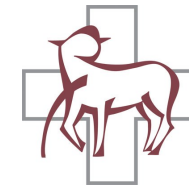


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## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 4, 2022



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### Collect of the Day

- P** 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.
- C 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.

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

**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.

**Holy Gospel** *Matthew 3:1–12*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.  
**C** **Glory be to Thee, 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 com-  
ing 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.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**



**THE SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT  
December 4, 2022**

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