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### **W O R S H I P**

8:15am – Traditional  
9:30am – Gather & Grow  
10:45am - Contemporary

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*"Raising Up  
Families and Followers  
of Jesus Christ"*

## **Second Sunday in Advent**

December 7, 2025

8:15 AM



## BEAR FRUIT IN KEEPING WITH REPENTANCE

### AS WE GATHER

The problem with good works is not *that* we should do them but *why*. Our works reflect what it is we believe and hold dear. Works are the fruit of repentance and faith and do not add to what Christ has done in His mighty work of redemption. The call to bear the good fruit of repentance is not to work harder to be saved but to manifest in our everyday lives that we are saved, that we belong to the Lord, and that He has accomplished all things for our salvation. John faced a generation impressed with their works and empty of faith in God's mercy. We should know that doing works is not a choice. Hearts of faith will produce the good fruits of repentance. This is the calling of Christians and the mark of the work of the Spirit in our lives.

### + PREPARATION +

### INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Philipians 1:6*

Leader May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

Congregation **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

Leader Holy and gracious God,

Congregation **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

Leader Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation **Amen.**

Leader He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Congregation **Amen.**

+ WORD +

(The Advent wreath is lit with the other candles as the hymn or Introit is sung.)

**357 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL** *sts. ref, 3–4*

3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from  
tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst  
Satan's tyranny That trust Thy might - y  
give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe.  
pow'r to save, And give them victory o'er the grave.  
*Refrain*  
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
Tune: French, 15th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

**KYRIE**

Leader Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

**Congregation Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For peace in our hearts, for peace in the church, and for peace in the world,  
let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For mercy to forgive all our sins, for mercy to forgive the sins of one  
another, and for mercy for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For grace to rule our unruly wills, for grace to prepare to receive the Lord in His Word and Supper, and for grace to be found faithful when He comes at the end of all time, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

Leader For hope to preserve us from despair, for hope to bear cheerful witness to Christ before the world, and for hope to sustain us in the hour of trial, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

## **SALUTATION**

Leader The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Leader Let us pray.

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.

**Congregation Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 11:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 72:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

<sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

<sup>3</sup>Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

<sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor! <sup>5</sup>May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations! <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth! <sup>7</sup>In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

## EPISTLE

*Romans 15:4–13*

<sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>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."

<sup>10</sup>And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

<sup>11</sup>And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

<sup>12</sup>And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

<sup>13</sup>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.

Reader            This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation    Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE

*Luke 3:4b, 6*

Leader           Alleluia.

**Congregation    Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

Leader           Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL    *Matthew 3:1–12*

Leader            The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**Congregation    Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup>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.'"

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>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? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>"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.

<sup>12</sup>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."

Leader This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Connie Dougherty

### 344 ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the  
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
way for God with - in; And let us all our  
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we  
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry  
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.  
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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## SERMON

### NICENE CREED

**Congregation** I believe in one God, 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 His 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, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian 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.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**Leader** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** Lord, have mercy.

**Leader** For grace to acknowledge the Lord, who made all things for Himself, and for faith to trust in His mercy incarnate in Jesus Christ, His Son, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For the church established by Christ and sustained by Him through the means of grace, for boldness to call a world to repentance, and for faithfulness to proclaim His Gospel without fear, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For all the nations and peoples of the earth and for those who lead them, but especially for this nation, our president, governor, legislators, and magistrates, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For grateful hearts to receive the good fruits of the earth with thanksgiving and for wisdom that we might bear the good fruit of repentance in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For all godly and noble vocations, for marriages and children, for the single and the retired, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For an end to poverty and need and for compassion that we may manifest charity for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For the sick, the suffering, the dying, and those who attend to them, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader            For all needs of body and soul, and for courage that we may not depart the way of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation**    **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

### **PREFACE**

Leader            The Lord be with you.

**Congregation**    **And also with you.**

Leader            Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation**    **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Leader            In speaking all things into being, You manifested both Your goodness and Your love. In sending forth the promise of a Savior, You showed forth Your compassion and mercy. In the fullness of time You brought forth Your



promise, sending into the womb of the virgin by the power of the Spirit Your only-begotten Son. As He has accomplished all things for our salvation by the one, all-sufficient offering of His body on the cross, we give You thanks and praise that You have counted us worthy to stand before You and to receive the precious gift of His grace in His Meal, which He established by His own will and testament.

**Congregation**    **Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

Leader            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."

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

Leader            As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Congregation**    **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader            O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Congregation**    **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**

## **PAX DOMINI**

Leader            The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation**    **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### 621 LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and  
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard  
 4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–85, alt.

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### 343 PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!  
 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!  
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!  
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!  
 Palm branch-es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar-ments! Shout and sing!  
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:  
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!  
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!  
 So let your praise be sound-ing For kind-ness so a - bound-ing:

*Refrain*



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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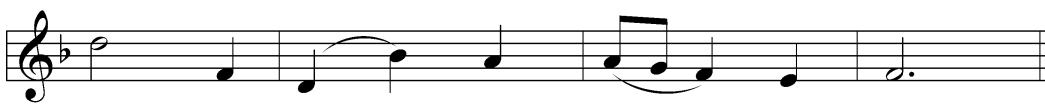
### 349 HARK THE GLAD SOUND



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior  
 2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a  
 bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him  
 soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His  
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.  
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–51 Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820 Text and tune: Public domain

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

**Congregation for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

Leader Let us bless the Lord.

**Congregation Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

Leader The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People Amen.**

## 354 ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE



1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -  
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the  
3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on  
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -



day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your  
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this  
high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty  
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed



sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The  
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The  
soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That  
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from  
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -  
heeds God's in - vi - ta - tion And makes true prep - a -  
now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing Your prais - es



heav - en To all the world is shown.  
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.  
ra - tion— It is the Lord's de - light.  
glad - ly And forth Your glo - ry show.

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