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# The Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

*It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to silence cell phones. Let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Large-print Prayer Books and Activity Workbooks for kids are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube and Facebook Live. We joyfully welcome children of all ages to worship with us; there is a nursery available for infants and toddlers if you wish it. Children are encouraged to proceed to the chapel for Children's Chapel immediately following the reading of the Gospel. They will return at The Peace.*

## The Word of God

**OPENING VOLUNTARY** ~ Nun komm der Heiden Heiland (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 659.....Johann Sebastian Bach

*When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** #76 ~ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ..... *Winchester New*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Prayer Book, page 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**KYRIE ELEISON** (*Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy*) ..... Janet Hall

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 FIRST LESSON** ~ Isaiah 11:1-10

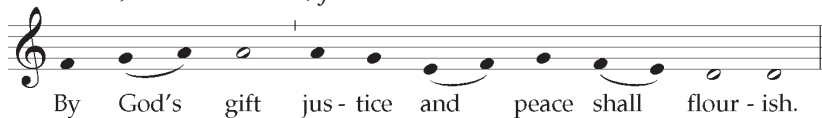
A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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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. [*Refrain*]
- 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. [*Refrain*]
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth. [*Refrain*]
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. [*Refrain*]
- 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. [*Refrain*]

THE SECOND LESSON - 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Please stand and sing*

ALLELUIA & VERSE



- V. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God. [*Alleluia*]

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 3:1-12

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

*People* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

## THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form III

Prayer Book, Page 387

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

# The Liturgy of the Table

## ANTHEM

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| 1. Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming<br>from tender stem hath sprung!<br>Of Jesse's lineage coming<br>as seers of old have sung.<br>It came, a blossom bright,<br>amid the cold of winter,<br>when half spent was the night. | 2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,<br>the Rose I have in mind,<br>with Mary we behold it,<br>the Virgin Mother kind.<br>To show God's love aright,<br>she bore to us a Savior,<br>when half spent was the night. | 3. O Flower, whose fragrance tender<br>with sweetness fills the air,<br>dispel in glorious splendor<br>the darkness everywhere;<br>true man, yet very God,<br>from sin and death now save us,<br>and share our every load. |
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Words: St. 1-2 German, St. 3 Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859)

Music: Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

*Please stand and sing*

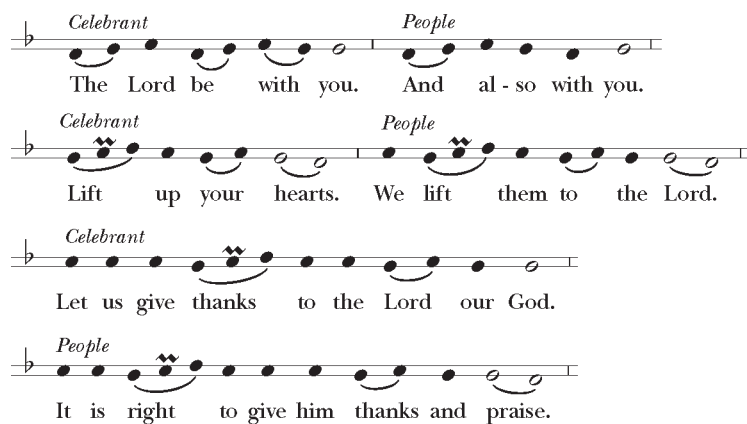
OFFERTORY HYMN #72 ~ Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes.....*Richmond*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

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## SURSUM CORDA



*Celebrant*      *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

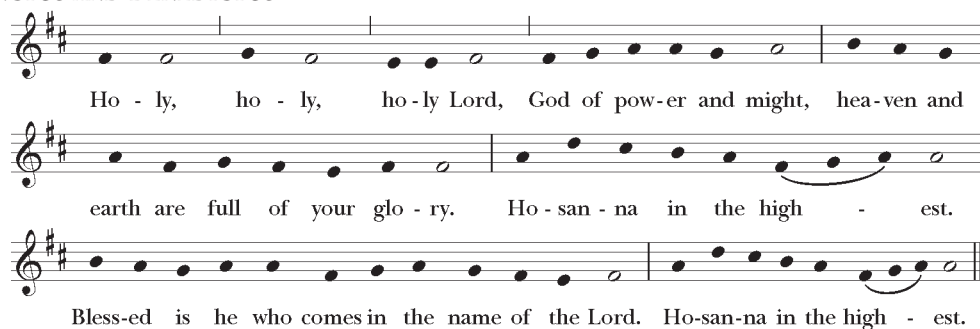
*Celebrant*      *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*  
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## THE PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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.

*(Standing or Kneeling)*

## THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

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### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(said by all)*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory

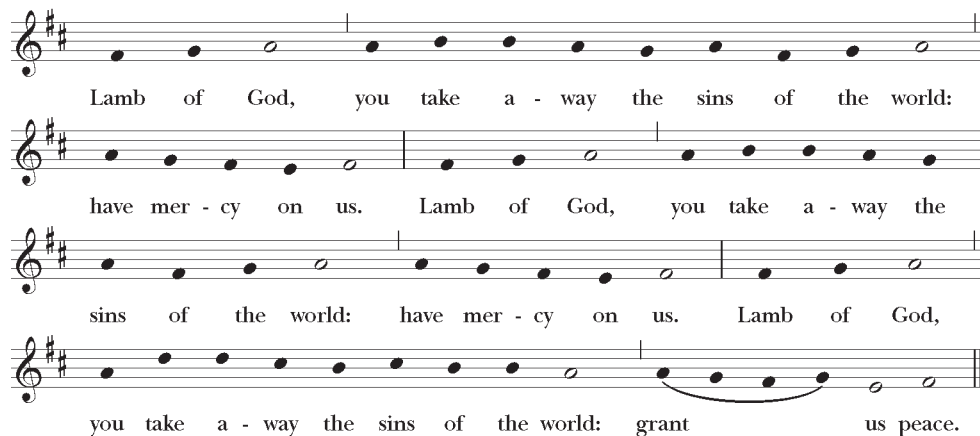
## THE GREAT AMEN

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.*

## ANTHEM

A tender shoot hath started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race.  
It blooms without a blight, It blooms without a blight,  
blooms in the cold bleak winter turning our darkness into light.

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring.  
The virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing.  
Our God of endless might, our God of endless might,  
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Words: William Bartholomew (19th cent.)

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907)

*Please join in singing*

HYMN #65 ~ Prepare the way, O Zion.....*Bereden väg för Herran*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

## THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God  
Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #54 ~ Savior of the nations, come! ..... *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

## THE DISMISSAL

*People* Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 ..... J.S. Bach

*We extend our thanks to Mr. Joshua Slater for playing the final hymn and Closing Voluntary.*

*The Sarum Blue Advent Vestments are given to the Glory of God  
by René, Holly, and Beau Dupaquier  
in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Dupaquier, Jr. - Advent 2025.*

*Please Join Us For Coffee Hour in Stewart Hall*

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**Welcome!** *If you are visiting and seeking a connection with us* we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) or point your cell phone at this QR code. *Thank you for worshiping with us.*





### *Looking Ahead*

- December 14 ~ A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols - 4:00 PM
- December 17 - January Canticle Deadline
- December 19 - Lyrica Baroque Holiday Concert
- December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Eucharist at 5:00 PM
- December 25 ~ Christmas Day Eucharist at 10:00 AM
- January 11 ~ Epiphany Party following the 10:00 AM Eucharist

**Nursery worker needed** - We are seeking a person (compensated) who we can call in for emergency staffing. If you know anyone who might be willing to fill this position, please have them email Lisa Wilkie [lisawilkie@cccnola.org](mailto:lisawilkie@cccnola.org) and she can provide them with more information about the position.

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**A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**  
Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM



**Lyrica Baroque in Concert**  
Friday, December 19 at 7:00 PM

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Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2026

Following the Service

11 am - 1 pm  
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## Lunch all that is New Orleans

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## THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7

### *The Second Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:30 AM Adult Forum (Dean's Parlor)

3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)

6:00 PM The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

### MONDAY

9:00 AM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Property Committee Meeting (Dean's Parlor)

### TUESDAY

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (Women only)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

### WEDNESDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

4:30 PM Education for Ministry (EfM) (Dean's Parlor)

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY

8:00 AM Trinity Loaves and Fishes (Kitchen)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

### FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

4:00 PM Wedding

### SUNDAY

### *The Third Sunday of Advent*

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:30 AM Adult Forum (Dean's Parlor)

3:00 PM Spring Within Group (Westfeldt Room)

4:00 PM Lessons & Carols

6:00 PM The Holy Eucharist (Real Presence)

Watch the Sunday 10:00 Eucharist webcast



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