamation

BCP 368

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory.**

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Tom Belt

Our Father in heaven, holy is 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, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Communion

All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available at the altar rail or in the Chapel. Please let the Celebrant know if you require such as you approach to receive Holy Communion.

Hymn TFWS 2264, Come to the table of mercy

Table of Mercy

Hymn TFWS 2086, Open our eyes, Lord

Open Our Eyes

The Postcommunion Prayer (*kneeling or standing*)

BCP 365

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

Hymn 65, Prepare the way, O Zion

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The Dismissal

BCP 366

The priest says a dismissal.

People: Thanks be to God.

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