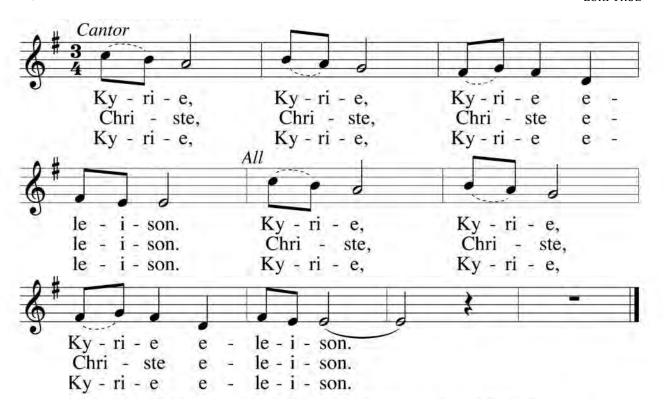
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2nd Sunday of Advent

heritage
DECEMBER 4, 2022





The First Reading

<u>IS 11:1-10</u>

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge,

nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted.

He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked.

Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.

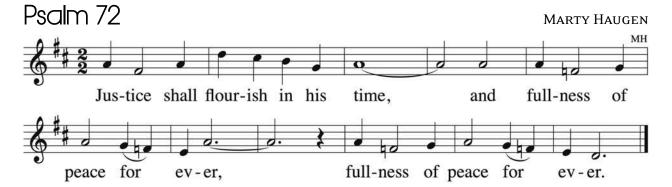
Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them.

The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox.

The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair.

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.



The Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters:

Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written:

Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.



Gospel

MT 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert,

Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight his paths.

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist.

His food was locusts and wild honey.

At that time Jerusalem, all Judea,

and the whole region around the Jordan

were going out to him

and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves,

as they acknowledged their sins.

'We have Abraham as our father.'

For I tell you,

God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees.

Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.

I am not worthy to carry his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

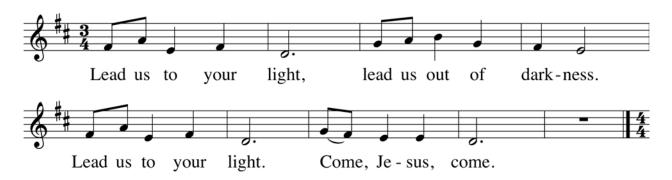
His winnowing fan is in his hand.

He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn,

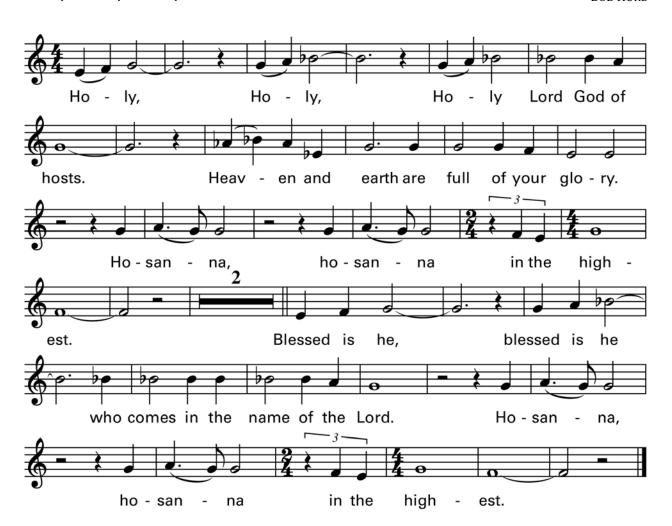
but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Lead Us to Your Light

CAROL BROWNING









Amen

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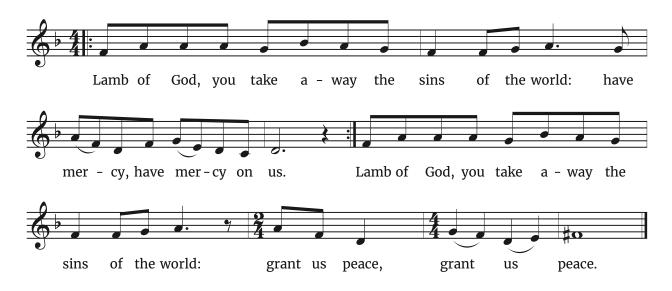








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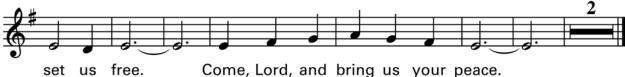
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set us free.
set us free.

Come now and bring us your peace.

Week 2

- Now is the time; prepare the way; salvation is close at hand.
 Make straight the paths of the Lord.
 Lift up your voices and pray:
- Comfort, O God, grant to us.
 Tenderly speak your Word.
 Then shall your glory be revealed;
 help us to cry out with zeal:

Week 3

- Come and rejoice, again, rejoice!
 Here is the God who saves.
 Now is the time, do not fear.
 Sing out with voices and praise:
- Always rejoice; never cease constantly giving thanks.
 Always rejoice in the Lord.
 Joyfully sing out this song:

Week 4

- Come to us, O Emmanuel!
 Come ransom Israel
 that mourns in lonely exile here.
 The Son of God soon will appear!
- 3. Come now, O Rod of Jesse's stem; power is yours alone.
 Come now, O Key of David, come.
 Open your heavenly home!

- Now is the time; reform your lives.
 The reign of God is at hand!
 On that day a shoot shall sprout,
 blossoming; so let us pray:
- 4. Take off the robe of mourning; put on the splendor of God. Wrap on the cloak of justice and light, guiding us all through the night.
- Patience, my friends; wait and see.
 Soon will the Lord appear.
 Patience, my friends, from the start.
 Let us rejoice from our hearts:
- 4. Shout out with joy, O Israel. Exult in your hearts, be glad. The Lord, your God, is with you now; cry out with gladness and song:
- Come now, O Wisdom, from on high; show us our failures and flaws.
 Come to us now, O Lord of might!
 Come to us; bring us your law!
- Come now, O Dayspring from on high. Make all the dark clouds decrease. Come to us, O Desire of nations. Be now our Prince of Peace.





