



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

December 7, 2025 | 10:30AM

Second Sunday in Advent



Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The liturgy provided here is from the ACNA *Book of Common Prayer* 2019.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus Messiah (*children's ensemble*)

1. He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

*Refrain: Jesus, Messiah: Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.*

2. His body the bread, His blood the wine
broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn,
Love so amazing, love so amazing. (*Refrain*)

3. All our hope is in You,
all our hope is in You;
all the glory to You, God,
the Light of the world. (*Refrain*)

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LIGHTING OF ADVENT 2 CANDLE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

2. Joy to those who long to see thee
Dayspring from on high appear
Come Thou promised Rod of Jesse
Of Thy birth we long to hear
O'er the hills the angels singing
News glad tidings of a birth
Go to him your praises bringing
Christ the Lord has come to earth

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SONG OF EXPECTATION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe. (*Refrain*)

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save
and give them victory o'er the grave. (*Refrain*)

words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.
music: *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **Isaiah 11:1-10**

Pew Bible pg. 575-576

¹ Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot –
yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root.

² And the Spirit of the Lord will 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.

³ He will delight in obeying the Lord.
He will not judge by appearance
nor make a decision based on hearsay.

⁴ He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited.
The earth will shake at the force of his word,
and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked.

⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

⁶ In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.
The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,

and a little child will lead them all.
⁷ The cow will graze near the bear.
 The cub and the calf will lie down together.
 The lion will eat hay like a cow.
⁸ The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.
 Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly snakes without harm.
⁹ Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,
 for as the waters fill the sea,
 so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord.
¹⁰ In that day the heir to David's throne
 will be a banner of salvation to all the world.
 The nations will rally to him,
 and the land where he lives will be a glorious place. (NLT)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A responsive reading of **Psalm 72:1-15**

BCP pg. 359-360

¹ Give the King your judgments, O God, *
 and your righteousness to the King's son.
² **Then shall he judge your people with righteousness ***
and defend the poor with justice.
³ The mountains also shall bring peace, *
 and the little hills righteousness to the people.
⁴ **He shall vindicate the poor among the people, ***
defend the children of the poor, and punish the wrongdoer.
⁵ They shall fear you as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
⁶ **He shall come down like the rain upon the mown grass, ***
even as showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish, *
 even an abundance of peace, so long as the moon endures.
⁸ **His dominion shall be also from one sea to the other, ***
and from the river unto the world's end.

⁹ Those who dwell in the wilderness shall kneel before him; *
his enemies shall lick the dust.

¹⁰ **The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring gifts.**

¹¹ All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.

¹² **For he shall deliver the poor when he cries, *
the needy also, and the one that has no helper.**

¹³ He shall be favorable to the lowly and needy, *
and shall preserve the lives of the poor.

¹⁴ **He shall deliver them from falsehood and wrong, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

¹⁵ Long may he live! And unto him shall be given the gold
of Arabia; *
prayer shall ever be made unto him, and daily shall he
be blessed.

A Reading from **Romans 15:1-13**

Pew Bible pg. 949

¹ We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. ² We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord. ³ For even Christ didn't live to please himself. As the Scriptures say, "The insults of those who insult you, O God, have fallen on me." ⁴ Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.

⁵ May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. ⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. ⁸ Remember that Christ came as a servant to the Jews to show that God is true to the promises he made to their ancestors. ⁹ He also came so that the

Gentiles might give glory to God for his mercies to them. That is what the psalmist meant when he wrote:

“For this, I will praise you among the Gentiles;
I will sing praises to your name.”

¹⁰ And in another place it is written,

“Rejoice with his people,
you Gentiles.”

¹¹ And yet again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles.
Praise him, all you people of the earth.”

¹² And in another place Isaiah said,

“The heir to David’s throne will come,
and he will rule over the Gentiles.
They will place their hope on him.”

¹³ I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. (NLT)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people
Speak ye peace thus saith our God;

comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2. Hark the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
bidding all to true repentance,
since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God away;
let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

THE GOSPEL

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Matthew 3:1-12

Pew Bible pg. 808

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ 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.'"

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

⁷ 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? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ "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. ¹² 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." (ESV)

DEACON	The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn continues

3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
That His word is never broken.

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer” following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST	Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE	hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY *Shalom (children)* Finnesand/Nicks/Meyer/Iceland

Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,
PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere 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 glory 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (repeat).

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

THE FRACTION

CELEBRANT Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

1. **Peace**

When my mind is like a battlefield
And my heart is overcome by fear
And hope seems like a ship that's lost at sea
My enemies on every side

And I'm tempted to run and hide
Your gentle whisper reaches out to me

*Refrain (You give me) Peace
 (That) Holds me when I'm broken
 Sweet peace
 That passes understanding
 When the whole wide world is crashing down
 I fall to my knees
 And breathe in (Your peace)*

Fiery arrows whistling
The terror of the night sets in
But I can feel Your angels all around
I am resting underneath
The shelter of Your mighty wings
Your promises are where my hope is found *(Refrain)*

*Bridge 1 I remember who You are
 You're the God who's never far
 So I will not be afraid
 God You always keep me safe in Your arms*

*Bridge 2 I remember who You are
 You're the God who's never ever far away
 So I will not be afraid
 God You always You always keep me safe*

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2. I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

*Refrain: ('Cause) Your Name is power
Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire*

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus (*Refrain*)

Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family
I speak the holy Name Jesus (*Refrain*)

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of
the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of**

the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

The Blessing

1. The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Refrain: *Amen, amen, amen.*

Bridge 1 *May his favor be upon you
and a thousand generations
and your family, and your children,
and their children. (Refrain)*

Bridge 2 *May his presence go before you
and behind you, and beside you.
All around you, and within you,
He is with you, He is with you. (Refrain)*

*Bridge 3 In the morning, in the evening,
in your coming, and your going.
In your weeping and rejoicing,
He is for you, He is for you. (Refrain)*

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DISMISSAL

DEACON Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy
Spirit.
PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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