

THE ORDER FOR OUR WORSHIP

PRELUDE - "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"
tune Wachet auf; setting by Fillmore

HYMN 343 - *we sing, standing*

ADVENT WREATH ~ 2nd SUNDAY

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, on this Second Sunday in Advent, our attention is turned to the great figure of John the Baptizer. John calls us out to the desert, proclaiming a time of repentance and renewal, for the day of the Lord is at hand. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath, let us prepare ourselves through prayer and penance. Let us open a way for the Lord to come into our lives.

Lord Jesus, Your forerunner John calls us to repent for You are near. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You bring us forgiveness for our sins and You baptize us with Your Spirit. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, You are the way, the straight path leading to the kingdom. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive your sins, and bring you to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve

You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

FIRST LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN - *see insert* - "Lord, You Have Lavished on Your Land" - PSALM 85 - *we sing, seated*

SECOND LESSON *(bulletin back page)*

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

page 156 - **ALLELUIA VERSE** - *all standing*

GOSPEL *(bulletin back page)* - *all stand*

Before, all shout: Glory to you, O Lord!

After, all shout: Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN 344 - *we sing, seated*

SERMON

NICENE CREED - *hymnal, last page*
all standing

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

all may kneel

Response: **Hear our prayer!**

OFFERTORY - "Prepare" by Allen Pote

8:00 - Bruce Emerick, Soloist

10:30 - Parish Choir

page 160 - **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

page 161 - **SANCTUS**

LORD'S PRAYER

page 162 - **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

SHARING OF PEACE

page 163 - **AGNUS DEI**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

During the Distribution we sing HYMN 350 vs 1, 2 & HYMN 347 vs 1, 3, 4

All are invited to commune who have been baptized and instructed in the Faith; who repent of their sins; who are committed to Christ and to the mission of his church; and who believe with us that we receive and share our Savior's Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine of the Sacrament - as signs of his forgiveness and of

our Christian family solidarity.

All who commune, kindly sign your names in our Communicant Register, which is located on the narthex shelf along side our Guest Register.

page 164 - **POST COMMUNION**
CANTICLE - *all standing*

page 166 - **BENEDICTION**

HYMN 348 - *we sing, standing*

POSTLUDE - "Savior of the Nations Come"
arr. Wayne Wold

NEWS AND NOTES

Altar Flowers are from Jeff and Kyong Mann in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

This Week Here

Wed - 1:30PM - Bible Study - bring mask

- 7:15PM - Bell Choir - bring mask

- 8:00PM - Parish Choir - bring mask

Last Sunday Here

Worshiping: 36 **Offering:** \$3,238

Offering Envelopes are on the hallway table. If you have not already done so, please pick yours up this morning. Pledge packets were mailed out this past week. Please assist CLC in planning and meeting our financial obligations by returning your pledge card to the church as soon as possible. Thank you!

Portals of Prayer (daily home devotional booklets for adults) - regular & large-print editions - on narthex table. Help yourself to a copy-and take one for a friend, if you wish.

A WORD ABOUT THE LESSONS

You Are Prepared through Repentance for the Coming of the Lord - "The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mark 1:1) begins when John the Baptist appears and comes "proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Mark 1:4). As the prophet Isaiah had written, John is the messenger of the Lord, sent before His face to prepare His way. To this day, the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of the Law and the Gospel and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. By these ways and means, "the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Is. 40:5), and the Good Shepherd "will gather the lambs in his arms" (Is. 40:11). He speaks "tenderly to Jerusalem," and He comforts His people by pardoning their iniquity (Is. 40:1-2). What is more, He promises "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:13). Repent, therefore, and humble yourself as you wait for His coming in peace (2 Peter 3:14), because He "is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).