

Order of Worship: Advent 2 - DS 3

Prelude Starts Us - a pause and "perhaps" a brief announcement.

Hymn of Invocation, 936 "Sing Praise to the God of Israel"

(Please stand)

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"Confession and Absolution"

Psalm 72:1-7 - *(spoken as follows)*

P) Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C) May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P) Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness! May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

C) May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

P) May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! In his days may the righteous flourish and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

C) May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

(Please be seated)

Entrance Hymn, 347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

(In Advent, we skip the Hymns of Praise)

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"Salutation and Collect of the Day"

(Please be seated)

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. [2] And 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. [3] And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, [4] but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. [5] Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. [6] The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. [7] The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. [8] The nursing child shall play

over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. [9] They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

[10] In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (*spoken*)

Gradual Hymn, 518 "By All Your Saints in Warfare" VI, 24, 25, and 3

The Epistle Reading: Romans 15:4-13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. [5] May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, [6] that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. [7] Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. [8] For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, [9] and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." [10] And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." [11] And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." [12] And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." [13] May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (*spoken*)

(Please stand - In Advent, we skip the Alleluia)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter:

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*sung*)

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, [2] "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." [3] For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.' "

[4] Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. [5] Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan

were going out to him, [6] and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

[7] But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? [8] Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. [9] And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. [10] Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

[11] "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. [12] His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*sung*)

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"The Apostle's Creed"

(*Please be seated*)

Hymn of the Day, 344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

Sermon

(*Please stand*)

Offertory 192-193 "Create in Me"

(*Please be seated*)

The Offering Collection & Music to Accompany

(*Please stand*)

Prayer of the Church - *Listed in bulletin*

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"Lord's Prayer" (*spoken*)

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"The Words of Our Lord"

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"Agnus Dei"

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The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament - *The middle ring in the communion cup tray is non-alcoholic wine (alcohol removed); the outer rings are normal wine.*

(*Please stand*)

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"Nunc Dimittis"

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"Thanksgiving to Benediction"

Closing Hymn, 919 "Abide O Dearest Jesus"

Postlude

Worship leaders:

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Organist / Music Director - Debra Stolpe