
Second Sunday of Advent

Yr A
REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

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.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm

Refrain In his time shall peace and justice flourish. Give the King your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the King's Son; That he may rule your people righteously and the poor with justice; That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, and the little hills bring righteousness. **R** He shall defend the needy among the people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, from one generation to another. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, like showers that water the earth. **R** In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous deeds! And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. **R**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

For whatever 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. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For 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, and 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"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May 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. *Romans 15:4-13*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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." *Matthew 3:1-12*

Prayer over the Gifts

God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

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.



降臨節 (アドベント) 第二主日

待降

全能の神よ、あなたは私たちが救い主を迎える準備が出来るように、しもべバプテスマのヨハネを送られました。あなたの真理を伝える牧師をはげまして私達の不従順な心を翻させ、キリストが再び裁き主として来られる時、神の栄光の前に確信を持って立つことが出来ますように。主は父と聖霊と共に一体であって世々に生き、支配しておられます。アーメン

第一日課 イザヤ書 11:1-10

エッセイの株からひとつの芽が萌えいで／その根からひとつの若枝が育ちその上に主の霊がとどまる。知恵と識別の霊／思慮と勇気の霊／主を知り、恐れ敬う霊。彼は主を恐れ敬う霊に満たされる。目に見えるところによって裁きを行わず／耳にするとところによって弁護することはない。弱い人のために正当な裁きを行い／この地の貧しい人を公平に弁護する。その口の鞭をもって地を打ち／唇の勢いをもって逆らう者を死に至らせる。正義をその腰の帯とし／真実をその身に帯びる。狼は小羊と共に宿り／豹は子山羊と共に伏す。子牛は若獅子と共に育ち／小さい子供がそれらを導く。牛も熊も共に草をはみ／その子らは共に伏し／獅子も牛もひとしく干し草を食らう。乳飲み子は毒蛇の穴に戯れ／幼子は蝮の巣に手を入れる。わたしの聖なる山においては／何もかも害を加えず、滅ぼすこともない。水が海を覆っているように／大地は主を知識で満たされる。その日が来れば／エッセイの根は／すべての民の旗印として立てられ／国々はそれを求めて集う。そのとどまるところは栄光に輝く。

第二日課 ローマの信徒への手紙 15:4-13

かつて書かれた事柄は、すべてわたしたちを教導くためのものです。それでわたしたちは、聖書

から忍耐と慰めを学んで希望を持ち続けることが出来るのです。忍耐と慰めの源である神が、あなたがたに、キリスト・イエスに倣って互いに同じ思いを抱かせ、心を合わせ声をそろえて、わたしたちの主イエス・キリストの神であり、父である方をたたえさせていただきますように。

だから、神の栄光のためにキリストがあなたがたをうけ入れてくださったように、あなたがたも互いに相手を受け入れなさい。わたしは言う。キリストは神の真実を現すために、割礼ある者たちに仕える者となられたのです。それは、先祖たちに対する約束を確証されるためであり、異邦人が神をその憐れみのゆえにたたえるようになるためです。「そのため、わたしは異邦人の中であなたをたたえ、あなたの名をほめ歌おう」と書いてあるとおります。また、「異邦人よ、主の民と共に喜び」と言われ、更に、「すべての異邦人よ、主をたたえよ。すべての民は主を賛美せよ」と言われています。また、イザヤはこう言っています。「エッセイの根から芽が現れ、異邦人を治めるために立ち上がる。異邦人は彼に望みをかける。」希望の源である神が、信仰によって得られるあらゆる喜びと平和とであなたがたを満たし、聖霊の力によって希望に満ちあふれさせてくださるようになります。

福音書 マタイによる福音書 3:1-12

そのころ、洗礼者ヨハネが現れて、ユダヤの荒野の野で宣べ伝え、「悔い改めよ。天の国は近づいた」と言った。これは預言者イザヤによってこう言われている人である。「荒野で叫ぶ者の声がある。『主の道を整え、その道筋をまっすぐにせよ。』」

ヨハネは、らくだの毛衣を着、腰に革の帯を締め、いなごと野蜜を食べ物としていた。そこで、エルサレムとユダヤ全土から、また、ヨルダン川沿いの地方一帯から、人々がヨハネのもとに来て、罪を

告白し、ヨルダン川で彼から洗礼を受けた。ヨハネは、ファリサイ派やサドカイ派の人々が大勢、洗礼を受けに来たのを見て、こう言った。「夏の子らよ、差し迫った神の怒りを免れると、だれが教えたのか。悔い改めにふさわしい実を結べ。

『我々の父はアブラハムだ』などと思ってもみるな。言うておくが、神はこんな石からでも、アブラハムの子たちを造り出すことがおできになる。斧は既に木の根元に置かれている。良い実を結ばない木はみな、切り倒されて火に投げ込まれる。わたしは、悔い改めに導くために、あなたたちに水で洗礼を授けているが、わたしの後から来る方は、わたしよりも優れておられる。わたしは、その履物をお脱がせする値打ちもない。その方は、聖霊と火であなたたちに洗礼をお授けになる。そして、手に箕を持って、脱穀場を隅々まできれいにし、麦を集めて倉に入れ、殻を消えることのない火で焼き払われる。」

奉獻感謝の祈り

私達わたしたちの力ちからの源みなもとである神よ、私達わたしたちはあなたあなたの力ちから無しでは、無むに等ひとししい者ものです。どうか今日私達きょうわたしたちが献たまげる物ものを受け取り、慈悲深じひふかきところによつて私達わたしたちをお守りまもり下さい。主イエス・キリストの御名ごなによつて。
アーメン。