

# St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022



*“He shall clear his threshing floor.”*

## 7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### Prelude

Opening Hymn # 66	Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
Opening Acclamation		<i>Book of Common Prayer, page 323</i>
The Collect for Purity		page 323
Lighting of the Advent Wreath	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 2)	Hymnal 56
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Dismissal Hymn #544	Jesus shall reign	<i>Duke Street</i>
The Dismissal		
Postlude		

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## 10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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### Prelude

<b>Opening Hymn #66</b>	Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus	<i>Stuttgart</i>
<b>Opening Acclamation</b>		Book of Common Prayer, page 355
<b>Lighting of the Advent Wreath</b>	O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 2)	Hymnal 56
<b>Collect and Readings</b>	<i>(pages 3-4 of Bulletin)</i>	
<b>Sequence Hymn #67</b>	Comfort, comfort ye my people	<i>Psalm 42</i>
<b>The Gospel</b>	<i>(page 4-5 of Bulletin)</i>	
<b>Sermon</b>		The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry
<b>Nicene Creed</b>		page 358
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<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		page 360
<b>The Peace</b>		page 360
<b>Announcements and Birthdays</b>	<i>(Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin)</i>	
<b>Offertory</b>		
<b>Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3)</b>		<i>Old 100<sup>th</sup></i>
<b>The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A</b>		page 361
<b>Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy</b>	<i>(either insert in Hymnbook, or S130 in Hymnal)</i>	<i>Richard Proulx</i>
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		page 364
<b>The Breaking of the Bread</b>		
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<i>(either insert in Hymnbook, or S164 in Hymnal)</i>	<i>Richard Proulx</i>
<b>The Communion</b>		
<b>Communion Voluntary</b>		
<b>Postcommunion Prayer</b>		page 366
<b>Blessing</b>		
<b>Dismissal Hymn #544</b>	Jesus shall reign	<i>Duke Street</i>
<b>The Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>		

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## 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 First Reading

**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.

## Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.

- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- <sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## **The Second Reading**

**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 Gospel**

**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.”

## **Prayers of the People – Form IV**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially...

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

### **Birthday Prayer**

**Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



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Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).*

## *Liturgical Ministers*

**Celebrant & Preacher:**  
**Deacon:**  
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The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry  
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### **7:30 a.m. Liturgy**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle  
**Lay Readers:** Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle  
**Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers  
**Usher:** Jan Lyle

### **10:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:**  
**Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, BC Lowry, Lucy Lowry  
**Lay Readers:** Sue Foltz, Benjy Lowry  
**Prayers of the People:** Donovan Bowley  
**Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert

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