# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 11:00 AM





# **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

WE MANIFEST JOY through vibrant worship, beautiful music, and the active participation and nurturing of our children and youth.

WE EMBRACE RESILIENCE by learning each other's stories, proclaiming the Good News of God's unconditional love, and strengthening our capacity to hope.

WE SEEK JUSTICE by advocating for political change, continuing our work as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, and striving to understand our role in social, economic, and racial inequality.

WE LIVE IN LOVE through our Baptismal Promises to welcome and respect the dignity of every human being, care for God's creation, and engage in the ministry of Jesus to bring light, healing, and grace to our world.

Episcopal worship gathers the hearts and prayers of everyone present and involves call and response between the leader and the assembly. You'll find the responses of the community here, in bold type, marked "People."

Children are welcome here, voices and wiggles and all! The very young (infants to five years) are invited to play in our childcare room on the lower level, though some children prefer to remain in worship with their families. Early in the service, school-age children (generally, grades K-5) will be invited downstairs for their Liturgy of the Word, and they return to the gathered community before Communion. Also, coloring and reading books for children are located at the back of the church.

We'd love to know more about you. Please fill out a welcome card from the pew, place it in the offering bag when it comes by, and we'll be in touch to get to know you. You may also email us using the addresses listed on the back page.

St. Michael & All Angels, located in Multnomah County, rests on the traditional homelands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Molalla, Tumwater, Watlala bands of the Chinook, the Tualatin Kalapuya, and many other indigenous nations of the Columbia River. We acknowledge the ancestors of this place and understand that we are here because of the sacrifices forced upon them. By recognizing these communities, we honor their legacy, their lives, and their descendants.

St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church acknowledges the gifts of sacred music written by Black, Indigenous, all People of Color. This music enriches our liturgies, and we are grateful for these musicians. Music of oppressed cultures has been appropriated by the dominant culture without an appreciation of the pain and suffering experienced by its creators. We repent and commit to the work of racial justice and ending racism.

We firmly believe that guns have no place in church. It is our responsibility as followers of Jesus Christ to promote peace and safety in our communities. The presence of firearms on church property is inconsistent with our baptismal promise to respect the dignity of every human being and the vision of God's dream for all creation. St. Michael & All Angels does not permit any person, including clergy, staff, clients, students, volunteers, and visitors, to carry a weapon on the premises of any property or facility owned or operated by the church or the Diocese. This prohibition does not apply to certain exceptions as allowed by law. (Approved by the Vestry, June 2025)



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## THE COMMUNITY GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

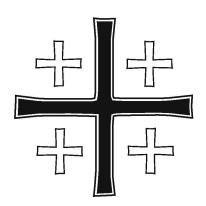
**PRELUDE** Two Chorale Preludes on "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland" and "In dulci jubilo"

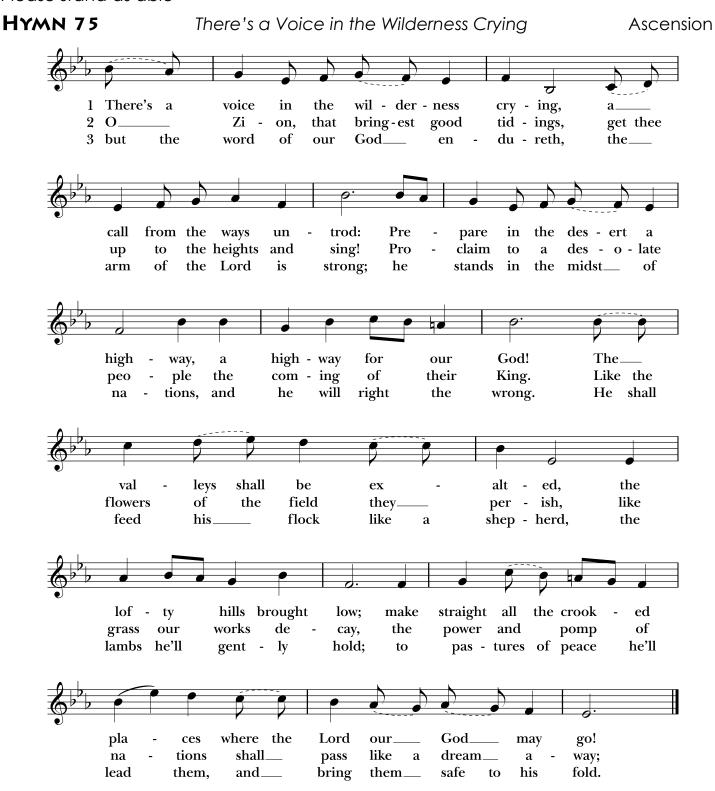
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

#### A WORD OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### A PRAYER FOR BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER MILESTONES

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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#### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

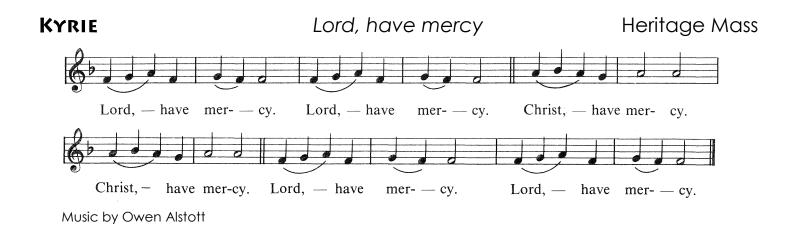
Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

#### A COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please pray together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Common Worship: Additional Collects

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.** 

School-age children are invited to the Children's Liturgy of the Word to hear stories about the Good News of God's love.

Children return to their families at the Peace.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

#### THE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10 (Common English Bible)

Lector A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot will grow up from the stump of Jesse; a branch will sprout from his roots. The Lord's spirit will rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding, a spirit of planning and strength, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. He will delight in fearing the Lord. He won't judge by appearances, nor decide by hearsay. He will judge the needy with righteousness, and decide with equity for those who suffer in the land. He will strike the violent with the rod of his mouth; by the breath of his lips he will kill the wicked. Righteousness will be the belt around his hips, and faithfulness the belt around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat; the calf and the young lion will feed together, and a little child will lead them. The cow and the bear will graze. Their young will lie down together, and a lion will eat straw like an ox. A nursing child will play over the snake's hole; toddlers will reach right over the serpent's den. They won't harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain. The earth will surely be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, just as the water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse will stand as a signal to the peoples. The nations will seek him out, and his dwelling will be glorious.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

### PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

The Choir or Cantor sings the first verse; All join on the following verses.



- 1 Give the Sovereign your justice, / O God, \* and your righteousness / to the Sovereign's heir.
- 2 That they may rule your people / righteously \* and the / poor with justice.
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / **people**, \* and the little / **hills bring righteousness**.
- 4 They shall defend the needy among the / **people**; \* and rescue the poor and crush / **the oppressor**.
- 5 And shall live as long as the sun and / moon endure, \* from one generation / to another.
- 6 They shall come down like rain upon the / mown field, \* like showers that / water the earth.
- 7 In their time shall the righteous / flourish; \*
  there shall be abundance of peace till the / moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of / Israel, \*

who a-/-lone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be God's glorious Name for / ever! \* and may all the earth be filled with God's / glory. Amen.

#### THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12 (Common English Bible)

The Deacon or Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the desert of Judea announcing, "Change your hearts and lives! Here comes the kingdom of heaven!" He was the one of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke when he said:

The voice of one shouting in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight."

John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

People from Jerusalem, throughout Judea, and all around the Jordan River came to him. As they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Many Pharisees and Sadducees came to be baptized by John. He said to them, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire. I baptize with water those of you who have changed your hearts and lives. The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am. I'm not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

#### THE SERMON

Please stand as able



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993). Music: Domhnach Trionoide, Gaelic melody; harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon or Priest says

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2

Leader You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the

hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with

anticipation the coming of Christ the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light

All Shine in our hearts.

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger that shatter the unity of your holy Church. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who shower comfort and hope to those who are low, lost, and deemed least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife. Shine the light of hope.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Christ, be our light

Shine in our hearts.

For what else shall we pray?

The Presider says

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.** 

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

All Have mercy upon us, loving God; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

Please stand as able

#### THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please greet each other with a sign of peace

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE OFFERTORY

The Presider says the Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you therefore, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

(Romans 12:1)

#### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Keep your lamps!

Spiritual

arr. André J. Thomas (b. 1952)

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary, children don't get weary, children don't get weary 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

#### Please stand as able

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**Eucharistic Prayer of the Immigrants** 

Presider God is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to our Creator.
People It is right to offer thanks and praise.

#### The Presider continues

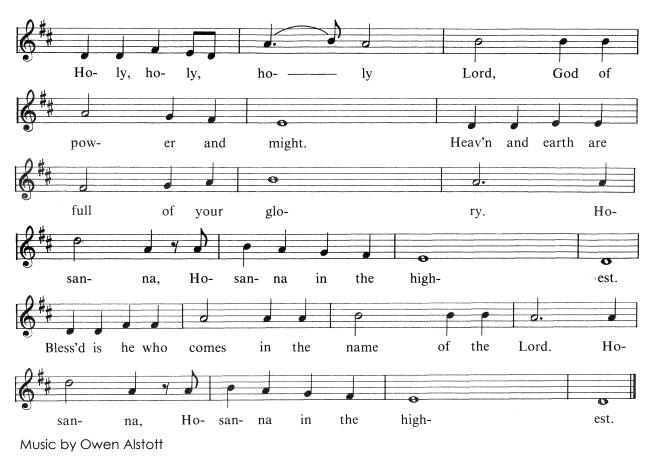
It is truly right and just to praise you always and give you thanks, our God, Source of all creation. For you made the heavens with your powerful love, and tenderly gave us the earth as a nourishing Mother, to be our cradle, our home, and our grave. You adorned her with valleys and mountain chains, with volcanoes and swift rivers, with islands caressed by waves, with leafy forests and desolate deserts.

#### The Presider continues

But we fell into sin and turned our backs on you. We appropriated what is yours and dressed it in barbed wire; we turned against each other and turned the paradise you gave us into a hell of misery and pain. Millions of your children were forced to find their hope in alien lands.

Yet you did not abandon those who abandoned you. As a good Father you forgive, and await us with a Mother's tender love. In the fullness of time you sent us your own Son, who emigrated from the heavens to the earth and he who lived in communion with you, lived in solidarity with us.

Therefore we praise you with the angels and archangels, with all our ancestors, and all who already enjoy what we hope for, acclaiming you without ceasing:



#### The Presider continues

Your Son Jesus Christ, our brother, the immigrant from heaven and a model of immigrants, worked the wood with his calloused hands, and became poor like us to make us rich in your grace. He walked dusty roads to announce your Word, to proclaim amnesty and forgiveness, and proclaim to the poor the good news of their liberation.

On the night in which he washed the feet of his friends, the same night in which he was betrayed and handed over to torture, our Lord took the bread, said the blessing, and broke the bread, sharing it with his friends while saying: Take, eat, all of you. This is my Body given for you. Do this in memory of me.

After the supper he took the cup in his hands, and said the blessing over the cup. He then gave it to his friends saying, Drink this all of you, this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Blood spilled for you and for the entire human family, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died to give us life Christ has risen to make us free Christ will return to establish his Reign. In this memorial of amnesty and forgiveness we celebrate the wonder of your love and offer you this bread and wine. Send upon them the dew of your Holy Spirit, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our companion, your Son, the food and refreshment of a pilgrim people. Fill us with your grace and blessing, that we may be artisans of your justice and instruments of peace in this torn world.

Gather all your church, spread across the globe, in the unity of faith, hope and love. Have compassion on all who suffer in solitude and helplessness. Save the victims of hunger, oppression and persecution for the sake of justice, of the terror of war, and torture in prisons.

Make us all to share in the hope of glory, and take us one day with you to the joy of your Eternal Reign to sing your praises forever.

Through Christ, in Christ and with Christ; in the unity of the Holy Spirit: all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

#### THE GREAT AMEN

Robinson II



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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider

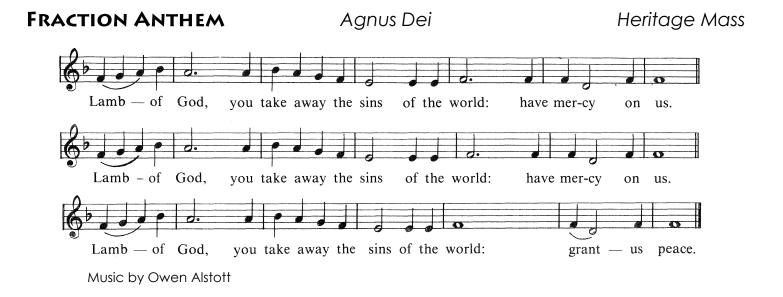
As Christ teaches us, we pray.

ΑII

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



#### THE INVITATION

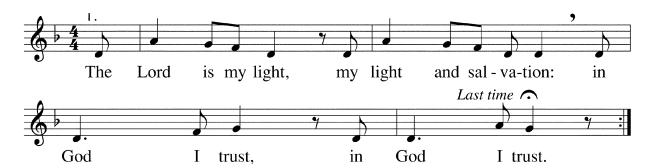
The Presider says

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.

Come to this table, all who have much faith and all who would like to have more; all who have been here often and all who have not been for a long time; all who have tried to follow Jesus, and all who have failed.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here. (from Iona)

All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to move forward to stand or kneel at the altar. To receive only a blessing, place arms in an "x" across your chest as the priest approaches. To share the bread, extend hands open, palms up, one on top of the other. You may request a gluten-free wafer from the priest. To share the cup, take hold of the base and guide it to your mouth. If not desiring to receive the wine, fold arms in an "x" over your chest as the cup passes by.



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Please stand as able

#### SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The Presider says

In the name of this congregation we send you forth to share this Eucharist with N.

ΑII

You carry the prayers of us all as you take this Sacrament of Christ's presence. May those who receive it be strengthened and encouraged in the life we find together in our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Book of Alternative Services. Canada

Presider Let us pray.

All Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help

us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of

Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

The presider blesses the people.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of the Triune God be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



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#### THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people, saying

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** Declamation on "Psalm 42 / Genevan"

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

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