# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

# The Holy Eucharist

## Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

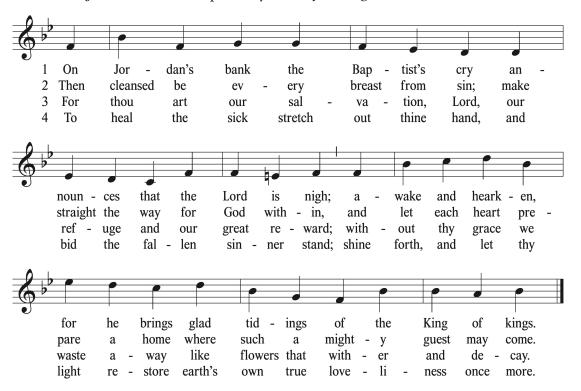
As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God of the still-small voice of peace, help me to quiet my mind, my spirit, and my life, that I may become a dwelling place, and may know, embrace, and embody your in-breaking Word, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

## The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" Everyone sings.



—Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: Winchester New, melody from Musicalishes Hand-Buch, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

During the hymn, Sarah and Collin McQueen place the donkey & cow in the creche.

## ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Remain standing.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant: Behold, the Lord will come, and all his saints with him, People: And on that day there will be a great light, hallelujah.

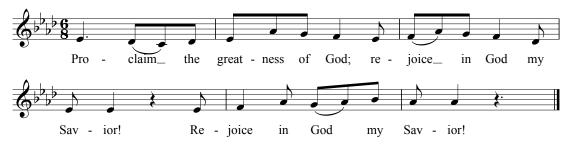
Celebrant: Today we light the second candle, the candle of peace. We light it knowing full

well that peace is elusive; and in some parts of the world, it is almost completely absent. Yet we trust that God is never absent from us. And even where there is war and discord, whether between countries, within families, or within our own hearts,

God is present, gently leading us to new possibilities.

## SONG OF PRAISE "Magnificat"

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:



The choir sings:

- 1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.

  The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. *Antiphon*
- He favors those who fear his name, in every generation;
   He has shown the might and strength of his arm, and scattered the proud of heart.
   Antiphon

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55.

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#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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.

#### FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah (40:1–11).

"Comfort, O comfort my people," says your God. "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 85:1–2, 8–13 Everyone sings the antiphon; the choir sings the verses.



You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.
- I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*
  for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
  and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.

## Antiphon.

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- Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.
- Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## Antiphon.

—Setting: Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962), based on *Veni Emmanuel*.

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#### SECOND LESSON

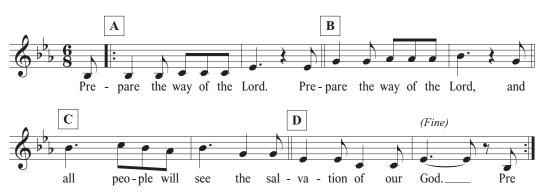
A reading from the Second Letter of Peter (3:8–15a).

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish, and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Prepare the way of the Lord"

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words and Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994), Taizé

## GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:1–8).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Ann Backus for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

#### **SERMON**

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

### CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



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Music: Greensleeves, traditional English melody, adapted

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: As we yearn for the coming of Christ and the time when all of creation will be

made new, let us pray, saying: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of

your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a

sign of God's hope to a broken world. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit

of wisdom and understanding. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of

God's promise of mercy. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially those celebrating

birthdays; and those facing adversity: those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts; that the gift of this community may

sustain us all. We pray for:

ANNE Bender	DANA & DEWELL	ALLAN Philp	SHAROLYN Sprigg
J.D. & PEGGY Bradley	Downey	BILL & MARCIA Power	RANDY Stansberry
PETER Calvert	DOUG Embler	MARILYN Randall	LO Starck
GAIL Cox	THE GREELEY FAMILY	KRISSA Randolph	DENISE & ROGER
MARY Davis	MARGE Hudson	NANCYE Reeder	Tibedo
LOIS Dearolf	PATRICK Hundley	ALVIN Richards	ALICE & FRED
CONNIE DeWitt	DON McConnell	TOM Schlitt	Wegmann
	KENT Parish		and
	REA VI Tarisii	CAROL Smith	MICHELE Welsh

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For all those who already rest in the eternal light of Christ, that we may one day

join them in that place where the wolf and the lamb lie down together. Restore

us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Silence is kept for a space.

All: God of all seasons, Your imagination is boundless and continually invites us into new possibilities for love, active caring, and servanthood. You inspire our growth from the riches of your grace. Help us to listen faithfully for your voice and to follow your call in this new season at Good Samaritan so that your name may be glorified in the generations and seasons to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

All: 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.

Celebrant: 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.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

## **Holy Communion**

#### **OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

## ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

### Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth

Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth, And manifest Thy virgin birth: Let every age adoring fall; Such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will, But of the Spirit, Thou art still The Word of God in flesh arrayed, The promised Fruit to man displayed. Thy cradle here shall glitter bright, And darkness breathe a newer light, Where endless faith shall shine serene, And twilight never intervene.

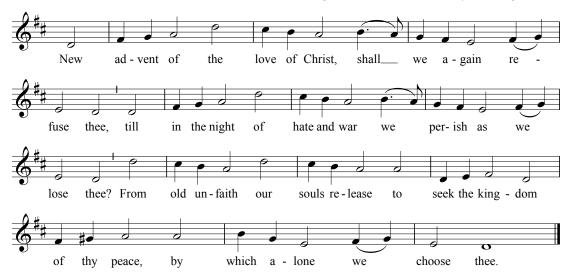
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; Whose Advent sets thy people free, With whom the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost forevermore.

-Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788),

and 9th c. Latin hymn, tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866).

Music: J.S. Bach (1685–1750), ed.and arr. Tom Fettke, 2005

HYMN "New advent of the love of Christ" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt..

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une Pastourelle genetille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

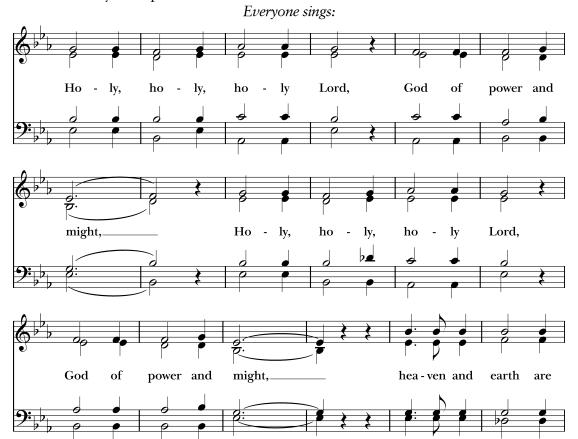
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in Jesus Christ, your incarnate Word, you have given us a Lord and King to follow and obey. By his own example of love and service, we are taught to love and serve one another, and in so doing we give honor to him and to you, the God and Father of all. Therefore, we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all those who claim their joyful place as your beloved children, and with them we sing this

hymn of praise:





—Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night before he died for us, our Lord Iesus 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 he 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 according to his command, O Father,

All:

We remember his death. We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

All: 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

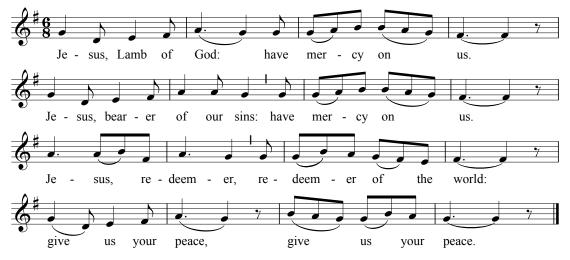
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



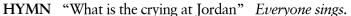
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### **INVITATION**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **DURING COMMUNION**





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Music: St. Mark's, Berkeley, Irish melody from Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern

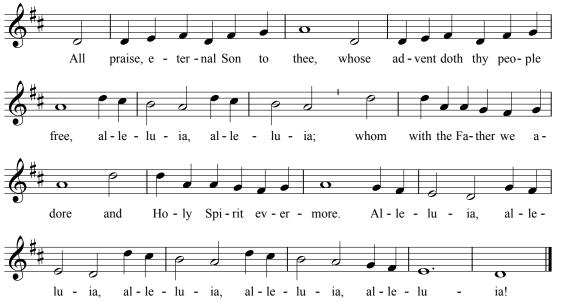
HYMN "Comfort, comfort ye my people" Everyone sings.



—Words: CJohann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

## ADVENT DOXOLOGY "All praise, eternal Son, to thee"

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings this Advent praise, to familiar tune.



—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Almighty and everliving God, 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 for ever. Amen.

### SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

## BLESSING Remain standing.

Celebrant: May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

HYMN "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, alt. Music: Merton, William Henry Monk (1823–1889)

### **DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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