
The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

Preacher - The Reverend Bridget K. Tierney

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 Dean's Parlor for Breakfast and 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.*

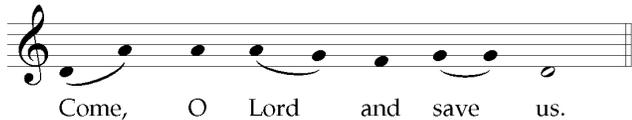
THE FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 35:1-10

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! [*Refrain*]

THE SECOND LESSON ~ James 5:7-10

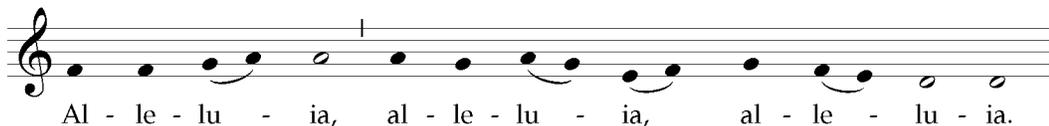
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against 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

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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

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 16th century, English.

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

Peace be to you and grace from him	Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within,
Who freed us from our sins.	Rejoice on earth, ye saints below.
Who loved us all and shed his blood	For Christ is coming, is coming soon
That we might saved be.	For Christ is coming soon.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord	E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come
The Lord, Almighty God.	And night shall be no more.
Who was, and is, and is to come	They need no light nor lamp nor sun
Sing Holy, Holy Lord.	For Christ will be their All!

Words: From scripture, adapted by Ruth Manz
Music: Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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

- Thursday, December 19 - Lyrica Baroque Christmas Concert
- Friday, January 3, 2020 - Holiday party at the home of Barbara Mangum

If you haven't made your financial pledge for 2020, please do so as soon as possible. The Finance Committee and Vestry are hard at work planning next year's budget.

Success of our Little Free Library - Due to the increased patronage of our original Little Free Library at St. Charles Avenue and Sixth Street, we have opened a second location in the office entryway, which is proving extremely popular. There is an urgent need for gently used hard cover and paperback books, especially those for children. Please leave your donations in the back of the cathedral or chapel for weekly pickup, or in the basket provided in the office entryway during the week.

Christmas Flowers - If you would like to make a contribution toward the Christmas Flower array in honor of, or in memory of a loved one, please clearly note this on a Christmas Flower envelope and return it to the Cathedral office by Monday, December 16. Names will be listed in the Christmas service leaflets. Many thanks!

Donors needed for Altar Flowers in Cathedral and Chapel - Please sign up today on the chart next to Stuart Hall, or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - sditta@tulane.edu.

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 us 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.



December 15, 2019 – Advent 3 (A)
Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John's family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey.

Sunday, December 15
WORSHIP

Pray for each person as they receive communion. Imagine who you would like to see at church next week. Invite them to join you.

Monday, December 16
GO

Choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play today. Who or what did you encounter differently?

Tuesday, December 17
LEARN

Read Luke 1:64. When Zechariah could finally speak, he began by praising God. For what can you praise God? Share on social media or with a friend.

Wednesday, December 18
PRAY

Keep a lookout for anyone who might seem lonely, stressed, or sad. Offer this simple invitation: "May I pray for you?" Then offer

prayers – silently or aloud – on their behalf as you move through your day.

Thursday, December 19
BLESS

Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.

Friday, December 20
TURN

Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.

Saturday, December 21
REST

In Genesis 1-2, God calls the creation "good" and rests. What can you proclaim to be "good" instead of "not enough" as a witness to God's love for the world today?

For more Advent resources related to the Way of Love, visit episcopalchurch.org/wayoflove. There, you'll find links to the full Advent curriculum *Journeying the Way of Love*, as well as *Living the Way of Love in Community*, a nine-session curriculum for use anytime.

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THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
10:00 AM Children's Church (Dean's Parlor)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
11:15 AM Middle/High School Class (Dean's Parlor)
6:00 PM Real Presence

MONDAY

12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Dean's Parlor)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
1:00 PM Advent House Book Club
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Yoga in the Cathedral
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)
6:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Dean's Parlor)
6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cathedral Tours
12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)
7:00 PM Christmas Concert - Lyrica Baroque

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

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9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)
10:00 AM Erascism (Westfeldt Room)
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