

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

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PLEASE ENJOY THE SERVICE MUSIC BUT REFRAIN FROM SINGING AT THIS TIME.

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing.*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The People kneel, and the Celebrant reads the Decalogue, the People responding

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. All saying,

**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.**

The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,

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.**

KYRIE *Sung*

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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 FIRST READING *The People sit.*

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 for ever.
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 *sung by the choir*

Benedixisti, Domine

- 1 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.
- 8 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.
- 10 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.

- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

THE SECOND READING

2 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN/SONG

THE HOLY GOSPEL *The People stand*

MARK 1:1-8

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

FR. ROMAN ROLDAN

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

The People respond to all the petitions with

Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord Our God.**

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

At this time simply bow, wave, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.
THE CONGREGATION CAN STILL TURN IN THEIR 2021 COMMITMENT CARD TO BE BLESSED.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SONG/HYMN

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand*

"On Jordon's bank the Baptist cry", verse 5

HYMNAL, 76

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RITE II - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and 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 unto our Lord God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface, which concludes

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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Sung by The Praise Team

**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.

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.

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 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,

Celebrant and People say

**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 Blessed Dunstan and 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.

Celebrant and People say **AMEN**

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

People and Celebrant, kneeling

**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 and a period of silence is kept, then is said

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

THE INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider says the following prayer:

Our Jesus,
We believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
We love you above all things,
and long for you in our souls.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into our hearts.
As though you have already come,
We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you;
never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.
(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

THE COMMUNION MUSIC

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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 AND DISMISSAL

The Priest blesses the people, who respond

Amen.

The Celebrant, dismisses the people, who respond

Thanks be to God.

SONG OF MISSION

*The altar flowers were given to the glory of God in thanksgiving and celebration of
of Rachele Pennington's Birthday by her parents Henry and Teresa Killen.*

Lessons & Carols ~ Dec. 6th at 4pm

*In person & livestreamed. Please RSVP at www.saintdunstans.org/worship2020
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