

The Second Sunday of Advent

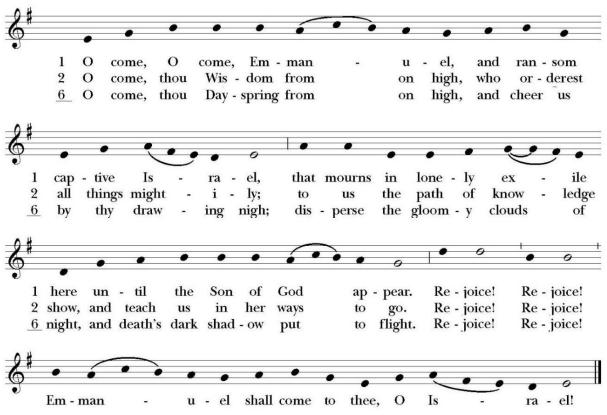
Making disciples who make disciples of Jesus Christ

Prelude: "Ave Maria," Franz Schubert (1825), arr. Charles Ware

(Organ bell peal as a family comes forward to light the wreath: Improvisation by resident organist, Ed Ackermann, on public domain melody, "VENI EMMANUEL"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Processional Hymn "O Come Emmanuel" (Please stand)



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HOLY EUCHARIST

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon,

People Amen. Come Lord Jesus! Revelation 22:20

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 DECALOGUE

Celebrant God spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God. You shall have

no other gods but me.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not murder.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant You shall not covet.

People Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these, your laws, in our hearts, we

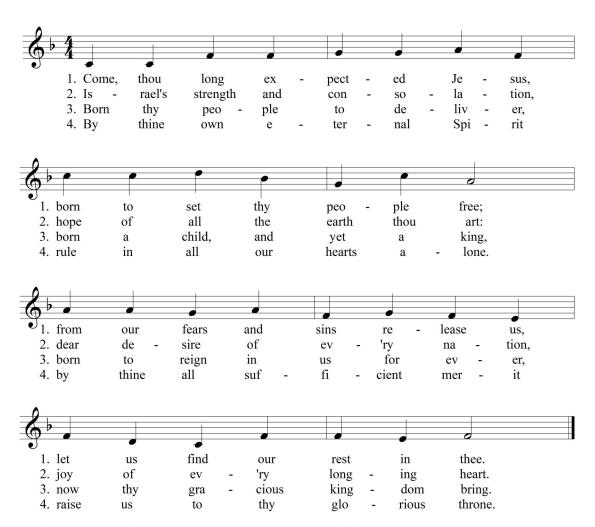
beseech you. Exodus 20:1-17; Deuteronomy 5:6-21

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (Please stand)



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray. Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (Please be seated)

Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and 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 of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf 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 cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand into the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-15

- 1 Give the King your judgments, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's son.
- Then shall he judge your people with righteousness * and defend the poor with justice.
- The mountains also shall bring peace, * and the little hills righteousness to the people.

- 4 He shall vindicate the poor among the people, * defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
- They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, * even as showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish, * even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
- 8 His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, * and from the river unto the world's end.
- 9 Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; * his enemies shall lick the dust.
- The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; * the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; * all nations shall do him service.
- For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
 the needy also, and the one that has no helper.
- 13 He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, * and shall preserve the lives of the poor.
- 14 He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, * and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold of Arabia; * prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he be blessed.

Romans 15:1-13

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to 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 praise you among the Gentiles, "Continues...

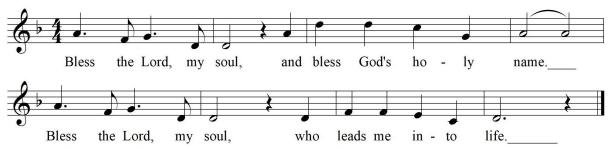
and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (please stand)

People and Choir



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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But 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 wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father," for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to 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 he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. 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 gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

THE SERMON (Seated)

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

Celebrant

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, and Ryan and Keith, our Bishops, and Greg, our Priest, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially through the Kairos Prison Ministry, and our mission partners at the DFW Airport Chaplaincy, La Gran Familia, Northern Malawi, Mandalay and Sittwe.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service especially Donald, our President, Greg, our Governor, and Mattie, our Mayor.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, *especially* ... those in sickness, *especially* ... or those in any other adversity *especially* ...

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving, let us pray.

Celebrant

Lord, in your mercy.

People

Hear our prayer.

At this time, you are invited to add your own prayers or thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant and People Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for Saint Barnabas that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

Celebrant All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Please stand or kneel in silence.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses,
which we have committed by thought, word, and deed,
against your divine majesty,
provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions;
the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS (Please remain standing or kneeling)

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE (Please stand)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

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

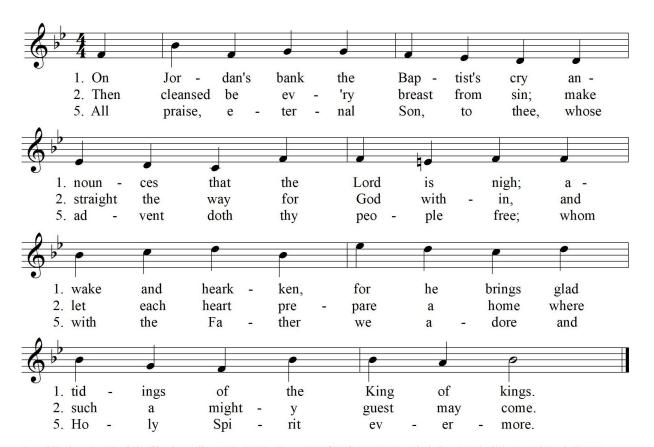
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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE SURSUM CORDA

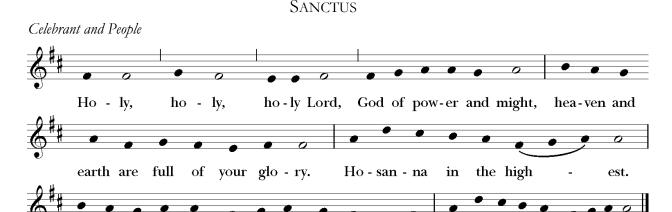
The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And with your spirit.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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - e

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 (Please remain standing or kneeling)

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

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 forever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION (Please remain standing or kneeling)

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (Please remain standing or kneeling)

Celebrant and People We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,

but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

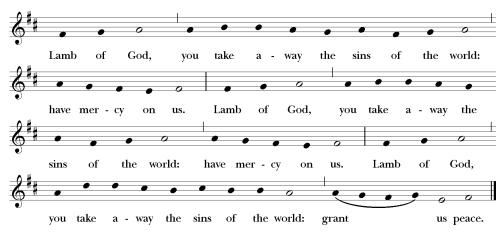
But you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (Please remain standing or kneeling)

Celebrant and People



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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION (Please remain standing or kneeling)

Celebrant Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

John 1:29, Revelation 19:9

If you have been baptized with water in the Name of the Holy Trinity and have been admitted to Holy Communion in your own church, we welcome you to receive Holy Communion with us today. Come forward as directed and the Clergy will communicate you. If you are not baptized, or choose not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Please stand or kneel)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.
And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

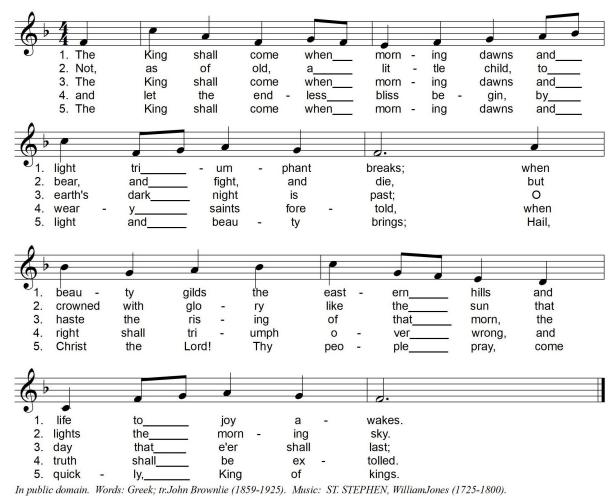
THE BLESSING (Please stand)

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Postlude: "Sleepers Awake" arr. Derek Remes,



Christmas Eve—Family Candlelight Service with Children's Christmas Pageant December 24th at 5:30 pm

WELCOME TO ST. BARNABAS

We are glad you chose to worship at Saint Barnabas today. You are invited to remain for coffee and fellowship following the service.

"ALL GUESTS ARE TO BE WELCOMED AS CHRIST."

We are pleased to provide a nursery for your children who have not yet begun kindergarten. We have two professional nursery workers who are eager to care for your children this morning. The ushers will be happy to direct you to our nursery.

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