



**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I – 8:00 A.M.**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025**

THE REVEREND NOELLE YORK-SIMMONS, *Rector*  
THE REVEREND BETH BINGHAM, *Priest Associate*

THE REVEREND ROBBIE LAUGHTON, *Associate Rector*  
ABBY MERK, KEVIN CRILEY, *Seminarians*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*Please stand and sing*

**OPENING HYMN 59**

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 323*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**KYRIE**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE FIRST LESSON**

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* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand.*

**THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Noelle York-Simmons

*A period of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The People stand and say*

**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: 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**

*Each petition concludes with "Let us pray to the Lord." People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## BIRTHDAY PRAYER

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to support the mission and ministries at Christ Church by making an offering.*

*To donate via PayPal:*



*To donate via Shelby:*



*After the altar is prepared, all stand and sing*

## THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 380, VS 3)

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 HOLY COMMUNION

*The People remain standing.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 and God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS S-114

Healey Willan

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

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -

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

*The people remain standing or kneel.*

*Celebrant* All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father...

By whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

*All* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*To receive Holy Eucharist, please follow the usher to the end of the aisle.*

*After all have received, the People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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**

**HYMN 76**

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

*Winchester New*

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

*Leader* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN**

In memory of Shirley and Michael Hughes

In memory of Virginia Egan

In memory of Georgine and Eugene Henkel

#### **WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF**

Aaron Cairo Nodjomian-Escajeda, son of Adam & Aaron Nodjomian-Escajeda

#### **WE PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED**

Paul Scott Williams, Michael Barrett, Polly Venable

#### **WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS**

Kate Ballard, Holly Prousalis, Omar Sharif, the Hood, Doherty, Jennings, and Streyder families

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE PARISH**

Bonnie-Lorraine Thiele, Barbara Cooley, Mary Crow, Gladys Hook, LaVerne Scott-Rayford, David Caleb, Gail & Ridge Multop, Helen Lewis, Susanne O'Neill, Hadley Kimberlin, Sam Brathwaite, Kimberly Richmond, the Fedewa family, Linda Hoekstra, Denise Blood, Bill Wilson, Caroline Long, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Peter West, Catherine Claggett, Tyger Latham, the Lange family, Derek Shows, Quiana Lawhorn, Elaine Wick, Carol Lafley, Van Bridgers, Matt Rhodes, Rusty Vellek