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# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Preacher - The Reverend Robert Courtney, *Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church*

*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. Face masks are optional. Large-print Prayer Books are available at the Usher's Stand. This liturgy is being webcast on YouTube. Those seated in the front of the nave may briefly appear on camera. 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** (Omit vss. 5-7) ~ 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 (Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy)*

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 ~ Zephaniah 3:14-20

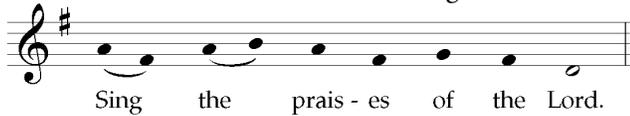
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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THE GRADUAL - Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*



Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior. [*Refrain*]

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted. [*Refrain*]

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. [*Refrain*]

THE SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4:4-7

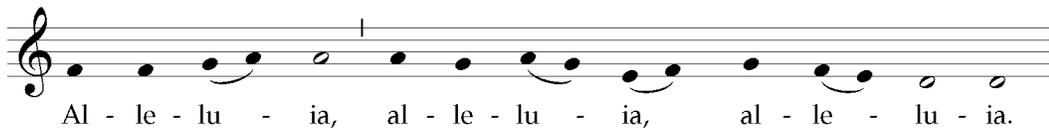
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*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 - Luke 3:7-18

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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 ax 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." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

*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 II**

Prayer Book, Page 385

**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**

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God, with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

Words: Philippians 4:4-7

Music: Anonymous. Mid 16<sup>th</sup> century, English.

**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**

*During this time, we offer communion in one kind (bread only). Please come forward, maintaining physical distance, receive the wafer from the priest and return to your seat.*

**ANTHEM**

Where is this stupendous stranger?  
Prophets, shepherds, kings, advise.  
Lead me to my Master's manger,  
show me where my Savior lies.

O Most Mighty! O Most Holy!  
Far beyond the seraph's thought:  
art thou then so weak and lowly  
as unheeded prophets taught?

Words: Christopher Smart (1722-1771)  
Music: David Ashley White (b. 1944)

*Please join in singing*

O the magnitude of meekness!  
Worth from worth immortal sprung;  
O the strength of infant weakness,  
if eternal is so young!

God all bounteous, all creative,  
whom no ills from good disuade,  
is incarnate, and a native  
of the very world he made.

**HYMN #59** ~ Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding..... *Merton*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Prayer Book, Page 365/366

**THE SEASONAL BLESSING**

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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 #72** ~ Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes..... *Richmond*

**THE DISMISSAL**

*People* Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

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*Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall and the Bishop's garden 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**

***Volunteer Opportunity*** - Our neighbors at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (1823 Washington Ave) offer a free hot meal at noon every Wednesday and Saturday. They have invited us to join them in helping to serve this meal. The sign-up sheet to volunteer can be found on the website listed below. Helping out doesn't require any expertise with food prep, their chef can give any instructions that are necessary. You can see more about it, including a pdf that can be shared, here: <https://www.blcnola.org/communitytable>.

*We extend a warm welcome* to the clergy and people of St. Paul's Church as they recover from damage to their property during hurricane Ida.

#### ***Christian Formation***

*Children (ages 5 through 12)* will gather Sunday mornings beginning at 9:55 am and return to their parents in church in time for communion. Getting to know Jesus through Bible stories, discussion, videos, and other activities.

*High School and Middle School age Youth* will gather on Sunday mornings following the 10:00 am service for time to build and strengthen their faith to face the challenges of their life through scripture study, insightful videos and sharing their understandings and fellowship.

#### ***Save the dates***

- December 12 - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, 4:00 PM
  - December 17 - Lyrica Baroque Holiday Concert, 7:00 PM
  - December 19 - Presentation on The Jericho Road Episcopal Housing Initiative by Nicole Barnes during Coffee Hour.
  - December 24 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 5:00 PM; The Holy Eucharist, Rite I at 9:00 PM
  - December 25 - The Holy Eucharist, Rite II at 10:00 AM
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**A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**  
Today at 4:00 PM

## **Winter Adult Education Program**

Beginning in January, an hour-long adult education program will be offered in the Cathedral House on six Wednesday afternoons and the same course will be offered on a Saturday morning through mid-afternoon (with lunch).

The course is *From Jesus to Christ to the Church: Scripture and Patristic Literature in the Formation of the Christian Faith*. Although the course will be offered in person (with appropriate health precautions), efforts are being made to have it available to those who wish to participate in the course online. Although the suggested readings for the program will all be in the New Testament, reference will be made to early Christian writings—some accepted as important for the development of the orthodox Faith and others that were rejected by the Church as ‘heterodox’ and a danger to the true Faith. Although reading the entire New Testament will help participants understand the material best (it is suggested that reading Paul’s Epistles will be most helpful—even more helpful than reading the Gospels—all of Paul’s letters were written prior to Mark’s Gospel!

More detailed information about schedule and the course outline will be available prior to the New Year.

- *The Reverend Canon Dr. David B. Lowry*

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**THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021**

SUNDAY

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

4:00 PM A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

TUESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral

WEDNESDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

THURSDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

10:00 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FRIDAY

7:30 AM Morning Prayer (Chapel, Facebook Live)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Harris Chapel)

SATURDAY

5:00 PM Wedding

SUNDAY

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

9:55 AM Christian Formation for Children

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung) (Cathedral)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

11:15 AM Presentation by Nicole Barnes (Jericho Road)

6:00 PM Real Presence

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