



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2022 at 10:00AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Welcome to the Episcopal Church of Saint Clement!
We are so glad you are here to worship with us this morning.

Welcome to worship at Saint Clement! We are delighted to come TOGETHER this Sunday! We also are thrilled you have chosen to celebrate with us. **Nursery care is available for infants to age 4.**

During the liturgy, we will use the Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal 1982, and the LEVAS Hymnal found in the pew racks. 'S' refers to the service music section at the front of The Hymnal 1982.

All who seek a deeper relationship with God in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion during this liturgy. Gluten-free wafers are available. Receive the bread in the outstretched palm of your hand. Wine is offered in a common Chalice during communion; you may receive the wine by sipping from the Chalice or through intinction (dipping your bread). If the reception of Holy Communion is not part of your tradition, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate to the priest your desire to receive a blessing.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, we invite you to join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Saint Clement will provide Sunday treats.

To learn more about the mission and ministry of the Church of St. Clement, please email Rev. Robin Razzino at revrobinrazzino@gmail.com or the Church Office at office@saintclement.org. We would be happy to set up a meeting with you.

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Gathering:

Prepare the Way of the Lord

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Text:

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Lighting of the Wreath: Advent II

(*credit: The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski)

Celebrant:

Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE.

The candle is lit.

Scripture:

Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace.

Prayer:

Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. **Amen.**

Processional:

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Hymnal 544

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

Hymnal S96

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament

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.

The Response

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 - Deus, iudicium

1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to
the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the
oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown
field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

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.

Sequence: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (*vs. 1,4&8)*

Hymnal 56

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 3:1-12

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 to You, Lord Christ.

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| Sermon | The Rev. Mark Jefferson, PhD |
| The Nicene Creed | BCP 358 |
| Prayers of the People, Form IV | BCP 388 |
| Confession of Sin | BCP 360 |
| The Peace | BCP 360 |
| Announcements | |
| Offertory Hymn: | <i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding</i> Hymnal 59 |
| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B | BCP 367 |
| Sanctus | <i>Sanctus</i> Hymnal S130 |
| Memorial Acclamation | BCP 368 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
| Fraction: | <i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i> Hymnal S164 |

Please Remember in your Prayers

Parishioners: Yvonne Eyo, Shirley Hicar, Justin Morgan, Elsie Mosqueda, Peggy Nigon, Jim Payne, Ellen Rayner, Fiona Montante, Barbara Borden, Mike and Linda Oliver, Wick Cromwell, Sarai Welch, Daniel Ziegler, and Harry Williams.

Friends & Family: Joey Connor, Beth Crawley, the Forest family, Gene Heiler, Boris Medrano and his family, Cameron Pattissal and family, C.P. Reid and family, Josh Wimberly, CC Mullen, Richard T, Brian Hood, Tiffany Foddrell, Nate Zapadka, Kate Zapadka, Cathy Mercer and Family, Baby Ford and Family, Nancy Stavely, Jake Murray, Kenneth Lively, Karen Johnson, Chris, Doug Brown, Joyce and Simone, Julius and Marina Gonsalves, Iona, Tara McCallister and family, Simon I., Griffin Sidler, Marie Gillespie, Whitney Fauntleroy, William Rahn, Rose-Ellen Eastman and family; Nick, Victoria and Sophia Ellington, the family of Amanda Villarosa, Sharon and Nancy Hill, Marie Carey; Izzy, Ben and Brittany Phelps; Noel, Daniel and Darryl; Jean, Lance, Theo and Oliver Pennington; Pat Heflin, Fred Bayne, Susan Wiard, Caitlin Koerber, Elizabeth Koerber, Jonathan Judah, Beth Hoffman, Jerry and Sandie Casway, Alberto Salvado, Nancy Perkins, Michael Scully, Jeanne Watson, Larry Passow, Jennifer and Nessa Seagraves, Jovita Mina, Tara McCleary, the Elkin family, Karena and her son Kelsey, Anne Crawley, Lea Nigon, the Gil family, family of Lynne Gravina, Sara Iturregui and family, the Garth Froom family, Anne and Jim Riordan; Bob Wright; Shea; our families, friends and neighbors affected by COVID-19 especially Nancy Poe, Katie Mazzocco, Carlos and Pamela Davila; Rita, Bobby and Tisha Massey; David Lambert; Gabi Salas; Michael Coling; Suzanne Martin; Andre Cardozo; for the victims of the war in the Ukraine, especially those who have died and their surviving family members; for the citizens of Sri Lanka during this time of turmoil; for all in the path of destructive storms this Hurricane season, especially those recovering from Fiona and Ian.

For Those Who Have Died: Norman Sherlock, the father of Sean Sherlock. We pray for Norman, Sean, and the entire Sherlock family in this period of grief.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Grace, Bremono Bluff; Meade Memorial, Alexandria; St. Martin's, Richmond; St. Matthew's, Richmond; St. Peter's, Richmond; and Varina, Varina.

Birthdays this Week: Please pray for Betsy Cromwell (12/5), Ryan McCoy (12/5), and Paige Darlington (12/7)

Announcements

Trees, Trees, Trees! 'Tis the Season! Saint Clement is in the midst of our Annual Christmas Trees Sale. Have a spare hour or three...even just 45 minutes? Please sign-up to volunteer on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, while supplies last! Details are available via SignUp Genius; links can be found in the Weekly Email! Questions? Chris Kent, our Fearless Tree Leader, can be reached at kentcp@gmail.com. We look forward to gathering and bringing a bit of fellowship, festivity and greenery to the community!

Bulletin notices - Please submit announcements to the Parish Administrator (office@saintclement.org) no later than Tuesday at 9:00 AM. These will be included in the weekly email and the Sunday bulletin.

The Church of Saint Clement

1701 N Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302

Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Robin Razzino, Rector

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Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*(*returning Jan. '23)*

Sunday 10:00AM: Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Office Information

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Whether you are a newcomer or visitor, we trust you will feel at home in this Christian community, where we are a parish in mission to:

Spread the Word of God, Share the Love of God

Serve the People of God