

The Lessons Appointed for Use on the  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Year A  
RCL



Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-13  
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

## Old Testament

### Isaiah 11:1-10

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.

## **The Psalm (sung at 10:30 am)**

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19**

#### *Deus, iudicium*

- 1 Give the King your justice, O | God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's | Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people | righteously \*  
and the poor with | justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the | people, \*  
and the little hills bring | righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the | people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the op- | pressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en- | dure, \*  
from one generation to an- | other.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown | field, \*  
like showers that water the | earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous | flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no | more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of | Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous | deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for | ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. A- | men.

## The Epistle

### Romans 15:4-13

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.