

**December 4, 2022  
10:00 AM**

**The Second Sunday  
of Advent**

## **Holy Eucharist**



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*We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field  
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

**“Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey,  
you are welcome here!”**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Opening Hymn:

### Down by the Jordan

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (c) 2000

$\text{J} = 66$

Songs of Grace #12

LOBE DEN HERREN

fr. *Erneuereten Gesangbuch, 1665*

1. Down by the Jo - dan, a pro - phet named John was bap - tiz - ing,  
2. There by the ri - ver, the crowd came with great ex - pec - ta - tion:  
3. Je - sus you went to be bap - tized with all of the oth - ers,  
4. Here in the Church, we are bap - tized and filled with God's Spi - rit.

Preach-ing a mes - sage the peo - ple found bold and sur - pris - ing:  
"Are you God's Cho - sen One, sent here to res - cue our na - tion?"  
Tak - ing your place a - mong sin - ners, God's lost sons and daugh - ters.  
Freed and for - giv - en, we're wel - comed with joy! Can you hear it?

"God will for - give! Show that you'll change how you than  
"No!" John re - plied. "He who is migh - tier than a  
Then with great love, God's Spi - rit came as says, "You're  
This is God's sign! This is how God says,

live! Sure - ly God's new day is ris - - - ing."  
I Judg - es and of - fers sal - va - tion."  
dove! Your work be - gan in those wa - ters.  
mine!" Let's take the good news and share it!

## ***Advent Wreath Blessing***

*Celebrant:* Holy One, we praise you for your son Jesus Christ, who is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, the wisdom that teaches and guides us, the Savior of every nation. Let your blessing come upon us as we light this wreath. May it be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly, and not delay.

*All:* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

## ***Advent Candle Lighting***

*A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light.*

*-John 1:6-7*

As we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath, we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world. Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again. **Amen.**

## ***Opening Acclamation***

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

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

## ***Collect for Purity***

*All*

**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**

## Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

S 91

Healey Willan, 1928

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up  
on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## *Collect of the Day*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

God of the keen blade, which cuts the roots of arrogant power: you raise voices of promise in the dry lands of our desire children of faith from the stones of the earth; make us ready to receive the Spirit and the fire of love, wild and fierce and free; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

***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.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:**                   **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

**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.

***Second Reading***

***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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**All:**

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Gradual:**

### **A Road Runs Through the Wilderness**

Michael Hudson, 2004

Songs for the Cycle, p.5

ST. FLAVIAN  
from *Day's Psalter*, 1562

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in G minor (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp sign) and the bottom staff is in C major (indicated by a 'C'). Both staves are in common time (indicated by a '4'). The music is composed of eighth and sixteenth note chords. The lyrics are written in a mix of regular and bold text, corresponding to the chords. The first section of lyrics is in regular text, and the second section is in bold text.

1. Our road runs through a wil - der - ness, a realm of wan - der - ings;  
2. Each soul must make the ex - o - dus through sa - cred, ar - id space  
3. We do not pass this way a - lone but in pro - found ar - ray;  
4. In time we cher - ish des - ert roads, the slow, de - mand - ing pace;

be -neath a si - lent des - ert sun the spi - rit finds its springs.  
and stack the hal - le - lu - jah stones that mark the pro - mised place.  
the wise, the peac - a - able the just are nev - er far a - way.  
we are a peo - ple turned to God by thirst as well as grace.

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

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

*All:* **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.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Sermon*

*The Rev. Karen Cuffie*

### *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.**

### ***Prayers of the People***

**Leader:** Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing. Let us come before the Lord praying, “Blessed are you, Lord God; *May the earth be filled with your glory.*”

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy Spirit and fire.

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

***May the earth be filled with your glory.***

**Leader:** Grant this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the poor. May we sincerely hope for that day when hurt and destruction are no more.

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

**People:** **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

**Leader:** Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

**People:** **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

**Leader:** Grant this city, O God of understanding, prosperity. May all the people know and do justice. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

**People:** **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

**Leader:** Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. And with your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression.

*(Please add your own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

**People:** **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

**Leader:** Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ.

*Silence*

Blessed are you, Lord God;

**People:** **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

*Celebrant:* Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ***Confession of Sin***

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

*(There will be a moment of silence)*

*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***

*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.**

## ***The Peace***

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Exchange peace.*

## *Birthday and Anniversary Blessings*

**Birthday Blessing:** Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Anniversary Blessing:** O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Offertory:*

### *Herald, Sound the Note*

Moir A. J. Waters (1906-1980)

$\text{J} = 88$

H#70 (alt. tune)

BEACH SPRING

*The Sacred Harp*, 1844

arr. compilers of *Common Ground*, 1998

2. Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is here;  
3. Her - ald, sound the note of par - don - these re - pent - ing are for - given;  
4. Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our life,

make a path - way through the des -ert for the one who brings God near.  
God re - ceives his way - ward chil - dren, and to them new life is given.  
bringing God's own love and pow - er, grant-ing vic - tory in our strife.

Sound the trum - pet! Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

Sound the trum - pet! Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior, King, has come!

### Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him a-bove, ye heavenly host; praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 our 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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your

glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

## Holy, Holy, Holy Lord   *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full,

full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes,

in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the 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. Recalling his 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 him. 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 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.**

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### ***Communion Hymns:***

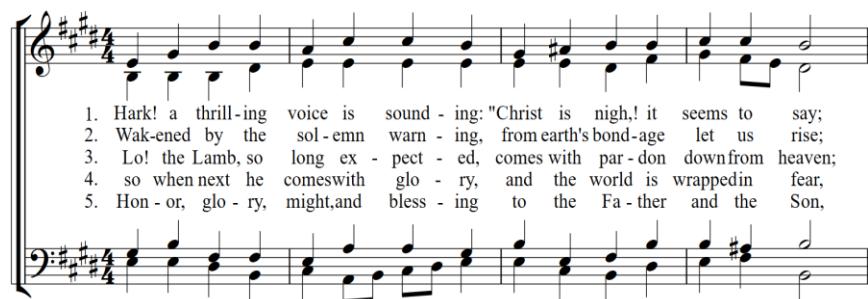
Latin, 6th century  
tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

**Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding**

MERTON

H # 59

William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



1. Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh! it seems to say;  
2. Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil-dren of the day.  
 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

## Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684)

$\text{♩} = 68$

H #67

PSALM 42

Claude Goudimel (1514-1572)



1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
 2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the de - sert far and near;  
 3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing'neath their sor - rows' load.  
 call - ing us to new re - pen - tance since the king - dom now is here.  
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I co - ver, and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet\_ him.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that the word is ne - ver bro - ken.



## ***Post Communion Prayer***

*Please stand*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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.

## ***The Blessing***

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came  
among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his  
blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen**

May he who's second Coming in power and great glory we await,  
make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.  
**Amen.**

May you who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his  
second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## *Mission Song:*

### Prepare the Way, O Zion

Franz Mikael Franzen (1772-1847)

$\text{♩} = 52$

H #65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN

*Then Swensa Psalmboken, 1697*

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let  
3. Flingwide your gates, O Zi - on, your Sa - vior's rule em- brace. His

ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet  
ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. All

One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## *The Dismissal*

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**