

Welcome
We are thankful you have joined us today!

Entrance Psalm

[Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isa 40:3b]

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

A **Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works
that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments
he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham,
his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded,
for a thousand generations.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022
(Setting 3)

*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven
is at hand. Matthew 3:2*

If you all would know: I am the voice
calling, I am the angel which is sent
before the Lord to announce to you that you
are to prepare and to make straight the way
for Him, the Lord, who is following close after
me. Lay, then, aside all that may hinder His
way. Put away the gross and open sins, but
above all the sins of the spirit which have the
appearance of holiness but which most impede
His coming to you. Receive Him with rejoicing,
obey Him and believe in Him, and come to be
baptized. If you do this, you will be blessed by
God, will receive the forgiveness of your sins,
and will truly become His people, saved and
holy. But if you will not let yourselves be taught,
intending rather to abide by your old nature,
all hope will be gone, and your doom will be
upon you before you expect it. For the axe lies
not beneath the bench, neither does it hang on
the wall, but even now it is laid at the root of
the tree.

Thus the man to whom I point and witness is not so
weak and contemptible as you may think. Truly,
I say to you: He is stronger than I am. He is so
great and holy that 'I am not worthy to loosen
His shoelaces', for He Himself is God, the Lord.
Behold, He comes to you full of grace, that He
may help you out of all your need and make
you just and blessed. If ye receive Him, all will
be well with you; if not, He will soon finish
with you.

—Martin Luther,
Sermons from the year 1540.

Hymn

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding | 345

Please stand.

Confession & Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. [Matt 28:19b; 18-20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our
sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, [Hebrews 10:22]

who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

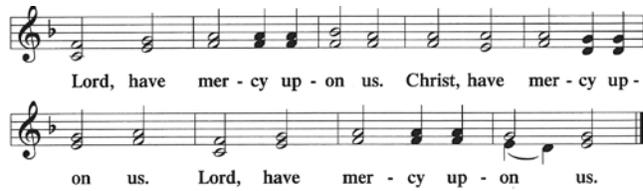
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

Quiet time for self-examination and confession.

O almighty God, merciful Father, **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess
unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offend-
ed You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punish-
ment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of
them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake
of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor,
sinful being.** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a
called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto
all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of
the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** [John 20:19-23]

Kyrie

[Mark 10:47]



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.** [2 Timothy 4:22]

Let us pray... [silence for individual prayer] Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Readings from God's Word

The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah:

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

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.
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,

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.
Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

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.

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 cobra,
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the
adder's den.

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.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a
signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations in-
quire, and his resting place shall be glorious. [Isaiah 11:1-10]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Epistle Reading is from Romans:

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. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with

one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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, 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."*

And again it is said,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

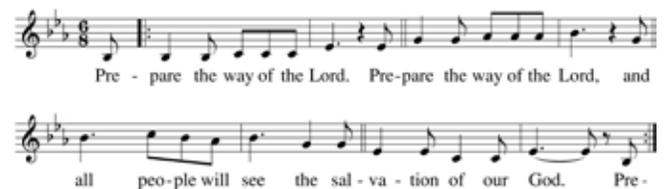
*And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."*

*And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will
the Gentiles hope."*

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. [Romans 15:4-13]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Please stand to greet the Holy Gospel twice singing:



Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 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.'"*

Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. 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. 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.

"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 fire. 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.” [Matt 3:1-12]

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Children's Talk

Please sit. The children are invited forward for a message based on today's Scripture readings led by Pastor Riordan.

Hymn

On Jordan's Bank | **344**

1 all | 2 choir | 3 women | 4 men | 5 all

Sermon

Our Confession of Faith

Please stand to confess the Nicene Creed printed on the inside back cover of the hymnal.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Those for whom we pray are listed on the Life at Faith insert.

Announcements/Gathering of Offering

In Person | Mail to Church | Bank Bill Pay

Please be seated and place completed attendance cards in the offering plate, then stand as the gifts are brought to the altar and sing:



Offertory-Create in Me

[Psalm 51:10-12]



Sacrament of the Altar

[2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136]

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

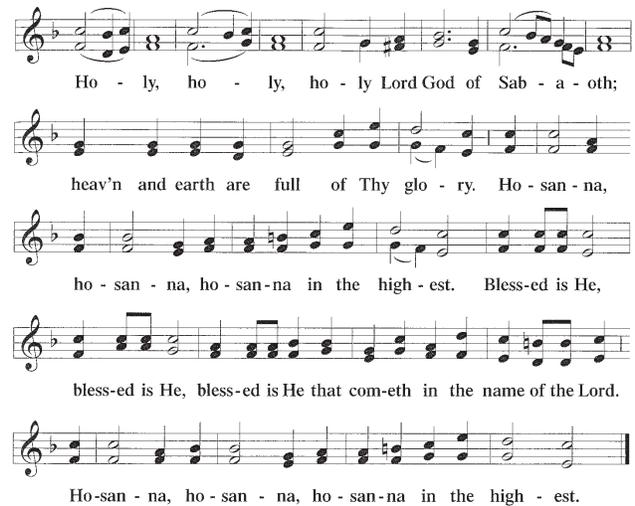
It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who

takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

[Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9]



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. [Matt 6:9-13]

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." [Mt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25]

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.** [John 20:19]

Lamb of God

[John 1:29]

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated and come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Distribution of Holy Communion/Hymns

The Lord's Supper is a meal for disciples of Jesus who have been baptized and taught (as our Lord says in Matthew 28). Those who have confessed their sins, acknowledge Jesus as their Savior from sin, believe that with the bread and the wine Christ truly gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, desire to commit themselves to Him in loving obedience, and share the faith confessed at this altar, are welcome to participate. If you have any doubts or questions about the gift of the Lord's Supper, we ask that you consult with the pastor or an elder. Children are invited to come to the altar with their parents to receive a blessing

Hymns When All the World Was Cursed | **346**
The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns | **348**

When all have communed, please stand

Post Communion Song

[Luke 2:29-32]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray...one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Benediction

[Numbers 6:24-26]

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you + peace.

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign | **832**

Postlude

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