Holy Eucharist † 8:00 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent | December 8, 2019

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Celebrant**
May God Almighty, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify with the light of his blessing this Advent Wreath; and may he, whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make us steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

**People**
Our King and Saviour now draws near:

We light this second candle of Advent, O Lord, expecting your presence in the wilderness, the countryside, the city and our homes. As you prepare the way, make every valley filled and every mountain brought low, guide our feet into the ways of peaceful living.

**The Word of God**

**Blessed art thou, holy and living One.**

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 light of your holy Spirit, to whom all power and authority is given in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; one God, world without end. 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 greatest commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Prayer for the Day

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**The Lord be with you.**

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us to heed their warnings and so escape the terrors of the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The congregation is invited to receive communion.**

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**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 upon 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 shall he 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 his 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 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.

**Prayer over the People**

**Bless the Lord, the God of Israel.**

Who alone doeth wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * For he maketh his elect a heritage, the Jacob whom he hath chosen.**

**Amen.**

**The congregation stands as the Gospel is introduced.**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

**The Rector**

**Prayers of the People**

The leader adds specific intercessions to the prayers where appropriate.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire all who invoke thy name with the same love with which thou receivest them that call upon thee; give to thy Church such unity of spirit, 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.”

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, prefiguring the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Collect for Welcome**

Light within all light, soul behind all souls, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome those who worship today at Bethesda-by-the-Sea. Give us discerning hearts to recognize the face of the Beloved in each child of God, for often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise. In the name of the undivided Trinity. Amen.

**Amen.**

**Collect for the Holy Scriptures**

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**The Rector**

**Amen.**

**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.

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers, and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all the people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who hear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

**The Word of God**

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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 light of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worshipingly 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 greatest 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.

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Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, labor, and adversity; and of thy holy institution and command, we command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for thee; do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his most holy resurrection and glorious ascension; and renewing unto us the most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire that thy fatherly mercy mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all the whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; and, having in remembrance his passion and death, do thyself make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all glory, honor, and power, world without end.

Amen.

The celebrant pronounces absolution and then the congregation stands.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And with thy spirit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Members of the congregation will present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Lord be with you.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer I

All things come of thee O Lord.

And of thine have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II

The Lord be with you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you praise, for your great glory.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

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.

The celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying, Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thy only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for sinners of the whole world; and did institute, and did in remembrance of me, command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For the Lord's Supper, the celebrant offers the prayer:

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Amen.

The people respond:"Amen.

The Break of the Bread

All of the people and the Priest now draw near.

People: Oh come, let us adore him.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts with faith, by thankingsgiving.