



**SECOND SUNDAY**  
**IN**  
**Advent**

*O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice  
heard in the joy of your heart.*

(Isaiah 30:19, 30)

December 4, 2022

OPENING HYMN:

“On Jordan’s Bank”



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make  
3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our  
4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And  
5. All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
straight the way for God with - in, And let each heart pre -  
ref - uge and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth and let your  
ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: *Jordanis oras praevia*; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
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## FIRST READING:

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse,  
and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him:

a spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

a spirit of counsel and of strength,

a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD,

and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide,

but he shall judge the poor with justice,

and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist,

and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb,

and the leopard shall lie down with the kid;

the calf and the young lion shall browse together,

with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors,

together their young shall rest;

the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den,

and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain;

for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,

as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse,

set up as a signal for the nations,

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**



**℟. Jus - tice shall flour - ish in his time, and full - ness of peace for ev - er.**

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**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction,  
that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures  
we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement  
grant you to think in harmony with one another,  
in keeping with Christ Jesus,  
that with one accord you may with one voice  
glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you,  
for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised  
to show God's truthfulness,  
to confirm the promises to the patriarchs,  
but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

*Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles  
and sing praises to your name.*

## THE HOLY GOSPEL:

## Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:  
*A voice of one crying out in the desert,  
Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

“Blessed and Holy” (Farrell)



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Ra - diant Star of night,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, O Tree up - lift - ed high,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow - er, God of might,



1. all your works are blessed and ho - ly, sea and  
2. still your peo - ple walk in dark - ness, come a -  
3. in your pres - ence pow'r falls si - lent, in your  
4. all the earth and all the heav - ens sing your



1. earth and sun and sky. A - do - nai, O Lord of a - ges  
2. wake us to your light. O Key - stone of the na - tions,  
3. shade il - lu - sions die. O hum - ble Key of Da - vid,  
4. glo - ry day and night. Blessed and ho - ly your cre - a - tion,



1. who ap - peared as burn - ing flame, come ig - nite the spark of  
2. hold - ing place of ev - ery part, come and cher - ish your cre -  
3. hearts are known to you a - lone. Break the chains of ev - ery  
4. blessed is Je - sus whom you send. Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho -



1. jus - tice till it burns in us a - gain.  
2. a - tion till it lives with - in our heart.  
3. pris - on, come and lead your peo - ple home.  
4. san - na! Sing ho - san - na with - out end!

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COMMUNION HYMN:

“Bread of Life” (Farrell)

*Bread of life, hope of the world,  
Jesus Christ, our brother:  
feed us now, give us life,  
lead us to one another.*

1. Be with your people, Lord,  
send us your saving Word,  
Jesus Christ, light of gladness  
come among us now. **(Ref.)**

2. Bring to our world of fear  
the truth we long to hear:  
Jesus Christ, hope of ages,  
come to save us now. **(Ref.)**

3. As we proclaim your death,  
as we recall your life,  
we remember your promise,  
to return again. **(Ref.)**

4. The bread we break and share  
was scattered once as grain:  
just as now it is gathered,  
make your people one. **(Ref.)**

## **ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

And unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

## **PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,

By the power of God,

Cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits

Who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

**SENDING HYMN:**

**“People, Look East”**

People, look East, the time is near  
Of the crowning of the year.  
Make your house fair as you are able,  
Trim the hearth and set the table.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Guest, is on the way.

Furrows be glad, the earth is bare,  
One more seed is planted there.  
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,  
That in course the flow’r may flourish.  
People look East and sing today:  
Love, the Rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim,  
One more light the bowl shall brim,  
Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
Bright as the sun and moon together  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Star, is on the way.

Angels announce with shouts of mirth  
Him who brings new life to earth.  
Set ev’ry peak and valley humming  
With the word, the Lord is coming.  
People, look East and sing today:  
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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