
The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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 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 by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

LORD HAVE MERCY *Kyrie eleison*

Janet Hall

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON ~ Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride

adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

PSALM 126 *In convertendo*

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| 1 | When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * | 5 | Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * |
| | then were we like those who dream. | | like the watercourses of the Negev. |
| 2 | Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * | 6 | Those who sowed with tears * |
| | and our tongue with shouts of joy. | | will reap with songs of joy. |
| 3 | Then they said among the nations, * | 7 | Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * |
| | “The Lord has done great things for them.” | | will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. |
| 4 | The Lord has done great things for us, * | | and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. |
| | and we are glad indeed. | | |

Setting: Ivor Algernon Atkins

THE SECOND LESSON ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

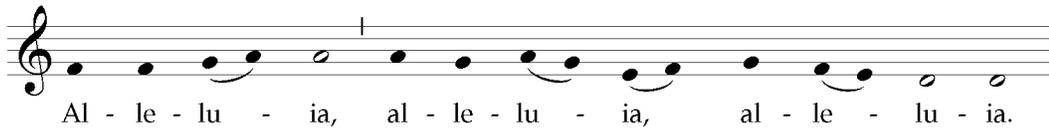
Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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 ~ John 1:6-8,19-28

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

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 #72 ~ Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes *Richmond*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ~ Eucharistic Prayer I

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

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 339

THE SEASONAL BLESSING

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.
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

- January 5 - Holiday Party (Stuart Hall)
- January 11 - Cornell University Chorus in concert

There will be no 10:00 AM Eucharist on Sunday, December 24. Please join us for the 8:00 1928 Prayer Book Eucharist, or for our evening Christmas Eve Services.

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 on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Stuart Hall.

William Thiele, Spiritual Director of the School for Contemplative Living, joins us on Advent House Sunday (December 17) after the 10:00 a.m. service to talk about the cultivation of compassion. Dr. Thiele is a licensed professional counselor and spiritual director in private practice. He is the author of *“Monks in the World: Seeking God in a Frantic Culture,”* and an adjunct professor at Loyola University.

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.



Mr. Casey Candebat, Tenor
Today 3:00 PM

Christmas at the Cathedral

Sunday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve
5:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Bishop Thompson, Celebrant and Preacher

9:00 PM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite I
Bishop Thompson preaches; The Dean celebrates.

Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day
10:00 AM ~ The Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Carols

*All events are free of charge.
Donations are gladly accepted.*

Lyrca Baroque
Saturday, December 23 at 7:00 PM





**December 17, 2017 – Advent 3 (B)
For Such a Time as This: December**

#PrayFastAct for Sustainable Development Goals

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry reminds us to pray, fast and act this Advent and Christmas, in support of good policies that provide opportunities for and respect the dignity of people struggling with poverty.

This month, we focus on the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to end poverty and hunger, reduce inequalities, ensure quality education, create opportunities for decent work, care for creation, and promote a peaceful and just global community.



On December 21, join the Episcopal Public Policy Network and the Presiding Bishops of the Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as we pray, fast and act.

During this Advent and Christmas, we focus on the praying aspect of this campaign, and encourage all to pray for the Sustainable Development Goals. Share on social media using #PrayFastAct and @TheEPPN. On the 21st, share which SDG matters most to you.

**Pray for each of the goals using these prayers from the World Council of Churches:
<http://bit.ly/SDGprayers>**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
9:45 AM Christian Formation for Children
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)
3:00 PM Casey Candebat - Christmas Concert
6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE

MONDAY

12:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting (Martin Room)
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
1:00 PM Book Club (Advent House)
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 Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)
5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)

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)

FRIDAY

9:00 AM Flower Guild decorates the cathedral
12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Office open until noon
9:30 AM Centering Prayer (AH)
10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)
7:00 PM Lyrica Baroque - Christmas Concert

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)
5:00 PM Festal Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 PM Festal Holy Eucharist, Rite I



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