

*The Anglican Church of Freiburg  
Morning Worship  
Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Liturgy*

Theme: Waiting for the Kingdom of Peace

**Silent Preparation**

**Prelude**

(Instrumental Music)

**Opening Sentence**

The joy of Christian life is the promise of peace amidst tubulous seas  
The hope of Christian life is the love of God that was made manifest in the manger

Come Let us in expectation of the Coming King  
Worship the Triune God in truth and in spirit.

**Opening Prayer**

Come O Lord

**Be Our Guide**

Come O Lord

**Be Our Friend**

Come O Lord

**Be Our Light**

Come O Lord

**Be Our Way**

Come O Lord

**Be Our Life**

Amen

**Opening Hymn**

**Come Thou fount of every blessing**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9I\\_-ShgVBE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9I_-ShgVBE)

## **Lighting the Second Candle of Advent**

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=K9M8SmWh2Fo>

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God.  
For the love of our Father, the maker of all,  
the giver of all good things,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
who lived and worked among us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his suffering and death on the cross  
and his resurrection to new life,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For his rule over all things  
and his presence in the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the Holy Spirit, the giver of life,  
who teaches and guides us,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the grace of the Spirit  
in the work of the Church  
and the life of the world,  
let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers of Confession**

God of grace,  
we confess that we are more eager to receive your mercy  
than we are to extend your kindness to others.  
We ask for what we need  
without considering whether we have what someone else needs.  
We seek your forgiveness  
but hold grudges against others.  
We want you to lead us,  
but only if you will send us where we want to go.  
By your grace, we want to turn this around.  
We choose to give you more than we think we can spare;  
to forgive even those who have yet to ask for forgiveness;  
to follow you wherever you choose to lead us.  
Receive our commitment to new life,  
in Jesus' matchless name.

*(by Rev. Nathan Williams),*

## **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,

who is our Lord and our God.  
Amen

## Psalm

Psalm 72: 1-7

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦  
and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦  
and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦  
and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, ♦  
deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦  
from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ♦  
like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦  
and abundance of peace  
till the moon shall be no more.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

*Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God*  
***Our hearts and our minds are open***

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
<sup>2</sup>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.  
<sup>3</sup> 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;  
<sup>4</sup> 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.  
<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
<sup>6</sup> 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.  
<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
<sup>9</sup> 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.  
<sup>10</sup> 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.

*This is the Word of the Lord*  
**All: Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn  
Savior of the Nations Come  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2n7zLLYKRM>

## **Gospel**

Matthew 3:1-12

*"Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,*  
**All: Glory to You, O Lord**

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

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

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe 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.

<sup>11</sup> ‘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. <sup>12</sup> 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.’

## **Homily**

## **Silence**

## **Intercession**

## **Sharing of Peace**

Jesus says to his disciples,  
‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.  
Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

(Sharing of Peace)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSdGW\\_HBrLE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSdGW_HBrLE)

**Offertory Hymn/ Closing Hymn**

Joyful Joyful we Ardore Thee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YcKIYUL5B0E>

**Closing Prayer**

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

**Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

**Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you.

**Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
the holy and undivided Trinity,  
guard you, save you,  
and bring you to that heavenly city,  
where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Be with you now and for evermore.

**Amen**

## **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;  
help the afflicted; honour everyone;  
love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

## **Postlude**

(A Musical Postlude)