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The Second Sunday of Advent



The Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin

# Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## Voluntary

### Opening Hymn- Hymnal #65 Prepare the way, O Zion

Please stand as able; (Procession)  
you may bow your  
head as the cross and  
the gospel process.

## Opening Acclamation

Remain standing as  
able. You may make  
the Sign of cross at ✠

**Presider:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. +  
**People:** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Collect for Purity

Remain standing as  
able

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.**

## The Collect of the Day

Remain standing as  
able

**Presider:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Presider:** Let us pray.

The Collect changes to  
reflect the lessons of  
the day. It “collects”  
the themes in one  
prayer.

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 Liturgy of the Word

### Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 11:1-10)

Please be seated

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 Psalm (Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19)

Remain seated

### *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.

## Reading from the Book of Romans (Romans 15:4-13)

Remain seated.

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 Hymn – Hymnal #69 What is the crying at Jordan?

### The Gospel

Stand as able, facing  
the Gospel.

You may bow your  
head and make sign of  
cross + on forehead,  
lips, and heart.

Remain standing and  
listen reverently to the  
Gospel being  
proclaimed.

#### **Deacon or Presider:**

✦ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthews

(Matthew 3:1-12)

**People:      Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

You may bow your  
head at the words  
“Lord Christ.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon-** The Very Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker

Please be seated

## The Nicene Creed

Stand as able.

May bow head at words “Jesus Christ”

May bow head at words “... he came down from heaven/ by the power of the Holy Spirit” until “was made man.”

### Presider and People:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Remain standing as able

The period of silence after each bidding is a time for you to offer your own prayers. You may pray silently, but as indicated you are encouraged to speak your prayers aloud, at the appropriate time so they become prayers of the congregation.

God calls us to love one another. In this season of Advent and as a sign of Christ’s love, let us lift up our hopes and prayers to God saying **Come, Emmanuel, come.**

We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war anymore. This we pray, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures. This we pray, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world, remembering especially those who are victims of political or social injustice. We pray for those who we have elected to public office and for political leaders everywhere, that they may administer the tasks of government with faith and equity. This we pray, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

We thank you for St. James and all communities of faith throughout the world. Strengthen your church as it bears witness to your love; we pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, David, our Bishop, our Cathedral clergy and all ministers of your Word. This we pray, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

Let us pray for all who are in need, remembering all who are sick, the elderly, those who are alone, and all who minister to them, especially those we now name silently or aloud: \_\_\_\_\_. We ask that all may be strengthened by the presence of Christ, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

Let us pray for those who have died, especially those we now name: \_\_\_\_\_, that they may rest in peace and rise in glory. May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them. This we pray, saying:

**Come, Emmanuel, come.**

We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do what you ask, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## Confession of Sin

Deacon or Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Presider and People:**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

All remain standing as able.

**Presider:** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** And also with you.

(Greet one another with signs of peace, observing social distance)

## Offertory Sentence

All remain standing as able.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## Offertory Hymn – Hymnal #60 Creator of the stars of night

All may be seated.

## Doxology (Hymnal #380, v. 3)

The congregation stands as able for the presentation of the gifts.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer A

All rise and stand as able throughout the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider The Lord be with you.  
**People And also with you.**

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people may bow heads at "Holy, Holy, Holy."

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. \_\_\_\_\_

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

*The people may stand or kneel. The Presider continues.*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our

human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### ***Celebrant and People***

You may make the sign of the cross + at "Sanctify us to your Son in his sacrifice..." This "Epiclesis" calls on the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts of bread and wine to make them the Body and Blood of Christ, and to bless the people to as Christ's Body, redeemed (set free) by his blood  
The final "Amen" ("so be it") is the people's "Yes!"-- making it the prayer of all, thanking God for all that God has done, especially for the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist and in us as Christ's Body in the world.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

### ***The Celebrant continues***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Presider and People:**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

**Presider:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Facing the people, the Presider says the following Invitation:

The gift of God for the people of God take them in remembrance to Christ died for you and feed on them in your heart by faith with Thanksgiving.

You may stand or kneel as the Gifts are prepared and servers receive. Returning to your seat after receiving, you may kneel and/or be seated. You may make the sign of the cross before or after you receive communion.

### **THOSE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:**

It is the custom to come forward and place the palm of one hand in the other to receive the bread. Please tell the clergy distributing communion if you prefer a gluten free wafer.

The cup of wine may also be offered for reverencing. You may touch the cup or bow your head before it. Due to Covid protocols we are not offering intinction or drinking from the cup.

### **FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE A BLESSING IN LIEU OF COMMUNION:**

It is the custom to come forward and to fold your arms across your chest in an X-fashion, which indicates that you are not receiving the sacrament. The Priest will offer a prayer of blessing for you.

## Communion Hymn

Hymnal #312 Strengthen for service

## Post Communion Prayer

All stand as able

**Presider and People:**

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Birthday/Anniversary Blessing

Please be seated or come forward as you are able for a blessing if you have a recent or upcoming birthday or anniversary.

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

All stand as able. You may make the sign of the cross at the words "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



## Processional Hymn - People, look East

Remain standing as able. You may bow your head as the cross + and the Gospel book pass near you in procession.

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum-ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

## The Dismissal

Please stand as able.

**Deacon or Presider:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Serving Today

### Presider/ Preacher

The Very Reverend Samuel Colley-Toothaker

### Deacon of the Liturgy

The Reverend Deacon Nancy Key

### Readers

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