

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025
9:30 a.m.

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Welcome to St. Patrick's. If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a pew card. Thank you for worshipping alongside us. *Questions? Email us at church@pats-dublin.org*

Children at St. Patrick's

We believe children point to the presence of the Holy Spirit during worship. Therefore, kids are welcome throughout the service. During the program year (September-May) we have Children's Chapel for children ages 4 through 5th grade. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during this service year around. Please ask the ushers if you need directions to the nursery.

Hearing/Vision Impaired: Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

St. Patrick's Mission Statement: St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Vision Statement: St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come

J. S. Bach

Opening Hymn 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Presider then says,

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.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

A reading from the book of 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 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.

A reading from 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.

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Gradual Hymn 54 *Savior of the nations, come*

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12 *(All stand.)*

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The 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 for Advent

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Children of God, let us prepare for the light of the world, praying:
God of all hope, **let your light come.**

Shine your light upon your whole Church, especially Church of the
Advent, Cincinnati, that we may be a beacon of hope for all the
world. God of all hope, **let your light come.**

Shine your light upon this nation. Where it is broken, heal it.
What lies in shadow, reveal. Where there is injustice, let mercy erupt.
God of all hope, **let your light come.**

Shine your light upon your creation. Show us where we harm it and
where we can join you in healing it. God of all hope, **let your light
come.**

Shine your light upon this city. Pierce our facade of perfection so
your light may redeem our imperfections. God of all hope, **let your
light come.**

Shine your light upon the sick and afflicted. May the healing power
of Christ brighten their horizon and bring them to wholeness. God of
all hope, **let your light come.**

Shine your light upon those who have died. May they perpetually
know only your light, and may you comfort all who grieve. God of all
hope, **let your light come.**

Shine your light upon all the blessings this life, especially ...
who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
God of all hope, **let your light come.**

Silence (during the silence the people may add their own petitions)

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Deacon or Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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.**

Absolution

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Welcoming New Members

8:00 a.m. Valerie Roeder

9:30 a.m. Jonathan Goodwin, Jennifer Moreland, Bunny Usselman
Dina Bornhorst, Cathryn Conroy, Michael Conroy,
Allen Jones, Barbara Davis

Presider

Dear Friends in Christ, in companionship with each other as we journey in faith, we welcome new members into this community of St. Patrick's. We welcome them to join us as we seek to love the Lord our God with heart and soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We welcome and cherish their unique gifts and experiences as together we follow the Holy Spirit in transforming this community for the work and mission of Jesus Christ.

*The new members of the community are presented.
A member of the vestry or other leader makes the presentation.*

Presenter

I present.. to be welcomed as a member of this community.

Presider

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of St. Patrick's?

New Member I do.

Presider

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Member I will, with God's help.

Presider asks the congregation

Will you who witness these promises, do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give thanks that you have brought these persons to join us in ministry. Knit us together, one to another, so that in unity we may know you and serve you in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Offertory

A Joyful Carillon

Michael Bedford

The Bells of St. Patrick's

*The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection,
are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)*

Doxology

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says

God 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

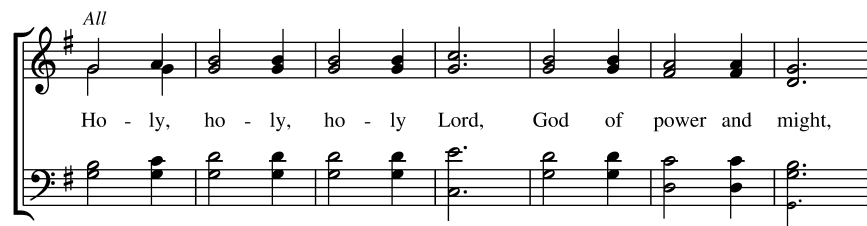
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

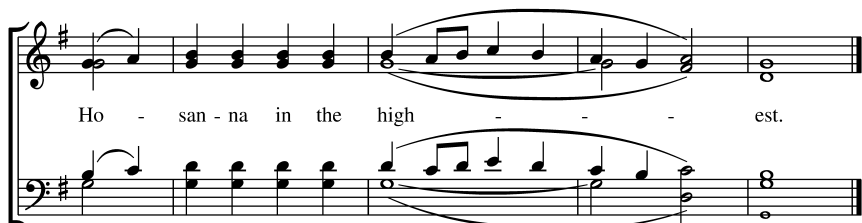
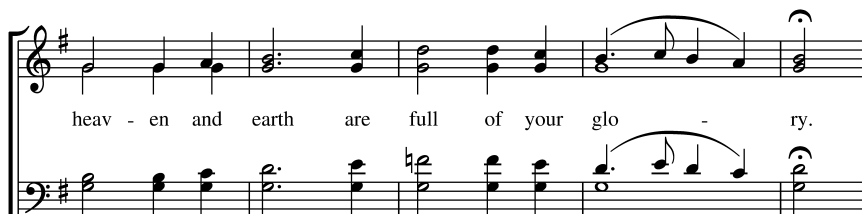
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus





Setting: Byzantine; arr. George Black (b. 1931).

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be kept.

Fraction Hymn 109 (vs 1&6) *The first Nowell the angel did say*

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar. If you choose to receive communion, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands.*
- *The chalice bearer will dip the wafer, then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
- *If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.*
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion Anthem *Isaiah the prophet has written of old*

Joy Patterson, American Folk Melody

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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.**

Eucharistic Visitor Sending

Officiant

We send you out in the Name of God to those who can't be here
today bearing the body of Christ so they may be the body of
Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Johann Pachelbel

***Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!***

Today's Ministry Team

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Duffy

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jason Emerson

Deacon: The Rev. Vahagn Azizyan

Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Streaming: Peter O'Neill

Lay Reader: Tim Redman

Lectors: Debi Sabo, Jodie Emerson

Crucifer: Lila Dufort

Acolytes: Abby Dufort, Harlow Redman

Ushers: Jan Redman, Leif Carlson, Ben & Sue Givens

Greeters: Tara Gleason, Jane Switzer

Children's Chapel Helper: Eryn Kindelin, Erin Zelinski-Righter

Coffee Hour: Joe & Julie Jimenez, Terrie & Thomas Clark

Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV): Beth Landers

Altar Guild: Julie Myers, Val Pittsenbarger, Shannon McCarthy

Counters: Rick Sicker, Chris Nelson

Hospitality Table: Terri & Thomas Clark