

Holy Eucharist

December 4, 2022

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The Second Sunday of Advent Year A

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 76

On Jordan's bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

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.**

Kyrie: *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Hymnal S-91

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes, and some phrases are marked with a slur.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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

²The 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.

³His 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;

⁴but 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.

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

⁶The 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.

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

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

⁹They 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.

¹⁰On 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.



Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

¹Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

²**That he may rule your people righteously ***
and the poor with justice;

³That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

**4He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
⁵He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.
**6He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
**18Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be his glorious Name forever, *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
 and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
 and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
 the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
 in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

O come, o come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This 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.’”

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

⁷But 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? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹“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. ¹²His 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, as we anticipate the glorious birth of the Messiah, let us gather our prayers and thanksgivings as an offering of faith, responding, “O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

Intercessor For your holy church, that we may faithfully follow in the way of Jesus. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Cathedral of the Epiphany, Santo Domingo, and St Ann’s, Mendoza, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East; and for all the members of Christ’s body. That we may confess our collusion with evil, turn from the wrong we have done, and recommit ourselves to a holy life; let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

That righteousness may flourish throughout the legislative bodies of our nation, so that integrity overcomes the interests of special groups, and honesty the financial influence of the affluent; let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

That we be given the faith to go into the wilderness of our time and culture, giving voice to the promises of Christ; that all people everywhere may choose to be washed through the water and fire of baptism, sharing in Christ’s death and united in his resurrection and the glory of his reign; let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

O Lord of Might, who gives sight to the blind and opens the ears of those who cannot hear, who heals the sick, raises the dead, and brings good news to the poor, give us a share of your power that we may do the works you do; let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

O Branch of Jesse’s tree, we give thanks for our spiritual ancestors, by whose faith the lamp of truth illumines the disciples of every age; let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

In thanksgiving for programs and people who assist those troubled with alcoholism, gambling, and any addiction that holds our souls in bondage; for those who are generous in their giving for the mission of the Church: its ministry and witness, its temporal responsibilities and spiritual treasures, let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

As a people ever-watchful for the coming of the Messiah, let us continue our intercessions. We give you thanks for [_____ and] all the blessings of this life.. We pray for the sick, and for those in any need or trouble [especially_____]. We pray for those who have died [especially_____].

Silence is kept.

Presider O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay! Make us watchful and keep us faithful, O Lord our God, as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sit.

Prayers for those celebrating their birthdays and anniversaries

Those who will be celebrating their birthday in December are invited to the front of the church.

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, Cynthia, Mike, Robert,... 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.

Prayer for an Anniversary

Eternal God, creator and preserver of all life, author of salvation, and giver of all grace: Look with favor upon the world you have made, and for which your Son gave his life, and especially upon all couples. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may continue to grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their lives. **Amen.**

All then kneel as they are able

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

A Priest stands and 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.

All stand as they are able

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

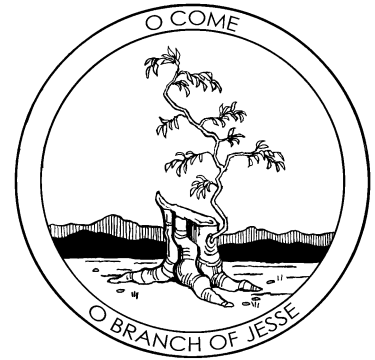
Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Holy are you, God of Jesse, for the branch of our salvation is rooted in you.
To Abraham you promised to raise up a people bound to you in love,
and through the household of David you brought life greater than our imagining
in a child of grace, Jesus our Lord.

Though we deny your love for ourselves
and seek to limit the reach of your mercy to others,
you beckon us to repentance, open our eyes to new life,
and embrace us to join your family of faith.
In your Son's death we see the depth of our sin;
yet in his resurrection we see the extent of your grace.
You bless us beyond reckoning, for you welcome us
into the company of prophets
and apostles and saints on earth and in heaven,
with whom forever we proclaim your praise.



**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Presider continues

Anointing God, your Spirit rested upon your Son with wisdom and understanding,
counsel and might, knowledge and fear. In Christ you have anointed your future
out of our past, your kingdom out of our plans, and your salvation out of our poverty.

As your Spirit rested upon him, send down that same anointing Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Presider and People

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

*The Presider continues; the People pray the text in **Bold Font**.*

Astonishing God, your prophet Isaiah envisioned a day
when the wolf and lamb would lie down together, and the leopard with the kid,
and a little child would lead them.

Astonish us anew by your gentle ways of peace.

Shape your church to live from faith, not fear.

Make your future present through the lives of those

who show us how to love our enemies.

Hasten the day when the earth will be full of the knowledge of you,

and your fullness will be all in all,

and all creation from the depths of the sea to the heights of the mountains
will know the peace to which your Son shall lead.

Awaken that dawn when we are surrounded with everlasting praise to you,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Community of saints, beloved of God,
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on the dreams of God,
to be nourished by a taste of what God desires to do among us.

Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty,
taking risks for one another,
calling down unjust power from its throne
and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

**Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

The Presider then says

And so let us come to the table, expectant, eager, open.
**May we taste the rich blessings of heaven
born from unexpected places, and people, and experiences.**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 312

Strengthen for service, Lord

1 Strength - en for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly
2 Lord, may the tongues which "Ho - ly" sang, keep free from

things have tak - en; let ears that now have
all de - ceiv - ing; the eyes which saw thy



heard thy songs to clam - or nev - er wak - en.
 love be bright, thy bless - ed hope per - ceiv - ing.

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
 you have fed us
 with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us
 with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth
 in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever
 in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Dismissal and Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

May our hearts be filled by our long-awaited Savior. May our community be graced with patient expectation. May Christ be with us in all the chaos. **Amen.**

May we learn to live in the Way of Emmanuel. May we have listening hearts, open minds, and generous spirits. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a____
 2 O____ Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God____ en - du - reth, the____



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

Dismissal

Minister
People

Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with "St Barnabas" on the memo line. The **next Food In-Gathering is December 18**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Compline for Advent 2 will be held via Zoom on **Weds. Dec.7 at 7:00 pm.** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86179980160?pwd=YVhPR2FWMDhsOEpsUkhBZ3RuYXV1Zz09> or use 861 7998 0160 passcode 046006

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Dec. 4 John of Damascus, Priest and Theologian, c.760
- 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest and Theologian, c.210
- 6 Nicholas of Myra, Bishop, c. 342
- 7 Ambrose of Milan, Bishop and Theologian, 397
- 8 Richard Baxter: Pastor and Writer, 1691
- 10 Karl Barth: Pastor and Theologian, 1968; and,
Thomas Merton: Contemplative and Writer, 1968

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December 4, 2022 Advent 2A Second Week of Advent: Journeying with Family and Friends

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that can expand to include family and friends. Mary said “yes” to the call to birth Jesus, God’s Word, into the world and immediately went in haste to share her good news with her cousin, Elizabeth—a four-day journey into the Judean hills. Isn’t that what happens when we hear good news? We are driven to go and tell others. The Way of Love is good news that demands to be shared.

Sunday, December 4: WORSHIP

What part of gathering for worship fills your heart with hope?

Monday, December 5: GO

Read or watch your local news. Where is reconciliation needed? Pray for healing.

Tuesday, December 6: LEARN

Read Luke 1:45. Consider how your faith is a blessing. Share your faith story with a friend.

Wednesday, December 7: PRAY

Offer a prayer of thanks for each person you encounter – both stranger and friend – silently or aloud.

Thursday, December 8: BLESS

Call or write a family member with whom you desire a closer relationship. Share with them how they are a blessing.

Friday, December 9: TURN

Reflect: Where have I fallen short this week? How can I make amends? Give thanks for the gift of fresh starts that we have through God’s grace.

Saturday, December 10: REST

Set aside 30 minutes to rest, pause, and breathe deeply with a friend or family member. Give thanks for the restorative power of love in relationship.



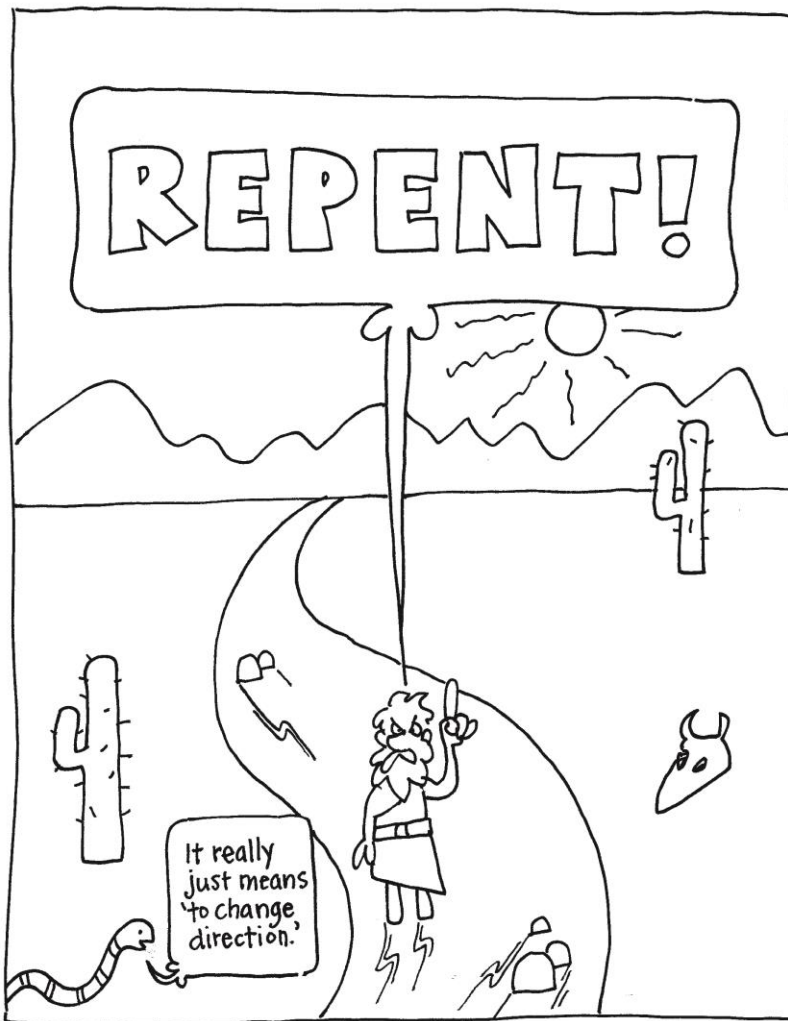
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Invitation to the Table from <https://enfleshed.com/pages/communion-liturgies> Accessed 14 November 2019
Dismissal prayer adapted from "Our Advent Prayer," The Academy for Vocational Leadership, 2018.

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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