

The Lord’s Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Meditation 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. 2:1–5

*Call to Worship

Ps. 89:5–7

The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD;
Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD,
A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,
And awesome above all those who are around Him?

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 292

Public Confession

O God, we have sinned. We have yielded to temptation and failed to persevere in righteousness. We have not always set aside our own desires in order to give help to those in need. We have not controlled our words or thoughts to reflect goodness and truth. For all our transgressions, we ask for Your forgiveness.

Words of Assurance

Ps. 33:18–21

Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

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

*Responsive Reading: The Law of God

Then God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.”

For us there is but one God, the Father, from whom are all things, and we exist for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we exist through Him. (1 Cor. 8:6)

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

Little children, guard yourselves from idols. (1 John 5:21)

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.’” (Matt. 6:9)

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”

There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. (Heb. 4:9, 10)

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. (Col. 3:20)

“You shall not murder.”

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Rom. 13:8, 9)

“You shall not commit adultery.”

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. (Heb. 13:4)

“You shall not steal.”

Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need. (Eph. 4:28)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (Eph. 4:25)
“You shall not covet.”
Do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints. (Eph. 5:3)

***Hymn** *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* **No. 298**

New Testament Reading *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 *Anticipating the Messiah: Moses through David*
Ex. 12; Ps. 45

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

***Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* **No. 300**

***Benediction**

* Congregation will please stand

Rest for the Soul

“You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in You.”

Augustine

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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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