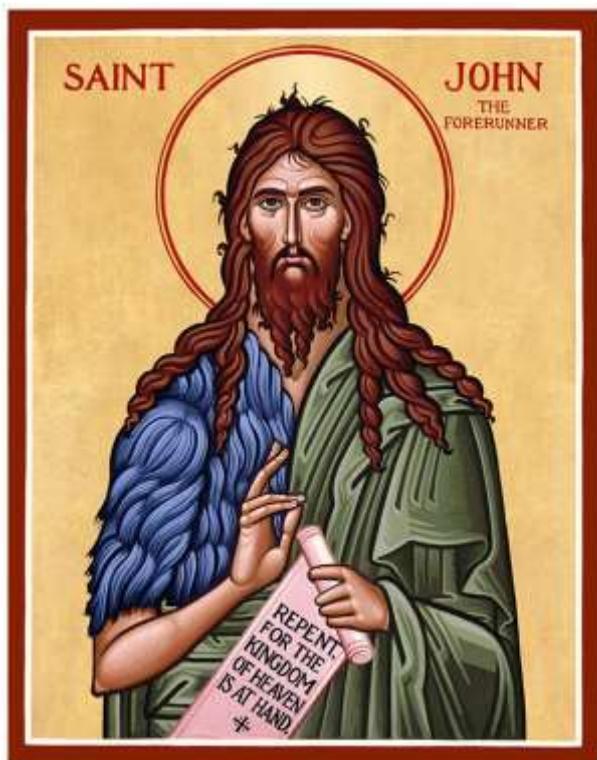


ALL SAINTS' MEMORIAL CHURCH

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent



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December 4, 2022
Service of Holy Eucharist, 9:30 am

Prelude	<i>Savior of the nations, come</i>	J. S. Bach
Processional	<i>Once He came in blessing</i>	Hymnal #53

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Today we light two candles. The first candle reminds us of our hope in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us of our joy, knowing that Jesus is our Mighty God. As we light the second candle, we remember that even when we face trials, hardships, and difficulties—our strength is found in what Christ has done. As we continue our Advent journey, let us rejoice in the One who gives strength to the weary and power to the weak. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free. Amen**

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Trisagion *Hymnal #S-102*

Holy God

Holy and Mighty

Holy Immortal One

Have mercy upon us.

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 forever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 1:1-10

Janelle Evans

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.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

BCP, p. 685-686

Neb Amaechina

The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Cora Nagle

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

The Gradual Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal #65

The Holy 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 Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Julie Hanavan

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

Prayers of the People

Chimmy Amaechina & Selena Evans

Leader: Let us offer to God our prayer for all people, saying:

In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church throughout the world, remembering especially our sisters and brothers in Nigeria and Liberia, and all those who serve in the building up of the body of Christ. *In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.*

We pray for this nation and for all the nations of the world. We pray for those whom we have elected to public office that they may govern with courage and justice. *In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.*

We pray for the sick and those who are lonely. Send upon them the power of the Holy Spirit, that they may be filled with in hope. *In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.*

We pray for this community, for our neighbors and friends.

We pray for those who work for peace in the armed forces especially Hannah Makuch.

Guide us in all our common life that we may know the gifts of your grace and love. *In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.*

We pray for all who have died that they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. *In the name of Christ, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: We offer these prayers to you, our God, in penitence for what is past and in faith that your work in us will bear fruit, for you alone are the Holy One. May our lives give honor to you, through Christ our Lord.

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	<i>Draw us in the Spirit's tether</i>	Harold Friedell
Presentation Hymn	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	LEVAS #14
The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)		Community Mass p.4
Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)		Hymnal #S-130
Memorial Acclamation A		Hymnal #S-135
The Lord's Prayer		BCP, p. 364
Breaking of the Bread	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Schubert Folk Mass S-164

The Communion

All who seek God are invited to the Lord's Table to receive the Sacrament.

Music During Communion	<i>Blessed be the God of Israel</i>	Hymnal #444
	<i>There's a voice in the wilderness</i>	Hymnal #75
Prayer of Thanksgiving		BCP, p. 365
Advent Blessing		
Recessional	<i>On Jordan's bank</i>	Hymnal #76
Dismissal		BCP, p. 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude	<i>Savior of the nations, come</i>	J. S. Bach
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree Gifts: If you would like to participate in this year's Angel Tree, please collect a card from the tree after the service. Please return your

wrapped gifts with the tag from the tree but remember to not attach the tag to the gift. Thank you so much for your support!

Welcome! If visiting or a newcomer, please join us for Coffee Hour in Rose Hall following the service. Our restrooms are downstairs, next to Rose Hall.

Christmas Flowers: The church will be decorated for Christmas with poinsettias and other flowers. To give these flowers as memorials for loved ones who have died, or in thanksgiving for special persons or events in your life, you may fill out the form in Rose Hall or call/send an email to Linda. You may also drop the form in the offering plate by Sunday, December 18th. Suggested donation for the flowers is \$25-\$35. Please make checks payable to "All Saints' Memorial Church."



First Sunday of the Month, the Healing Prayer Ministry will be at the side altar during Communion to pray with you. Agnes, Deirdre, and Gigi are available to offer a private prayer with you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6: Finance Committee Meeting, 12:00 pm

December 7: Healing Service with Eucharist and Faith Inquirers, 12:00pm

December 7: Choir Practice, 7:00-8:30pm in the choir room

December 12: Vestry Meeting, Zoom, 7:00pm

December 18: Angel Tree Gifts to Church

Christmas Services

December 24: Christmas Eve Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Choir concert at 6:30pm, Service of Holy Eucharist at 7:00pm

December 25: Christmas Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist