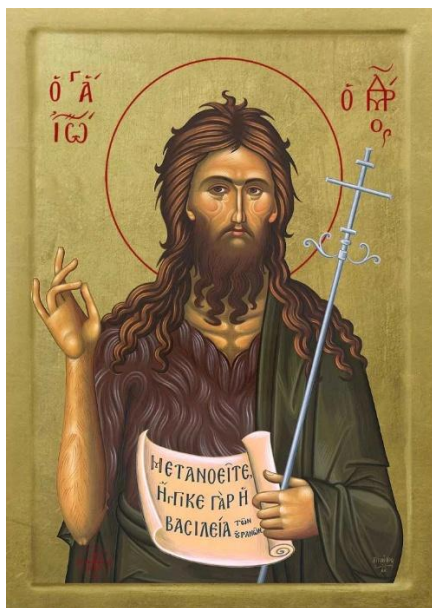




CHRIST
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The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite I and II

December 7, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Abbreviations

BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Red Book)

H = Hymnal 1982 (Blue Book)

LEVAS = Lift Every Voice and Sing (Red and Black Book)

WLP = Wonder, Love, and Praise (Green Book)

Prayer Before Worship (BCP, 833)

O Almighty God, *who pourest* out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to *thee*, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship *thee* in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

The Word of God

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Penitential Order..... BCP 319

The Decalogue.....BCP 317

ConfessionBCP 320

Trisagion.....BCP 324

Collect of the Day.....Insert

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19Insert

Second Reading..... Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Homily..... Fr. Daniel

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 326

Prayers of the PeopleBCP 328

Peace BCP 332

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer I..... BCP 333

The Lord's PrayerBCP 336

Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.

Prayer of Humble Access..... BCP 337

Post Communion PrayerBCP 339

St. Francis PrayerBCP 833

Blessing

DismissalBCP 339

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn H 65

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

A Penitential Order.....BCP 351

The Decalogue.....BCP 350

Confession BCP 352

Trisagion.....S-102

Collect of the Day.....Insert

First Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19Insert

Second Reading..... Romans 15:4-13

SequenceH 75

Gospel..... Matthew 3:1-12

Homily.....Fr. Daniel

The Nicene Creed.....BCP 358

Prayers of the People (Form 1)BCP 383

Peace..... BCP 360

The Holy Communion

Offertory *Emmanuel Soon Will Appear*¹

Presentation of GiftsHymnal 380, v. 3

Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A..... BCP 361

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sanctus*).....S-125

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of Bread.....S-161

Communion H 67, LEVAS 170, LEVAS 189

Please tell an Usher if you need Communion brought to you.

Post-Communion PrayerBCP 365

St. Francis PrayerBCP 833

Blessing

Processional into World H 616

Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude

The Collect of the Day

Rite I

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Rite II

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.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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. (11:1-10)

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

Deus, iudicium

*Pause at the * and silently say the name Jesus before continuing to the next line.*

Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the
oppressor.
He shall live as long as the sun and moon
endure, *
from one generation to another.
He shall come down like rain upon the mown
field, *
like showers that water the earth.
In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the
moon shall be no more.
Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

A Reading from the letter to the Romans

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. (15:4-13)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

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.” (3:1-12)

All Baptized Christians are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive Holy Communion. All are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing.

Spiritual Communion for those Unable to Receive

For those watching the service on YouTube, the following prayer may be said during communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*

Prayer After Worship (BCP, 834)

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Serving Today

Celebrant The Rev. Daniel Johnson, O.P.A.

Organist/Pianist Leslie Marangoni

Advent Wreath Readers

Rosanne Desmone (8:00)

Sunday School (10:30)

Lectors Joan Goodbody (8:00)

Linda Rooney (OT) (10:30)

Connie Hockaday (E) (10:30)

Litanist Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)

Bruce Adkins (10:30)

Crucifer/Acolyte/Chalice Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)

Crucifer/Chalice Kristi Gross (10:30)

Acolyte/Chalice Penny Knepp (10:30)

Ushers Frank Stewart (8:00)

Janet Jennings & Lewis Lopez (10:30)

<i>Streaming</i>	TBD
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Altar Guild Williams Team

Additional Liturgies

Weekday Eucharist – Wednesday

12:00 pm Celtic Eucharist (Church)

Online Services

Tuesday through Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

5:00 pm Evening Prayer (Zoom)

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Announcements for this Sunday

Welcome to Christ Church! If this is your first time visiting, please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher so we can get to know you better. There is also space for your prayer requests.



If you would like to **donate to Christ Church electronically**, please scan the QR Code above with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate or go to our website, <https://www.christchurchspotsy.com/give>.

The Altar Flowers are given by Chris Pomroy in celebration of my wonderful husband, Geoff.

Discretionary Fund. On the first Sunday of each month the loose plate offering will be donated to the rector's discretionary fund. This fund is administered by the rector and is used for charitable purposes. If you have forgotten your loose cash, you can scan the QR Code on the previous page with your phone's camera to access our giving page. You can also Text CCSPOTSY to 73256 to donate or go to our website,
<https://www.christchurchspotsy.com/give>.

Wreaths Across America. Boy Scout leaders will be at coffee hour this morning after both services to talk about Wreaths Across America and offer the opportunity to purchase a wreath for someone special. We will have a Wreath Laying Ceremony in the cemetery after the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 14th.

Sponsor a Child this Christmas. Christ Church is once again sponsoring children from Spotsylvania Elementary families for Christmas this year. This is a wonderful opportunity to spread love and generosity, live out values that resonate during the holiday season, and provide hope and cheer to children and families in need.

How can you participate? Each sponsored child will be identified by a number/letter combination. There will be gift tags for each child in the back of the church after each service this morning and the gift tags will be available in ASH during coffee hour. The gift

tags are perforated. Please take the top half of the tag for yourself and fill out your name and telephone number on the bottom half of the tag and place the bottom half in the collection basket. All gifts need to be wrapped and the child's number/letter information from the tag noted on each gift. Please do not tape the gift tag to the gift. You can also call the office to sponsor a child.

Deadline: Please bring all wrapped gifts to the office **no later than 3:00pm on Wednesday, December 17th.**

Thank you for opening your heart this Christmas and sponsoring a child in need. Your generosity will bring joy, comfort, and hope to a young life and make a child's Christmas a little brighter.

Santa is taking a break from his duties at the North Pole **to visit the Thrift Shop on Saturday, December 13 from 10am-1pm.** Stop by for a visit; have your picture taken with Santa and enjoy a sweet treat. Well behaved pets are welcome!

Christmas Baskets. We will be staging food for the Christmas baskets on Thursday, December 18th, at 2:00 p.m.. Some of the boxes require heavy lifting. We will be distributing food baskets to our clients on Saturday, December 20th, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. Volunteers are needed beginning 9:00 a.m. that day. There are sign-up sheets in the Communications Center in ASH for those that can help.

As people of prayer, we ask your prayers for May & Valerie, Nancy & James, Sheri, Delmy Calderas & family, Cullen Creel, Margaret Curtis, Desiree Daniels, Claudia DePollo, Liz DiRusso, Julianna Dove, Bill Duncan, Greyson Earnest, Calib Garland, Jane George, William Gibson, Nikki Green, Margaret Hafer, Christian Hall, Susan Hall, Edd Houck, Oliver Jones, Donna Kenkel, Lois Kenkel, Marie Lamb, The Linton Family, Patty Lucado, Emily McNeill, Hank Mausolf, Alexandra Midland, Jason Miller, Joy Newlin, Ed O'Conner, Judi O'Neill, Rebecca Patel, Loretta & Roy Perry, Dylan Rodriguez, Ludovic Sarraz-Bournet, Janet Shipp, Thom Smelter, Ann & Ron Tebbutt, Sue Ann Thomas, Saleanma Thurman-Bey, Amy Umberger, Heather Whaley, Nancy White, Charles Wolfe, Elizabeth Womble, Gail Womble, Elaine Wyant. (New names added are bolded.)

If you would like to have your name or somebody else's name added to our published Prayer List, please contact our secretary, Denise, at secretary@christchurchspotsy.com; for our unpublished Prayer Wheel, please contact Judi O'Neill at judiandbob13@comcast.net.

Serving next Sunday, December 14

Advent Wreath Readers

Joseph & Ellen Ilk (8:00)
Bruce & Katie Adkins (10:30)

Lectors Joseph L. Ilk (8:00)
Anne Williams (OT) (10:30)
Mary Williams (E) (10:30)

Litanist Connie Hockaday (8:00)
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