

The Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 4, 2022

*John the Baptist proclaims the coming of Jesus and calls people to repentance through baptism.*

Prelude	"Thorn bury"	Charles Callahan
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THE WORD OF GOD

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*Deacon* God will speak peace to this people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Off. Anthem	"There's A Voice in the Wilderness"	Anne Krentz
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THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Officiant* Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory. *Amen.*

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The Breaking of the Bread:

*Officiant* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*People* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Hymnal S-164)

Communion Hymn 67 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 544	"Jesus Shall Reign"	
The Dismissal	As we await our coming Savior; go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
People	In the name of Christ. Amen.	
Postlude	"Duke Street"	Wilbur Held

## The Collect of the Day

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.

## 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 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."

**The mid-week Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Hall Chapel at 9:30 a.m.**

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Barbee Phipps 12/4, Jean Holt 12/6, Ellie Wilton 12/6, Jim Hill 12/7, Marilyn South 12/10, and Jackie Gahan 12/10.

We pray for our diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and members of Grace – Bremono Bluff, Meade Memorial – Alexandria, St. Martin's – Richmond, St. Matthew's – Richmond, St. Peter's – Richmond, and Varina – Varina.

**Please remember to return your pledge card to the office, if you haven't done so already.**

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

### Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Acolyte / Lector	Dave Wilcox
Usher	Jim Hill

### Holy Eucharist: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	the Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	the Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Crucifer / Acolyte	Tom Clarke
Gosp. Bk. Bearer / Intercessions / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Eucharistic Minister	Ann Padgett
Lector	Robin Wells
Ushers	Roland & Pat Anderson
Altar Guild	Bev Hart, Evie Wilton, Kathy Clarke, Susan Hilliard, & Helen Tarran
Flower Guild	Mary Anne Harris-White, & Cindy Naylor
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Robin Wells, & Jack Fackler

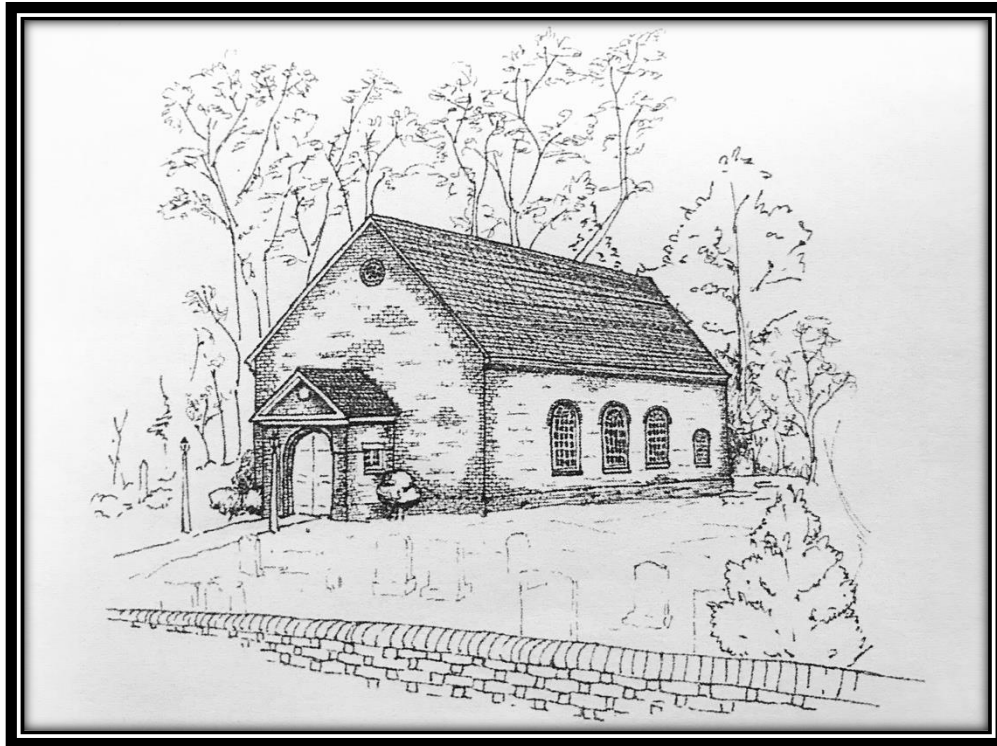
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### *Christ Church Parish Vestry*

Jeannette Adkins – Senior Warden ‘22	
Betsy Evans – Junior Warden ‘23	
Lydia Dudley ‘22	Karen Brown ‘24
John Quilter ‘22	Garry Clay ‘24
Mike Gorin ‘23	Ann de Peyster ‘24
Clayton Neal ‘23	

*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)  
December 4, 2022  
10:30 a.m.  
The Second Sunday of Advent*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.  
During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.  
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*

**Christ Church Parish Mission Statement**

*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

## Prayers of the People

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Diocesan Bishop and Susan our Suffragan Bishop; in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and parishioners of Grace – Bremono Bluff, Meade Memorial – Alexandria, St. Martin's – Richmond, St. Matthew's – Richmond, St. Peter's – Richmond, and Varina – Varina.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Come, Lord Jesus:  
***Amen. Come Lord Jesus.***

Come to your world as King of the nations.

We pray for our president, congress, and our courts; for our governor and state legislators; and for the leaders of other countries.

Before you rulers will stand in silence. Come, Lord Jesus:

***Amen. Come Lord Jesus.***

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter.

We pray for ...

Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

Come, Lord Jesus:

***Amen. Come Lord Jesus.***

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.

We remember ...

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Come, Lord Jesus:

***Amen. Come Lord Jesus.***

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Come, Lord Jesus:

***Amen. Come Lord Jesus.***

*Silence is kept.*

*Officiant*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

***Amen.***