
The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant - The Reverend Canon Steven M. Roberts

Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier, *Dean*

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship. Children, Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the Nursery for breakfast and the Good Shepherd Atrium for Christian Formation. They will join us in the cathedral at The Peace. An usher will be happy to assist you with directions.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing the

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #56 - O come, O come, Emmanuel *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book, page 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*

Janet Hall

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

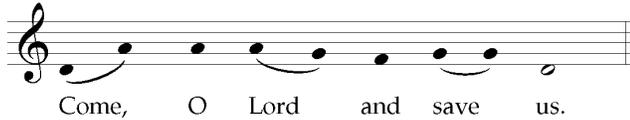
THE FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*



- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger. [*Refrain*]
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON ~ James 5:7-10

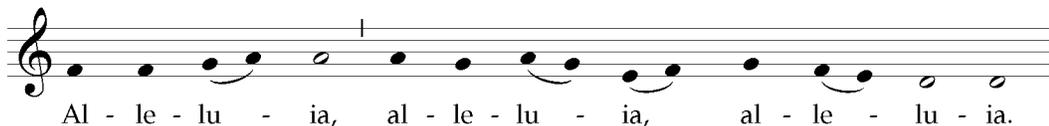
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



- V. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ “Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form IV

Prayer Book, Page 388

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Prayer Book, Page 360

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

Zion, at thy shining gates	Christ, for thee their triple light,	Come and give us peace within,
Lo, the King of Glory waits,	Faith and hope and love unite;	Loose us from the bands of sin,
Haste thy monarch's pomp to greet,	This the beacon we display	Take away the galling weight
Strew thy palms before his feet.	To proclaim thine advent day.	Laid on us by Satan's hate.
Give us grace thy yoke to wear,		So, when thou shalt come again,
Give us strength thy cross to bear,		Judge of angels and of men.
Make us thine in deed and word,		We with all thy saints shall sing
Thine in heart and life, O Lord.		Alleluias to our King.

Words: B.H. Kennedy (1804-1880)
Music: arr. George Guest (1924-2002)

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #640 ~ Watchman, tell us of the night *Aberystwyth*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

Prayer Book, Page 367

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

Prayer Book, Page 368

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (said by all)

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

1. This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.
2. The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.
3. Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
he would redeem us by his Son.
4. And at that season of the year
Our blest Redeemer did appear;
He here did live, and here did preach,
And many thousands he did teach.
5. Thus he in love to us behaved,
To show us how we must be saved;
And if you want to know the way,
Be pleased to hear what he did say.

Reggie White-Cleine, *Tenor Soloist*

English traditional carol
arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Please join in singing

HYMN #75 ~ There's a voice in the wilderness crying.....*Ascension*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #68 ~ Rejoice! rejoice, believers *Llangloffan*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Dates

- Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
- Casey Candebat in Concert, December 18, 3:00 PM in the cathedral
- Sunday, December 18, 6:00 PM - The Bishop's Annual Visit with Confirmation at Real Presence
- Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve - The Holy Eucharist at 5:00 PM & 9:00 PM. Bishop Thompson preaches
- Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 10:00 AM - The Holy Eucharist in the cathedral
- Sunday, January 1, 2017 - The early service (1928 Prayer Book) time changes to 8:00 AM.
- Friday, January 6, 2017 - Holiday party at the home of Henry & Sandy Jackson.

The Gardening Group meets on Saturday, December 17 from 8am to 10am to beautify and maintain the gardens. Many thanks!

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour after a 10:00 AM Sunday Eucharist. This is a vital part of our ministry. The sign-up sheet is in Stuart Hall.

If you or a family member is hospitalized or shut-in, please contact the parish secretary during office hours or call one of us directly on our mobile phones at any time and leave a voice message if necessary. If the situation is not urgent you may also contact use via email (copying the parish secretary as well.) Please DO NOT use text messages, Facebook or any other instant message platform to communicate sensitive or urgent information, as their reliability is inconsistent.

Christmas Greenery ~ The Flower Guild is requesting donations of evergreens, magnolia leaves, and holly for the greening of the Chapel and Cathedral. Please drop off the donations no later than Tuesday, December 22.

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SUNDAY 12/11

ADVENT III

7:30 AM	The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)	(Chapel)
9:45 AM	Children's Christian Formation	(Martin Room)
10:00 AM	The Holy Eucharist (Sung)	(Cathedral)
11:15 AM	Coffee Hour	(Stuart Hall)
4:00 PM	Lessons & Carols	(Cathedral)
6:00 PM	REAL PRESENCE Contemplative Eucharist	(Cathedral)

MONDAY 12/12

12:15 PM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)
5:00 PM	Bodytime Bootcamp	(Stuart Hall)
5:30 PM	Yoga	(Cathedral)
6:00 PM	Vestry	(Advent House)

TUESDAY 12/13

9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	(Westfeldt Room)
12:15 PM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)
2:00 PM	Funeral - James Fortenberry	(Chapel)
4:00 PM	Jericho Road Executive Board	(Westfeldt Room)
5:00 PM	Bodytime Bootcamp	(Stuart Hall)
5:30 PM	Yoga	(Cathedral)
6:45 PM	Seekers Book Study	(Advent House)

WEDNESDAY 12/14

11:30 AM	Contemplative Prayer & Book Study	(Advent House)
12:15 PM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)
1:00 PM	Education for Ministry	(Westfeldt Room)
7:00 PM	Choir Practice	(Choir Room)

THURSDAY 12/15

12:00 PM	Ladies Only A.A. Group	(Martin Room)
12:15 PM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)
1:00 PM	Fiscal Management Team	(True Vine Atrium)
5:00 PM	Bodytime Bootcamp	(Stuart Hall)

FRIDAY 12/16

9:00 AM	Fiscal Management Team	(True Vine Atrium)
12:15 PM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)

SATURDAY 12/17

CATHEDRAL OFFICE OPEN 9AM-NOON

8:00 AM	Garden Group	(Front Yard)
9:00 AM	Fiscal Management Team	(True Vine Atrium)
9:30 AM	The Holy Eucharist	(Chapel)
9:30 AM	Centering Prayer	(Advent House)
10:00 AM	Eracism	(Westfeldt Room)

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