

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Offering Companionship along the Way*

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 4, 2022

**Prelude** Organ Improvisation on *Merton*

**Opening Hymn 59** Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

**Candle Lighting Hymn 56 vss. 3, 4** O come, O come, Emmanuel

*Veni, veni Emmanuel*

### THE WORD OF GOD

*Pastor* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Holy God: Trisagion Hymnal S 102**

Alexander Archangelsky

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

*Pastor* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Pastor* Let us pray together our collect.

**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.**

**A reading from the prophecy of 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

*Plainsong, Mode 1.7*

- 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.

### **A Reading from 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.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn 449** O love, how deep, how broad, how high

*Deo gracias*

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

*People*        **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.”

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Heidi Truax

**A time of Silent Reflection**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (*we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful*).

Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Tom and Susanna Schindler, for Jeffrey Silvernale and Doug Howes, for Jarrod, Michelle, Emma, Brennan, and Teddy Sisk. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

**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.**

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.**

*Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

**Offertory Hymn 76** On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

*Winchester New*

**Doxology Hymn 380, vs. 3** Praise God from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100th*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

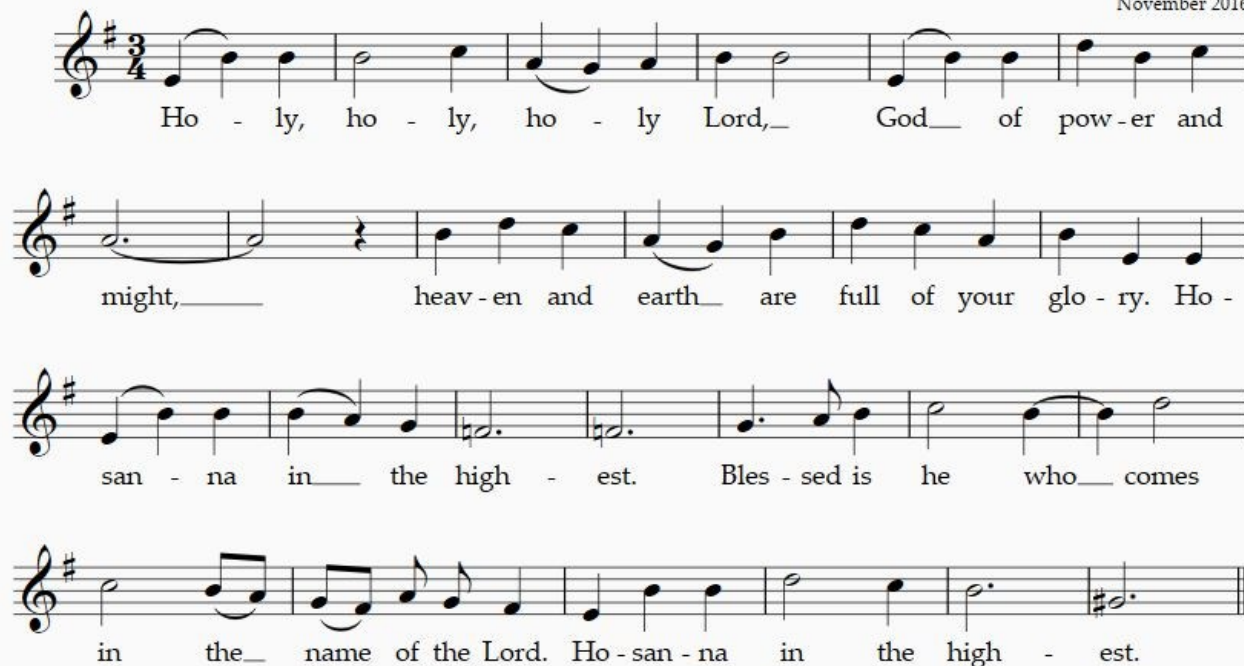
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life. You made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

Christine Gevert  
November 2016



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

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 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem *Christ our Passover*

Christine Gevert  
November 2016

Christ our Pass-over is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words "Christ our Pass-over is sa-cri-". The second staff continues the melody for "ficed for us, there-fore let us keep the feast." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words split across lines.

**Distribution of Holy Communion at floor level**

*We offer wine and grape juice, blessed*

**Communion Hymn 704** O thou who camst from above

*Hereford*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

**God for whom we wait and watch, you sent John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of your Son; strengthened by your sacrament, give us courage to speak the truth in love and foster unity among all people as we await the day of your coming. Amen.**

**Blessing**

God, whom we expect and await, God who is ever with us;  
Draw you to his love, draw you to his light, draw you to himself.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Final Hymn 65** Prepare the way, O Zion

*Bereden väg för Herran*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude** Improvisation on tune *Bereden väg för Herran*

*The greens on the altar this season are given by Fran Colombo, Fred and Sally Harris, and by Eleanore Boyse, who gives them in the memory of her sister, Jacqueline Kuhn.*

**Serving Today**

*Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax  
Music Director: Christine Gevert  
Minister of Communion: M. E. Freeman  
Lector: Linda Lloyd  
Epistoler: Bill Jenks  
Intercessor: Barry Anderson  
Altar Guild: Theresa Kenny  
Advent Greens: Heather Chapman  
Counter: John Lloyd  
Usher: Alan Swide  
Verger: Geoff Brown*

