



The Second Sunday of Advent

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

December 4, 2022

Welcome to the Monastery Chapel.

We warmly invite you to participate fully in our worship.

Prelude

Freu dich sehr

Johann Gottfried Walther

Entrance Hymn

Blest be the God of Israel

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God,

People **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.

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Entrance Hymn

Blest be the God of Israel

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call,
3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord, you will pre - pare the way,

and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.
the oath once sworn to A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all;
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.

So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm
that we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise,
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease

God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
in ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

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KINGSFOLD
C.M.D.

Song of Supplication "Kyrie eleison"

Hymnal S 96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,

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Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Presider Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall 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.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon

The Nicene Creed (Rite II)

The image shows a musical score for the Nicene Creed, Rite II. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The text is: "We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther the Al-might-y, ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - - seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je - - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther. Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion he came down from hea - ven: by the pow - er of the Ho - ly Spi - rit he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man. For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain".

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther the Al-might-y, ma-ker of
hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - - seen.
We be-lieve in one Lord, Je - - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God,
e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal - va - tion
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he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late;
he suf - fered death and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain

in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he a-scend-ed in-to hea - ven
 and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry
 to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no end.
 We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the Giv-er of life, who pro-ceeds
 from the Fa-ther and the Son. With the Fa-ther and the Son he is
 wor-shiped and glo-ri-fied. He has spo-ken through the Pro-phets.
 We be-lieve in one ho-ly cath-o-lic and a-po-sto-lic Church.
 We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the
 re-sur-rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
 A - - - - - men.

Setting: Plainsong, Mode 5; Credo III; adapt. James Woodman (b. 1957)

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution of Sin

As announced

Presider When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God of all mercy,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Peace

We greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ

We are now allowing the option of offering the peace using physical contact. If you choose to do so please graciously observe the preference of those who prefer to offer the peace through a prayerful gesture without contact.

The Collection of Gifts and Offerings

Your financial gifts support the Brothers' life and ministry to those at our monastery in Cambridge as well as to many others whom we reach with our publications, livestreaming services, online offerings, and in our travels on mission.

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy”

Hymnal S 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S 148, alt.

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for ev - er. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of seven staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'

Fraction Anthem

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Hymnal S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Ministration of Communion

We will now administer Holy Communion by both Bread and Wine. If you feel uncomfortable receiving the Wine, please remember that the Church catholic has always taught that the fullness of the Sacrament is received even when only one form is received. For public health reasons, Diocesan policy does not allow for Intinction (dipping the Bread into the Wine). Please refrain from this practice.

Closing Hymn

Wild and lone the prophet's voice

Hymns for the Gospels 18

1. Wild and lone the proph - et's voice
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows:
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold

Ech - oes through the des - ert still,
Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near,

Call - ing us to make a choice,
Trust no oth - er claim than those;
And his time - less warn - ings hold

Bid - ding us to do God's will:
Set your heart on things a - bove.
Words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap - tized;
 Soon the Lord will come in pow'r,
 So we dare to jour - ney on,

Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Burn - ing clean the thresh - ing floor:
 Led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit - ting all the sins you prized,
 Then will flames the chaff de - vour;
 Till we come at last like John

Yield your life to God's con - trol."
 Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 To be - hold the Lamb of God.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

Faithful God,

People **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.

Blessing & Dismissal

Postlude

Freu dich sehr

Max Reger

Announcements

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the Monastery today, either in-person or online. If you are a visitor, or new to the Monastery or Community, please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of the Brothers following the Eucharist. If you are joining us online, drop us a note telling us where you are joining us from.

Update to Covid Safety Practices

Since reopening the monastery chapel to guests in late August, we have maximized air flow by opening all the Chapel windows during our liturgies. Please note that starting today, due to the colder outside temperatures, we will be closing the Chapel windows for all services. We will make additional public announcements if this policy is altered for whatever reason. As has been our practice, we continue to fully support those who may choose to wear a mask for any reason.

Gluten-Free Wafers at Holy Communion

Please indicate to the Brother administering Holy Communion if that is your preference.

Advent Liturgical Offering—Candlelight Compline

This Advent, the Brothers will mark the season by praying a slightly modified version of the *Book of Common Prayer's* rites for Compline (monastic night prayer) by the warm glow of candlelight. Draw your days to a close as we pray for *a peaceful night and a perfect end*. Join us at 8:30pm Tuesday through Saturday during the four weeks of Advent.

Ordo 2022–2023 Available

The new liturgical year begins with First Evensong of Advent Sunday on Saturday 26 November. Print copies of the new Ordo are available for sale at \$15 through the Guesthouse bookstall and following the 9AM Sunday and 5:30PM Tuesday Eucharists. (For a free electronic copy or to order print copies direct from the printer please see this link: <https://www.ssje.org/worship-schedule/>)

Student Tuesdays

For our weekly Tuesday evening student group we invite local students to join us each week for the Eucharist, supper, discussion, and Compline, in any combination. Information and registration can be found at www.ssje.org/students.

Ministry at Emery House

We are excited to announce that, after several years of prayerful discernment, the community has made the decision to revive our ministry at Emery House. As a first step in that process, a small group of brothers will re-establish a residential community there in January. We anticipate opening our guest ministry at Emery House sometime in the spring of 2023. We will be making an announcement about further steps later in the fall. We ask for your patience as those details emerge, and for your prayers and support as we respond to God's call in West Newbury.

Program Retreats

Registration for program retreats has begun. You can view the offerings and make a request at www.ssje.org/programs. We look forward to offering these themed retreats again in the winter and spring. Offerings for 2023 will be available in December.

Retreat Day

The community's next retreat day is Wednesday, December 7. We will not pray Compline on Tuesday, December 6 or Morning Prayer and Compline on Wednesday, December 7. Our retreat day in January will be Wednesday, January 11.

Livestreaming

We livestream Evening Prayer and Compline throughout the week, as well as the Sunday and Tuesday Eucharists. If you cannot join us in person, please join us online.

Monastery Guesthouse

Dates of availability for self-led retreats in the guesthouse from September 2022 through July 2023 are now available online. You can view them and make a request at www.ssje.org/reservation. We look forward to welcoming you for a time of quiet, prayer, and rest. We ask that all guests be fully vaccinated and boosted for Covid and willing to follow our most current health and safety protocols.

Evening Prayer

Evening Prayer (Evensong) is one of the glories of Anglicanism. The community sings Evening Prayer at 6:00PM Wednesday through Saturday and at 4:00PM on Sunday. Saturday and Sunday Evening Prayer are especially beautiful. Now that the chapel is open again, why not make attending Evening Prayer on Saturday or Sunday, or another evening during the week, part of your regular pattern?

*For more information about the Society, stays in the guesthouse,
or to subscribe to **Brother Give Us A Word**, or our occasional news update,
please check our website at www.SSJE.org*

Monastery Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

7:30AM Morning Prayer

12:30PM Noonday Prayer

6:00PM First Evensong (livestreamed)

No Compline

9:30PM Musical Prelude (livestreamed)

10:00PM Holy Eucharist (livestreamed)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

7:30AM Morning Prayer

9:00AM Holy Eucharist (livestreamed)

1:00PM Noonday Prayer

5:00PM Evensong (livestreamed)

No Compline

Monday, December 26 and Tuesday, December 27

Brothers' Sabbath — No Public Worship



Br. Geoffrey Tristram, *Presider*

Br. Jack Crowley, *Preacher*

Br. Jonathan Maury, *Acolyte*

Mr. James Woodman, *Monastery Organist*



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THE MONASTERY AS SANCTUARY

We want our Monastery to be a sanctuary for our guests and for the Brothers. Please silence your electronic devices. We also ask you not to photograph, video, or record services in the Chapel, or to photograph other guests or Brothers without their express permission.