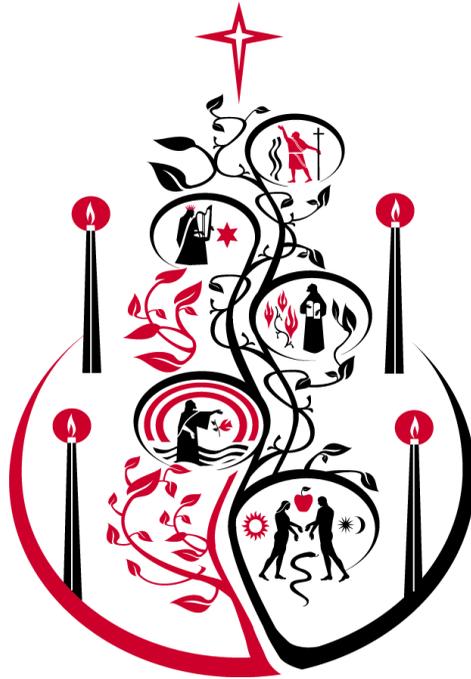


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Timothy Matthews

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Max, Lauren, Alli & Paxton McGehee

God of Light, we come before you seeking your hope and power. Our hearts desire your presence. We are waiting for the dawn from on high to break upon us. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Light, as we light this second candle, open our voices to declare your goodness. You come from on high into the depths of our lives, into both the joy and the despair. And you declare your grace for each of us. Guide us in the path of peace. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR LIGHT.

God of Light, we remember today our brothers and sisters in Nepal. As they wait for healing and support, give them your peace. We pray for your presence, knowledge, and protection for our neighbors amid the challenges they face. Grant them health and understanding. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Light, keep our voices tuned to words of praise. May we always follow your path of peace.

GUIDE US IN THESE ADVENT DAYS UNTIL OUR SAVIOR IS BORN AMONG US.

Turn our attention to you, the One who is our song, our hope, and our joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end.

AMEN

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING:

Malachi 3:1-4

PSALM:

Luke 1:68-79 *(Spoken Responsively)*

- 68 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.
- 69 **You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**
- 70 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us
from our enemies,
- 71 from the hands of all who hate us,
- 72 **to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**
- 73 This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
- 74 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
**free to worship you without fear,
75 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**
- 76 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
- 77 **to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**
- 78 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 79 **to shine on those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

SECOND READING:

Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : *(Spoken in unison; please stand.)*

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

(Luke 3:4, 6)

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Silence for Reflection

MUSIC MEDITATION

Pastorale

Robert Lau

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

You send messengers into the world to proclaim the day of your coming. Make our bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay preachers confident in their preaching, that their words and our lives witness to your grace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember your saints, both those publicly celebrated and those more humbly remembered. Confident that your work will be completed, we live in faith until the day of your coming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . Not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving.

While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with Vanco online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

English Melody

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.

Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angles, with the church on earth and the hosts of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.
Amen

BLESSING May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing (Chapel)

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