



The Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 7, 2025

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist

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The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin, Rector

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Our Vision Statement

We are an open, Christ-centered community, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the world.

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The office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9AM-1PM and on Thursday 3-5PM



GATHERING RITE

Processional Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

Hymn 616

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The Kingdom of God

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - cous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72

Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm.
A Student's Hymnal, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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Gathering Rite at the Wreath

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

***All:* Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.**

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Hymn 60 Creator of the stars of night instrumental

Light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

Trisagion at 8 AM

Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy Immortal one, have mercy upon us (3 times)

Trisagion at 10 AM

Hymn S100



Presider: God be with you.

***People:* And also with you**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson is from the book of prophet Isaiah

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19

Deus, judicium

- 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 SECOND LESSON

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymn 67

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Advent



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet - him,
and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 3:1-12

Presider/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

***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.”

Presider/Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Kenneth R. Pepin

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

Advent Prayers of the People

Lector/ Deacon: In this time of Advent, we intentionally carve out time in our busy lives to recognize the grace of God and to pray for one another,

Please respond: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for the universal church and its people throughout the world. May we, especially during this Advent season, bear witness to the love of Christ in compassion, dignity, and respect.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for our nation's leaders in this turbulent time of our nation's politics that they may be guided by the values and principles that have seen our country through many a storm.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for one another and our parish family that it may grow in membership. We pray that we might continue to be a true community, that we love one another and treat one another with respect and kindness, mirroring the love of Jesus.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for the stranger, the lonely, the rejected, those who live on the margins and who are sometimes invisible to us. For those whose voices are not heard. We pray that our love would be a vehicle for them to feel accepted, appreciated, and loved in the name of Christ, who always stood with the poor and disenfranchised.

***People:* Increase our capacity to love.**

Lector/ Deacon: We pray especially for St. Thomas' Church, Bath; The Southeast District Dean & Wardens, the Diocesan Dean for Discernment, Rev. Andrea Stridiron, Rev. Eric Thompson, and The Church of Bangladesh.

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for those who are sick and in need of our care. (Pause to pray in silence or aloud)

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Lector/ Deacon: We pray for those whom we have loved and lost to death. (Pause to pray in silence or aloud)

People: Increase our capacity to love.

Presider: In this Advent season, continue to prepare our hearts, that we might be able to appreciate the heights and depths of your love for us and our world. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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

**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.**

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Deacon: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us now share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Presider/ Deacon: All things come from thee O Lord and from thine own have we given thee.

Offertory Hymn

What is crying at Jordan

Hymn 69

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Advent



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who
2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -
3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to
4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in

hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the
pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in
see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -
joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -

sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.
dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed see - ing no light.
mil - i - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.
self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

Words: Carol Christopher Drake (b. 1933), alt.

Music: St. Mark's, Berkeley, Irish melody from *Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern*

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

People:

Sanctus- at 8 AM

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Sanctus at 10AM

Hymn S125

The Holy Eucharist
Holy, holy, holy Lord

Sanctus

S 125



Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1957)

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

People:

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

People: Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

Presider: In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [St. Luke and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

People: Amen.

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
At 8 AM

At 10 AM

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.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

At 8 AM

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

S 164**Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God****The Holy Eucharist**
Agnus DeiSetting: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)The Communion of the People*This is God's table and All are welcome.*

Communion Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness

Hymn 75



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
 2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God — en - dur - eth, the —

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they — per - ish,
 feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and — pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt.
 Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (b. 1904)

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SENDING RITE

Presider: Let us pray:

People: Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem (at 10:00)

The Blessing

Presider: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Christ is the world's true light

Hymn 542

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The Church's Mission

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an - cient feuds for - get - ting, thee;
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;
the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;
new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord, all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;
free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Words George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959), alt.
Music: St. Joan, Percy E. B. Collier (b. 1895)

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Dismissal

Presider: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to Ordinations at Chist Church Rochester!



We need Lectors

We need readers for Lessons & Carols on Dec. 28; please me know if you can participate. I'll also put a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who want to join in. Also FYI, so many of our official lectors will be unavailable during the Christmas holiday, so we are asking the congregation for readers for Christmas Eve Family Service at 5 and Christmas morning at 10.

Advent and Christmas schedule

We are really excited about Saturday December 20th when we will have our Christmas concert. This is proving to be a very good choice of time for folks to gather. It is at 2pm. Come and help us sing in the Christmas season.

On Sunday the 21st the Greening will be limited to the 10am service.

The 8 will celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent per normal.

Christmas Eve 5pm Holy Eucharist Improvisational Christmas gospel and pageant where each family receives a role to play and together we tell the story. I highly recommend this for families with children.

11pm Solemn Holy Eucharist with Candlelit ceremony

December 28th Lessons and Carols

8am Lessons and a few carols

10am Lessons and carols

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Please continue your prayers for those still suffering from the horrific hurricane in Jamaica, the people of Ukraine, the people of Gaza, and other war-torn countries.

We pray that our parish would continue to grow and that more young families would see our church as a spiritual home. We pray for all refugees, for all those displaced from home due to violence or intolerance.

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We also pray for those in our parish family who need or requested our prayers:

Alice Hardin, Sue Veronda, Ellen Wheeler, Dominic Gasbarre, Gunars Rugelis,

Chad Olson, Violet Palecki (mother to Sharon Scott), Don Roemermann,

Robert Hurlbut, Winnie Allen, (mother to Susan Palomaki) Linda, and Michael Dertzo (parents to Melissa Panara), and Lou Ann Washing (friend of Susan Miller)

<i>The participants in the service this week and next are:</i>			
8:00 AM	December 7- Advent 2	8:00 AM	December 14-Advent 3
<i>Acolyte</i>	Cathy Thayer	<i>Acolyte</i>	Cathy Thayer
<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Sharon Grantham	<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Sharon Grantham
10:00 AM		10:00 AM	
<i>Acolyte</i>	Vic Bridges	<i>Acolyte</i>	Karen Keegan
<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Susan Prener	<i>Lector/Intercessor</i>	Susan Prener
<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Gail Murray	<i>Greeters/Ushers</i>	Gail Murray
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Ellen McDougal	<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sandy Sucher
<i>Money counters</i>	Marti StGeorge	<i>Money counters</i>	Marti StGeorge

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