

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Natalie Tran and Selah Bray

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE "Wait for the Lord" *Red Book 262*

REPRISE "Wait for the Lord" *Red Book 262*

WELCOME AND INVOCATION *Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

We worship in the name of the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper” *Bringle*
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- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in;
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.



OPENING PRAYER

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare a pathway for your Christ. By his coming speak peace to your people and turn our hearts toward you, that your saving grace and splendid glory may dwell in all the earth; through Jesus Christ, whose day draws near. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah. 11: 1 – 10

Ericka Jones

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

2 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.

3 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,

4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed 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.

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

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

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

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

9 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.

10 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.**

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72

"Every Nation On Earth"
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Joncas

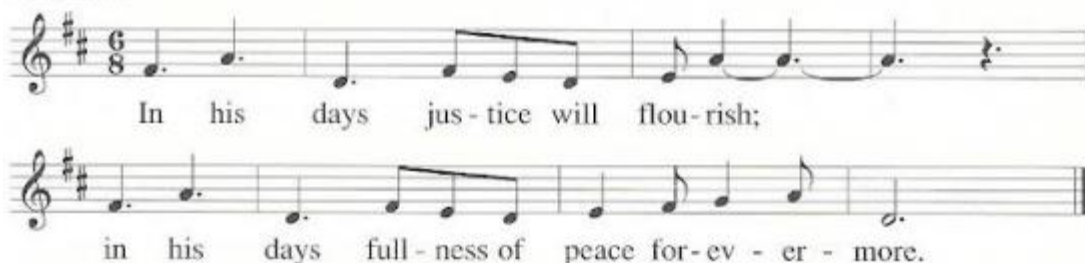
Refrain I



Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;

ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

Refrain II



In his days jus - tice will flou - rish;

in his days full - ness of peace for - ev - er - more.

Verses

1. O God, with your judgment endow the king;
with your justice endow the king's son.
With justice he will govern your people,
your afflicted ones with right judgment.
2. Justice shall flow'r in his days,
lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
from the river to the ends of the earth.
3. The kings of Tarsish and the Isles offer gifts,
those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him their homage,
all nations shall serve him.
4. He rescues the poor when they cry out,
the afflicted with no one to help.
The lowly and poor he shall pity,
the lives of the poor he will save.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3: 1 – 12

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 3, verses 1 – 12:

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
2 **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”** 3 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.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? 8 Therefore, **bear fruit worthy of repentance**, 9 and 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. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore **every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.**

11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** 12 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON	"A Prophecy of Peace"	<i>Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland</i>
SERMON SONG	"A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness" Redeemer Choir (Prayer squares are collected)	<i>Joncas</i>
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler" (next page)	<i>Dunstan/Rowan</i>



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Lead, Kindly, Light"
Redeemer Choir

Steven Warner

OFFERING PRAYER

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

Gracious God, we thank you for blessing us with your presence, comfort, and direction in our lives. You inspire us to do what we can to help others. Bless these gifts that they will be used with wise and faithful stewardship for the flourishing of this parish, this city, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland



Presider's Prayer

Reprise "And the Table Will be Wide"

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

COMMUNION SONG "What Feast of Love"

Red Book 487

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Donnie Bogle-Boesiger

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Be people of peace.

Let peace live in your heart and share the peace of Christ with all you meet.

Share peace by acting out of compassion and not fear.

Share peace by listening to all sides of the story.

Share peace by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share peace.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creation, share peace and hope with those you meet.

Take with you the blessing of the Holy Creator, Sustainer, and Inspiration. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"He Came Down"

Red Book 253

DISMISSAL Go in the hope of believing that God is near. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor Lisa recommends this 10-minute daily podcast for Advent:

God with us: An Advent Devotional. *Written by Erin Beasley.*

Read by Ross Lester.

Available wherever you find your podcasts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with the pastor.

BIBLE STUDY – MONDAY

- Bible Study is held each Monday afternoon from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. To prepare for Monday, next week's Gospel is **Matthew 10: 40–42**. We will be meeting in Conference Room #2.

DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at finance@redeermilwaukee.org. She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.
- **If you are bringing a donation of clothing, please let the staff ok the donation first before putting it in the clothes pantry.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. Choir sings again today. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at music@redeermilwaukee.org.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at operations@olganws.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Wednesdays in Advent: December 10 and 17 at noon.
 - We will gather for soup at noon, and then move to the Event Space for Advent Worship.
- Christmas Eve Worship – 6:00 PM
- Christmas Day – Brunch Worship – 10:00 AM (Event Space)