



St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle

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The Second Sunday of Advent ***December 4, 2016***

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

The service begins on page 67 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Collect – p. 97/Psalm 149 – p. 520 For the readings see 10:30 am

Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Jeanette Lewis

Homilist: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine

Mass setting: Short Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode Charles Wood

Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle. Gluten-free communion wafers are available at the high altar for those who have gluten intolerance. Please ask for a gluten-free wafer when you come for communion.

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Please help preserve a prayerful silence before the service.

Prelude: *Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland BWV 660*

J.S. BACH

Introit: *Behold, the Saviour is at hand. Prepare ye,
prepare ye to receive the Lord your God*

MAURICE WHITE

The Gathering of the Community

Processional Hymn 108: *Hark, a herald voice is sounding*

MERTON

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All **And with thy Spirit.**

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:**

**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader On this Second Sunday of Advent we remember John the Baptist, and all the prophets of old who prepared the people for the coming of Jesus, our Saviour and king.

Leader Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;

All **For he hath visited and redeemed his people;**

Leader And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,

All **In the house of his servant David.**

Leader As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,

All **Which have been since the world began;**

Leader That we should be saved from our enemies,

All **And from the hands of all that hate us.**

Leader Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that at the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Choir **Lord have mercy upon us, Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah; inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge we stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

Old Testament Lesson: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Reader: Kevin Sinclair

Reader The Old Testament lesson is written in the 11th chapter of the book of Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

A shoot shall come out from the stock 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



- Cantor* 1 GIVE THE king thy judgements, O **God** : and thy righteousness un-to the king's son.
- All* 2 Then shall he judge thy people according unto **right** : and thy **poor** with jus-tice.
- Cantor* 3 The mountains also shall bring **peace** : and the little hills righteousness un-to the peo-ple.
- All* 4 He shall keep the simple folk by their **right** : save the children of the poor, and punish **the** wrong do-er.
- Cantor* 5 He shall live as long as the **sun** : and while the moon endureth, from one generation **to** an-o-ther.
- All* 6 He shall come down like the rain upon the **mown** grass : even as the showers that **wa**-ter the earth.
- Cantor* 7 In his time shall righteousness **flour**-ish : yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the **moon** en-dur-eth.
- All* 18 Let his name endure for **ev**-er : let his name continue as **long** as the sun.
- Cantor; All* 19 Let all the tribes of the earth be blessed through **him** : and let all nations **call** him hap-py.

Reader The epistle is written in the 15th chapter of the letter to the Romans, beginning at the 4th verse.

For 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: The Advent Prose

Please stand, as able.



Choir 2. We have sinned, and are as an unclean thing, and we all do fade as a leaf: and our iniquities, like the wind have taken us away; thou hast hid thy face from us: and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

All **Repeat refrain**

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to Matthew, beginning at the 1st verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 axe 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.’

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

Please be seated

Nicene Creed *Please stand.*

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
and in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God, of God; Light, of Light; very God,
of very God; begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father;
through whom all things were made:
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried,
and the third day he rose again,
according to the scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick
and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceedeth from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and
the Son together is worshipped and
glorified, who spake by the prophets.
And I believe one, holy, catholic,
and apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
And I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the People - *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Intercessor: Winston Isaac

The Response to "Lord, in your mercy" is "Hear our prayer".

The Comfortable Words & Invitation to Confession - *Please kneel, as able.*

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced. Then all stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 106: *There's a voice in the wilderness*

ASCENSION

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving (*Common Praise 682*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

The Celebrant continues with the preface. Then is sung:

Choir Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

Celebrant Blessing and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee, almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death until his coming again. Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me." Likewise after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me". Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy bread of eternal life and the cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded:

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we entirely desire thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; and we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



Celebrant And now, as our Sav-iour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

All Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en. Hal-low-ed be thy Name, Thy king-
dom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this
day our dai-ly bread; And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give
those who tres-pass a-gainst us; And lead us not in - to temp-ta-tion,
But de-liv-er us from e - vil. For thine is the king-dom,
the pow-er, and the glo-ry, For ev-er and ev-er. A - men.

Music by John Merbecke

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare and banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant We do not presume,

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine. Drinking from the common chalice is considered safer from the point of view of public health; you are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. You may indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.

Communion Hymn 70: *Jesus, the joy of loving hearts*

MARYTON

Motet: *This is the Record of John*

ORLANDO GIBBONS

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. John 1:19 - 23

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God,

All **We most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; And that we are living members of his mystical Body, Which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom. And here we offer and present and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, Yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, To whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing & Announcements - *Please be seated.*

Hymn 116: *Your Kingdom come on bended knee*

IRISH

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Fugue in a*

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