

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

Meditations for Worship

*I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
(Ps. 57:9)*

"Christ is the desire of nations, the joy of angels, the delight of the Father. What solace then must that soul be filled with, that has the possession of Him to all eternity!"

John Bunyan

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Isa. 40:1-11

*Call to Worship

Ps. 71:1-3

In You, O LORD, I have taken refuge;
Let me never be ashamed.

In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
Incline Your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of habitation to which I may continually come;
*You have given commandment to save me, for You are my rock
and my fortress.*

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymns *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* No. 298
 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus No. 300

Public Confession

*Heavenly Father, in this life we are burdened with sin, and we long
to be free from sin's presence. Please forgive our many
trans-gressions for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Fill us with
gladness as we consider His work on our behalf.*

Words of Assurance

Ps. 5:5-7

The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all who do
iniquity. You destroy those who speak falsehood; the LORD abhors the
man of bloodshed and deceit. But as for me, by Your abundant
lovingkindness I will enter Your house, at Your holy temple I will bow
in reverence for You.

Response

Beautiful Savior

*You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips;
therefore God has blessed You forever. Ps. 45:2*

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion,
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Anonymous, 1677
Tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

*Doxology No. 567

*Old Testament Reading *The Coming King of Glory* Ps. 24

*Response to the Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand
forever."
Amen!

Prayers of the People

*Reading: The Nicene Creed

*I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the
Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the
dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and
glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Hymn *Of the Father's Love Begotten* No. 268

*New Testament Reading *The Testimony of John the Baptist*
John 1:1-18

*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon *The Declaration of Peace* Luke 1:1-20

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn *The People That in Darkness Sat* No. 269

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

The Contented Servant

“I am content to live and to die as the mere repeater of Scriptural teaching.”

Charles Spurgeon

SOLI DEO GLORIA

The Use of Wine in the Observance of the Lord’s Supper

In light of the biblical account of the Last Supper and Jesus’ use of wine in representing His blood, All Saints Parish Church believes that the use of wine in the observance of the Lord’s Supper remains the proper symbol for representing His blood. We do, however, make occasional exceptions for the use of grape juice, with the hope that those holding such an exception will seek to understand the conviction of the church in this matter. Please speak to one of the elders if you wish to discuss this issue.

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