

## COMMUNION OF THE SICK

*Invitation: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves for this celebration, let us call to mind our sins.*

I confess to almighty God,  
and to you, here present,  
that I have sinned through my own  
fault  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done,  
and in what I have failed to do;  
and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, here present,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has  
taught us:

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Communion:**

This is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to His  
supper.

*Lord, I am not worthy that You  
should enter under my roof.,*

*but only say the word and my soul  
shall be healed.*

The body of Christ.

**Prayer after Communion:**

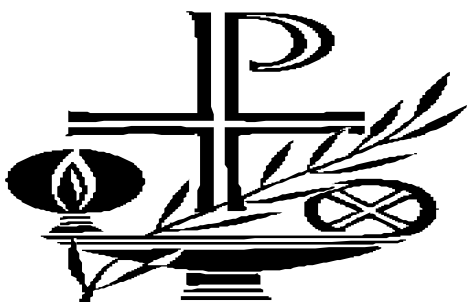
Let us pray.

Father,  
may the food we receive in the  
Eucharist  
help our eternal redemption.  
Keep within us the vigour of Your  
Spirit  
and protect the gifts You have  
given to Your Church.

We ask this in the name of Jesus  
the Lord

**Amen**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit. **Amen**



## 04.12.2022 Second Sunday of Advent Year A



## Communion to the Sick & Housebound Elizabeth Catholic Parish



*“An inclusive Eucharistic Community in the  
Catholic Tradition united in Jesus reaching out to  
all”*

## First Reading : -

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,  
a scion thrusts from his roots:  
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,  
a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power,  
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.  
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)  
He does not judge by appearances,  
he gives no verdict on hearsay,  
but judges the wretched with integrity,  
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the  
land.  
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;  
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to  
lead them.  
The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie  
down together.  
The lion eats straw like the ox.  
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair the young child puts his  
hand.  
They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain,  
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the  
Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.  
That day, the root of Jesse  
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.  
It will be sought out by the nations  
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm:

#### ***R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.***

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. R.

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails:  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. R.

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. R.

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. R.

## Second Reading:-

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures  
was meant to teach us something about hope from  
the examples scripture gives of how people who did  
not give up were helped by God. And may he who  
helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to  
be tolerant with each other, following the example  
of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice  
you may give glory to the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat  
each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated  
you. The reason Christ became the servant of  
circumcised Jews was not only so that God could  
faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs,  
it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his  
mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall  
praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### Gospel: -

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached  
in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message:  
'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'  
This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair  
with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was  
locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all  
Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to  
him, and as they were baptised by him in the river  
Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a  
number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for  
baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned  
you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you  
Are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not  
presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our  
father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for  
Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid  
to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to  
produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the  
fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one  
who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am  
not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise 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 the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that  
will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.