

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 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. ‘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.’

Gospel Reader: *This is the Gospel of the Lord* All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE NICENE CREED followed by PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY HYMN # 452 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

FINAL HYMN # 451 Long ago, prophets knew

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. There are still some calendars of Canadian churches to be sold in aid of Church funds at €10 each. They are at the back of the church. Please pay for them in the card's money tin. . Christmas cards still available.
2. Please sign the list on the notice board if you wish to come to Christmas lunch
3. The *Ladies who Lunch* group invites partners and others from St. John's to their joint Christmas lunch with BAV Neighbourhood Network at 12 noon on 16th December at L'Évasion restaurant in Port Fréjus. Full details on Notice Board.

Service on Sunday 14th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

Communion with Tony MONDS

Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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St. John's is an inclusive congregation and welcomes everyone to worship with us.

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING

St. John the Baptist

Bernardo ZENALE—Lombard School
(c. 1470-1526)

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”



Sunday 7th December 2025 Second Sunday of Advent—Year A

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Congregational Worship Leader

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 535 O come, O come, Emmanuel (Omit v. 4)

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, (No GLORIA during Advent)

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY

See Pew Sheet insert—Advent 2

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

(11:1-10)

A shoot shall come out from the stock 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.

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

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

(15:4-13)

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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN # 166 Faithful shepherd, feed me

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord



Faithful Shepherd

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(3:1-12)

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