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Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Solemn High Mass

Our Church stands on the unceded traditional
territory of the Anishinaabe Algonquin Nation.

Organ Prelude

Rorate caeli

Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

Mass Setting

Missa XVII

Plainsong

Creed: Merbecke

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Rhiannon, Kira, Michelle and Catherine: On the first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs. We light it again. *(the candle is lit)*

Today we light the second candle to remember the Prophets of the Old Testament. *(the candle is lit)*

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world, be with us on our journey through Advent, that we may know you better. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us pray

All: Lord Jesus, **Master of both light and darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparation for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of Your Kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of Your presence. We are Your people, walking in darkness yet seeking the light. To You, we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

Opening Hymn

622 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee

Irish

Introit Proper

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations : and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. *Ps.* Hear, O thou Shepherd of

Israel : thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep. Glory be ... O people ...

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Kyrie p.2

Collects

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 may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading 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.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

VIII.2



Psalm 72

Deus, judicium.

- ¹ Give the king thy judgements, O *God*, / and thy righteousness un-*to* the king's son.
- ² Then shall he judge thy people according unto *right*, / and thy *poor* with jus-tice.
- ³ The mountains also shall bring *peace*, / and the little hills righteousness un-*to* the peo-ple.
- ⁴ He shall keep the simple folk by their *right*, / save the children of the poor, and punish *the wrong do-er*.
- ⁵ He shall live as long as the *sun*, / and while the moon endureth, from one generation *to* an-o-ther.
- ⁶ He shall come down like the rain upon the mown *grass*, / even as the showers that *wa-ter* the earth.
- ⁷ In his time shall righteousness *flour-ish*; / yea, and abundance of peace, so long as the *moon* en-dur-eth.
- ²⁰ Blessed be the Lord, the God of *Is-ra^el*, / who only *do-eth wond-rous^things*;
- ²¹ And blessed be the Name of his majesty for ev-er: / and let all the earth be filled with his majesty. A-*men* and A-men.

Second Reading Romans 15:4-13

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

15 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* Winchester New

Gradual Proper

Out of Sion hath God appeared : in perfect beauty. *℟.* Gather my saints together unto me : those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice. Alleluia. Alleluia. *℟.* For the powers of heaven shall be shaken : and they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

✠ The Holy Gospel is written in the third chapter of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

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 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Canon George Kwari

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Offertory Motet

The Call	Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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Offertory Proper

Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee : shew us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Offertory Hymn

8	<i>Hills of the north, rejoice</i>	Little Cornard
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Prayer over the Gifts

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 CANON OF THE MASS

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Communion Proper

Jerusalem, haste thee, and stand on high : and behold the joy and gladness that cometh unto thee from God thy Saviour.

Communion Hymn

25 *Ye servants of the Lord*

Festal Song

Ablutions Motet

A tender shoot

Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

Prayer after Communion

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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Post-Communion Hymn

3 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Cross of Jesus

The Angelus

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Organ Postlude

Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 660
("Come unto us, Saviour of the nations")

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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The Reverend Canon Roger Young

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The Reverend Canon George Kwari

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