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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **TAIZÉ** AN ORDER FOR CELEBRATING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Live God's Love

BE RECONCILED ALL YOU WHO ENTER HERE

Parents, children, partners, friends, enemies;
Believers and those who cannot believe;
Christians and their fellow Christians.

(Taken from the entrance to the Church of Reconciliation at the Community of Taizé, France)

God understands every human language. Remaining close to him in silence is already prayer: your lips remain closed, but your heart is speaking to him. And, by the Holy Spirit, Christ prays in you more than you can imagine.

-Brother Roger, founder of Taizé

A warm welcome to you during this season of Advent. Tonight is a time of reflection, repentance and meditation; there will be periods of silence, to use as you wish for your own thoughts, dreams and prayers. This is a time for keeping vigil in God's presence - waiting with our prayers, with ourselves, and with each other.

PRELUDE

Ensemble

WELCOME The Reverend Richard K. Wineland, *Associate Rector for Evangelism and Parish Life*

AN ADVENT LITANY

Spoken by all

In the lonely places, the wilderness, where we stand forlorn
Windswept and alone
Your voice calls out: Prepare a way for the Lord

In the dark places, the shadows
Where we hide our fears
Embrace our tears
Your voice calls out: Prepare a way for the Lord

In the desert places in which we walk
The streets we roam the paths we cross
Guide our feet in this Advent season
Making the rough places plain
So we might prepare the way for the Prince of Peace

SONGS

Taizé Community

Christ, you are Light
Christ, Lux Mundi

Chri - ste, lux mun - di, qui se - qui - tur te ha -
 Christ, you are light for those who fol - low you. You

be - bit lu - men vi - tae, lu - men vi - tae.
 come to bring to all the light of life.

Taizé Community

Bless the Lord, my soul

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Dm G Dm Bb C Dm

HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

Berenden vag for Herran
 #65 *The Hymnal 1982*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first portion of worship is called The Liturgy of the Word, which consists of Scripture readings, the sermon, the creed, and the Prayers of the People. The Bible is the foundation of Anglican worship; passages are read from the Old and New Testaments, and from the Psalms. Hymns, chants and songs are sung that reflect biblical themes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

SONG OF PRAISE

Taize Community

Laudate Dominum

Lau - da - te Do - mi - num, lau - da - te Do - mi - num om - nes
Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord, peo - ples!

gen - tes, al - le - lu - ia! al - le - lu - ia!
na - tions! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Am F Dm E 2. Am Dm E Am

The word “Collect” comes from the Latin con lectione, or “with the readings.” The Collect reflects the liturgical season and summarizes the message of the Bible readings in tonight’s worship.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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 OLD TESTAMENT 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalms are the ancient songbook of the Jewish people.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- 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 NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – Romans 15:4-13

For 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.

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GOSPEL SONG

Taize Community

In the Lord I’ll be ever Thankful

El Senyor es la meva força

In the
El Se -

Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -
nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se - nyor el me - u cant. Ell m'ha e - stat la sal - va - ci -

fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near. In the
ó. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por. En ell con - fi - o, i no tinc por. El Se -

It is the Church's custom to stand while the gospel is read, as we honor the words and deeds of Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 3:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. †††

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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – The Reverend Richard K. Wineland
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Church believes about God. It was born out of the councils of Nicaea and Constantinople in the 4th century.

**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 whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 was incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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.

INTERCESSIONS

All **In this season of Advent, we long for your goodness and love to be revealed to the world. God of all goodness, we come to you seeking grace and mercy - for ourselves and the struggles we face:**

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **In this season of Advent, we long for kindness. God of all kindness, we come to you seeking kindness, for ourselves and for those close to us:**

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **In this season of Advent, we long for compassion. God of all compassion, we come to you seeking compassion - for those living in the midst of violence; the immigrant, the refugee, the stranger:**

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **In this season of Advent, we long for justice. God of all justice, we come to you seeking justice for those who are treated unfairly, and for the vulnerable.**

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

All **In this season of Advent, we long for beauty. God of all beauty, we come to you seeking beauty - for all the places where beauty is obscured.**

Leader Lord, in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

The people may make their own intercessions

All **In this season of Advent, we long for love, made real and tangible in our world. God of all love, we come to you seeking love. In the name of Jesus, and for the sake of the world we pray.**

SILENCE

In the presence of God and the community of faith, we acknowledge the many ways we have failed to live up to our calling as disciples of Christ. Yet we also know that in God's compassion and mercy we are already forgiven!

THE CONFESSION

Leader and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of all that enslaves us, for what we have done, and all that we have left undone. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Affirming the promise of God's mercy in Christ, the priest pronounces the Absolution as an assurance of forgiveness.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.**

As beloved and forgiven people, we can truly live in Peace, and in God's Shalom. Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE PEACE

Shalom. Salam. La Paz del Señor.

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breaking Bread@6 is pet-welcoming. Animal companions are always invited to join us. We ask that your pet be on a leash, please. Spread the word!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC



Ensemble

Please scan this QR code with your phone to leave your financial offering for the ministry of the Cathedral parish.

We have declared our praise to God in prayer and song, heard the words of God in scripture and proclamation, and now we are welcomed to the Table of the Lord. The Sursum Corda (Latin for "lift up your hearts") is one of the most ancient parts of the service, dating to the third century.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(from Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2)*

Leader God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to our God.**
Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

THE SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Latin for “Holy”) is a hymn based on the poem of creation in Isaiah 6:1-5. The Benedictus (Latin for “blessed”) is based on Matthew 21:9 and Luke 13:35.

Leader and People

(Land of Rest, trad. Appalachian folk melody)

**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. Hosanna in the highest!**

The Leader continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER *(Contemporary version)*

The Lord’s Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, and has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the early centuries of the church’s history.

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

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread reminds us of the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. "This is my Body, which is given for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

(Music during Communion: *Ensemble*)

If you wish to receive the sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from the priest instead of the Bread and Wine. Let the priest know if you would like a low-gluten wafer.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(attributed to Francis of Assisi)

Leader Let us pray.

People **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

We joyfully end our time of worship with the priest's Blessing, and the declaration of God's never-ending love and favor toward his people. The Dismissal sends us out from this place to love and serve others in the name of Christ.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

May you carry the light of Advent hope with you: The light of a strong and holy peace that strengthens the weak, feeds the hungry, exalts the poor, and guards the feet of the faithful. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you for ever.
Amen.

CLOSING SONG

O come, O come, Emmanuel
verses 1-3 only

Veni, veni, Emmanuel
#56, The Hymnal 1982

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS

We pray for our parishioners especially Fr. Butcher, Jojo, Jim, Phyllis, Tim, Jan, Susan, Paul, Phyllis, Scott, Peggy, Melanie, Rachel, Dee, Stacey, Ann, Geoff, Mimi, Roger, Jerry, Betsy, Bobby and Shona.

We also pray for the families and friends of parishioners especially Rob, Colin, Darci, Bernie, Ashot, Patty, Sheila, Rusty, John David, Glynn, Olinka, Michael, Jackson, Liam, Xandre, Allison, Nancy, Kenneth, Gabrielle, Sandi, Polk, Kathryn and Amy.

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The Reverend Richard K. Wineland,
Associate Rector for Evangelism and Parish Life

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Lee Armstrong Wineland, *piano*

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2026

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David Morton
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Sam Bessey (*Junior Warden*)
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