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And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Opening Hymn 3 SLEEPERS, WAKE Wake, awake, for night is flying

Collect for Purity

BCP 67

Introit. Populus Sion. O People of Sion, behold, the Lord is nigh at hand to redeem the nations: and in the gladness of your heart the Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard. Psalm 80. Hear, O thou Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep. V Glory ... O people ...

Summary of the Law Kyrie *Hymnal* 709 **No Gloria during Advent**BCP 69

Willan

Collect. Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Advent I collect is repeated during Advent.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. *Amen*.

First Reading Isaiah 11:1–10 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow

out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And 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; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed: their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwellings shall be glorious.

Psalm 72:1–8

Antiphon He shall have pity on the lowly and poor, and shall redeem their lives from oppression.

- 1. Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- 3. Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!
- 4. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!
- 5. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
- 6. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!
- 7. In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8. May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

Epistle Romans 15:4–13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, 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 such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another,

therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness. in order to 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 praise you among the Gentiles, \ and sing to your name"; \ and again it is said, \ "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; \ and again, \ "Praise the Lord, all Gentiles, \ and let all the peoples praise him"; \ and further Isaiah says, \ "The root of Jesse shall come, \ he who rises to rule the Gentiles; \ in him shall the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. VI was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord, alleluia.

Gospel St. Luke 21:25–33

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth distress of nations in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." And he told them a

parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees; as soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Sermon Hymn 402

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O Word of God incarnate

Homily

Nicene Creed Offertory. Wilt not thou turn again, O God, and quicken us; that thy people may rejoice in thee: show us thy mercy, O Lord; and grant us thy salvation.

Presentation of the Gifts Old Hundredth Hymn 139, Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Prayer for the Church
General Confession & Absolution
BCP 75
Sanctus and Benedictus, 797
Willan
The Canon of the Mass
The Lord's Prayer
Agnus Dei, Hymnal 712
Willan
BCP 82
Communion Hymn 442
BANGOR

O very God of very God.

Communion. Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high: and behold the joy that cometh unto thee from thy God.

General Thanksgiving BCP 83

Post-communion

O Lord, who hast vouchsafed to satisfy us with heavenly sustenance: we humbly

beseech thee; that by participation in this mystery, thou wouldest teach us to despise earthly things, and to love such things as are heavenly. Through ...

The BenedictionBCP 84The DismissalMissalClosing Hymn 52HELMSLEY

Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

ANNIVERSARIES

None

FLOWERS AND COFFEE HOUR

No flowers during advent. The Coffee Hour will be virtual via Zoom following the Mass.

EVERY-MEMBER CANVAS

It is again time to consider what each pledge each of us will make to support the Lord's work in our church. Pledge forms will be available on the website and included in the weekly eNewsletter. Please return your 2021 pledge by January 3, 2021 to the Treasurer's address in Camas, WA. This will help the Vestry plan the 2021 budget. The pledges will be blessed January 10th.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Mass at 9 am unless otherwise noted.

Confessions by appointment. Call Fr. Costanzo at (503) 656-4528.

Dec 13 Advent III

Dec 20 Advent IV

Dec 25 **Christmas Day** (*Day of obligation*)

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Advent

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SLEEPERS, WAKE

Melody, PHILIP NICOLAI, 1599 arr. and harmonized J. S. BACH, 1731



Advent



3 Lamb of God, the heav'ns adore thee,
And men and angels sing before thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
By the pearly gates in wonder
We stand, and swell the voice of thunder
That echoes round thy dazzling throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught
Such rejoicing:

We raise the song, We swell the throng, To praise thee ages all along. Amen.

PHILIP NICOLAI, 1597; Tr. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1858, alt.

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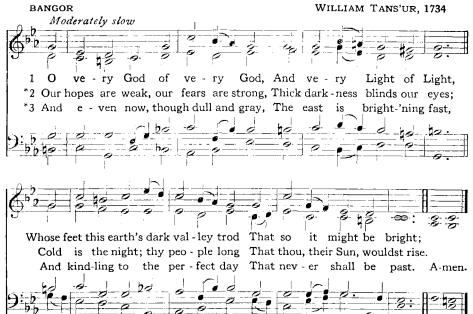
General Hymns

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General Hymns

C.M.



- 4 O guide us till our path is done, And we have reached the shore Where thou, our everlasting Sun, Art shining evermore!
- We wait in faith, and turn our face
 To where the daylight springs,
 Till thou shalt come our gloom to chase,
 With healing in thy wings. Amen.

JOHN MASON NEALE, 1846



Advent



REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Based on a reading of Matthew 22:34-40, see next page

OU shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." We can imagine the crowd listening to Jesus and nodding in approval. Who does not understand that gods demand such all-encompassing love? But Jesus continues to surprise them, and us. He says the second commandment "is like" this "greatest and first commandment." It is the commandment to "love your neighbor as your-self." Jesus takes God's words to the Israelites — "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan" — and helps us see an offense against the poor and helpless is an offence against God.

Who is this God, concerned that the neighbor who has given his only cloak as collateral for a loan, has nothing else for cover against the cold? Who is this God, linking our welcome of the alien with our duty to love him? Who is this God, bending down from heaven to hear the cry of the oppressed and the abused? This is God the Father revealed, in Christ Jesus the Son, who says, the whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Jesus links the love of God with love of neighbor in such a way that the two commandments cannot be severed. Love of neighbor that is not rooted in the love God, will find roots in something less, often in the desire that the rescued worship the rescuer. And love of God that does not manifest its self in love of neighbor, will manifest its self in empty worship, untethered from the world God created and tends and acts to save.

Hear our prayer, O Lord: bless, protect and sanctify all those who bow their heads before You.

Blessings to all. M₩

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sad'ducees, they came together. ³⁵And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" ³⁷And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets."

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