

“Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,  
and sing to your name.”

<sup>10</sup> And again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.”

<sup>11</sup> And again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples extol him.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> 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.

#### THE ALLELUIA & VERSE

*Psalm 24:7*

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;  
**all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.**

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 21:1-11*

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of  
Judea, <sup>2</sup>“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” <sup>3</sup>For this is he who  
was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his  
waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then Jerusalem and all  
Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup>and they  
were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his  
baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee  
from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup>And do not  
presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell  
you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even  
now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not  
bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup>“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is  
mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize  
you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and  
he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the  
chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

## The Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019



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*\* Following ancient custom, the TE DEUM and the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS are omitted during the penitential season of Advent. This Advent, the BENEDICTUS (P. 226) will take the place of the TE DEUM in the Office of Matins.*

THE INTROIT *Ps. 105: 4-8; antiphon Is. 40:3b.*

In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Seek the LORD and his strength;  
seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,  
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,**

O offspring of Abraham, his servant,  
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

**He is the LORD our God;  
his judgments are in all the earth.**

He remembers his covenant forever,  
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**[sung] Glory be to the Father, and to the Son...**

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THE COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of your only-begotten Son, that by his coming we may be enabled to serve you with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 11:1-10*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> 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 kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

THE EPISTLE

*Romans 15:4-13*

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,