



## CELEBRATION *of the* EUCHARIST



*Saint John the Baptist, altarpiece panel*  
Lippo Memmi , (c.1325)

## Second Sunday of Advent



**December 7, 2025**

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## INTRODUCTORY RITES



### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Isaiah 30:19, 30

*O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.*

### ENTRANCE HYMN

**On Jordan's Bank, 278**

WINCHESTER NEW

5:30 PM **Christ Circle Round Us, 284**

D. Schutte

### GREETING

### PENITENTIAL ACT

#### Advent Penitential Act

T. Lewicki

[Invocation] Lord, have mer - cy.  
[Invocation] Christ, have mer - cy.  
[Invocation] Lord, have mer - cy.

### COLLECT

## LITURGY of the WORD



### FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

*He shall judge the poor with justice.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 712:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Jus - tice shall flou - rish in his time,  
and full - ness of peace for ev - er.

O God, with your judgment endow  
the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
he shall govern your people with  
justice  
and your afflicted ones with  
judgment. *℟*

For he shall rescue the poor when he  
cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one  
to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and  
the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save. *℟*

Justice shall flower in his days,  
and profound peace, till the moon  
be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the  
earth. *℟*

May his name be blessed forever;  
as long as the sun his name shall  
remain.  
In him shall all the tribes of the earth  
be blessed;  
all the nations shall proclaim his  
happiness. *℟*

*Christ saves everyone.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 3:4, 6

*Cantor first time, then all*

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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION of FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

*All  
bow.*

**For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

*Our response is, Come, O Lord, and set us free.*

# LITURGY of the EUCHARIST



## PREPARATION of the ALTAR and the GIFTS

### Comfort, Comfort, O My People, 295

GENEVA 42

5:30 PM **Benedictus**

S. Angrisano & C. Stephn

**Refrain**

Bless-ed be the Lord, for he has raised up for us a  
might - y sav - ior. Our God has set us free, ful -  
fill - ing the prom - ise to save his peo - ple.

**Verses**

1. Through his ho - ly proph - ets, he prom - ised from  
2. You, my child, have been cho - sen a proph - et of  
3. In his ten - der com - pas - sion, the dawn now breaks

1. of old to save us from who would harm us. His  
2. the Lord, pro-claim-ing his for - give - ness, sal -  
3. on high to shine on those in the dark - ness: a

1. mer-cy he would show, re-mem-b'ring his Ho - ly Word.  
2. va-tion to make known, pre-par - ing the way of God.  
3. light un-to our feet in - to the way of peace.

to Refrain

## 11:30 AM **Advent Carol**

Richard Gibala

**C**ount, if you can, all the stars in the heavens;” Abraham marveled as Mystery spoke. “Next year a son!” the trav’ler had promised; and Sarah had laughed at what seemed but a joke.

Faceless the Myst’ry, nameless the Trav’ler, Dreams beyond words set the stage for God’s grace. Faith dares to hope in a promise unlikely, For Love is God’s name and the glimpse of God’s face.

*God of our doubting, God ever faithful,  
God of our questioning, God the all-wise,  
God our Emmanuel, God Maranatha,  
God the unchanging, God the surprise.*

Sunk in the depths of his people’s despairing, How dare Isaiah trust dreams in his heart? Dead though the root, yet a new flow’r will blossom, from death and

decay there will bloom a fresh start.

Where did the Prophet look? Close to the present, Israel’s hope was its newly born King. “Wonderful Counselor,” King Hezekiah, oh surely of him did the oracle sing.

No mortal ruler incarnates such promise, No earthly king can be called Prince of Peace; Past his own vision Isaiah was pointing; oh When would the longing of Israel cease?

Though in the fullness of time came the Virgin, Bearing the Christ, he who makes all things new; Still it is Advent, the last page of Scripture prays: “Come, Lord! The world is still waiting for you!”

Text: Peter Scagnelli (1949-2017)

## PRAYER over the OFFERINGS

# THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,

we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

## Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

## COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SIGN of PEACE

THE BREAKING of the BREAD

**Advent Lamb of God, 271**

K. Keil

## MUSIC during the COMMUNION PROCESSION

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Baruch 5:5, 4:36

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,  
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.*

*Cantor first time, then all*

Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise and

stand up - on the heights, and be - hold the

joy which comes to you from God.

5:30 PM **Maranatha, 283**

**A Voice Cries Out, 276**

11:30 AM **Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People**

Gerald Chiusano

Michael Joncas

Claude Goudimel  
(1510-1572)

**C**omfort, comfort, ye my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrow's load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, bidding all men to repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abraod; and all flesh shall see the token that his word is never broken.

Text: Based on Isaiah 40:1-8; Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684), translation by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

## PRAYER *after* COMMUNION

### CONCLUDING RITES



## BLESSING *and* DISMISSAL

### CLOSING HYMN

**People, Look East, 297**

BENASÇON



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