

The Second Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish

December 7, 2025

8am



The Liturgy of the Word

Welcome The Venerable Jennifer McKenzie

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

Celebrant On this second Sunday of Advent we hear stories of the dreams and longings of God's people. The Hebrew people dreamed of a king who would rule with justice and peace. The apostle Paul had a dream that all people would belong to God. John the Baptist invited people to dream with him about the coming of God's reign.

Last week we lit the first candle. Its flickering flame reminded us that our waiting is to be both contemplative and active. *(The first candle is relit)* The flame of the second candle reminds us that just as candles can be given a flame, so God's dreams can become real in our world. *(The second candle is lit)*

All stand, as you are able, or adopt a reverent posture of prayer

Celebrant We wait in the darkness, O God, for the coming of your Christ

People A light no darkness can overcome

Celebrant We long, O God, for the coming of your reign

People Let us walk in the light of your promise

Celebrant Let us pray together, saying:

All Gracious God, through your Spirit you spoke to prophets, and the people prayed and waited for a Messiah to come. Through your Spirit you spoke to Mary and Joseph, and they responded and waited for their child to be born. Through your Spirit, speak to each of us that we may feel your presence and know your will in our Advent waiting. *Amen*

Trisagion *(recite three times)*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

The celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Celebrant Let us pray

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.*

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet 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 *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (Please read responsively by whole verse. The Lector will begin.)

- 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.

The Epistle

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the 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*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 3:1-12

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon The Ven. Jennifer McKenzie

As you are able, please stand, or adopt a posture of reverent praise

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

written by Emily Williams Guffrey

Creator of the stars of night, which keep watch when our own faith is dim:
Awaken hope and kindle our longing for your return.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set your people free:
Release us from our sins and fears, that we may live in your light and truth.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O come, Desire of nations: bind in one the hearts of humankind.
Dissolve our sad divisions, and strengthen us to work for peace.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Comfort all who sit in the darkness of illness, grief, or distress,
especially those we now name:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those in need)
Speak to them your peace, which passes all understanding.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Welcome into your glory those we love but see no longer,
especially those we now name:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, names of those who have died)
May light perpetual shine upon them, bright as sun and moon together.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

With the angels who announce your coming with shouts of joy,
let us name the blessings of our lives:
(all are invited to offer, aloud or silently, prayers of thanksgiving)
You have lifted up our lowliness in many marvelous ways.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust
in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom
on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign, one God for ever and ever. **Amen**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.

Announcements

The Offertory

As the gifts of bread, wine and money are carried forward to the altar, the congregation stands.

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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 triumph 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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. 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, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated. If you wish to accept the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct you to the altar rail.

<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE All are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.</p>
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Please note that the wine we use in communion contains alcohol. If you prefer, you are welcome to receive communion in one kind – that is, bread only. There are also gluten-free wafers available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please indicate by folding your arms across your chest.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, saying:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

As you are able, please stand or adopt a posture of reverent praise
Celebrant and People

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

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.*

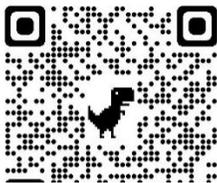
May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

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*

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.





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If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please fill out a leaflet found on the back of the pew and place it in the Offering plate, or hand it to an usher

Ushers 8am: Julie Schardt, Mary Ballard, Josh Westlund & Charles Sadler

10:30am: Matt Schatz, Eric Jenkins, Abigail Peterson & Ken McKenzie

Worship Leaders 8am: Julie Schardt & Barbara Brown **10:30am:** Amy Rose, Eileen Everhart & Renee Seigley

Altar Servers: 8am Abigail Peterson **10:30am** Mary Benson

During the 10:30 service a staffed Nursery for young children is available in the Parish Hall.

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