

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

The Word of God

The Prelude: The Clouds of Judgment Gather

Irish tune, arr. David Paxton

The Processional Hymn: 56 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, *stanzas 5 & 6*

VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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

People: Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Celebrant

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.

The Kyrie

BCP p. 356; Hymnal S 96

Celebrant and People

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

Read responsively by half verse.

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.
 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.
 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.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn: 679 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me

THOMAS MERTON

Stanza 1 is sung before the Gospel, stanza 2 is sung after.

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

Gospeler: 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.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
 People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Kevin Lloyd

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please read together the names on our prayer list, when prompted.

In this season of anticipation, we lift our souls to you, O Lord, and put our trust in you. Show us your ways and teach us your paths. Even in our busy-ness, help us to remain alert, and help us to prepare our hearts and minds for your coming. Come, Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, O Lord, that it might be purified by the fire of your love and grace, and that we her members might abound in love for you, for one another, and for all people. Come, Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

In your good time, O Lord, the valleys shall be filled, the mountains and hills made low, and the rough ways made smooth. Guide the people of this land and of all the nations along pathways of justice and peace. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

You have lifted up the lowly, O Lord, and filled the hungry with good things. Remember, according to your love, those who are sick, suffering, or in any kind of trouble. Together we pray for: **Anne, Bob, Brittany, Carol, Caroline, Courtney, Deanna, Florence, Gray, Helen, Hilary, Jean, Jeanie, Joe, Mason, Norm, Sandy, Steve, Susan, the Klusty family.** Are there others? Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

In the fullness of time, O Lord, you sent your son to be born of Mary. He was proclaimed to be Emmanuel: God-with-us. We thank you that you are indeed present with us, both in life and in death. We pray for those that we love, but see no longer, knowing that they continue in your loving presence, now and into eternity. We remember especially: Ethel Broadard and Grace Graham. Come Lord Jesus, **hear our prayer.**

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

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Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem: Advent Message

Martin How

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus, Amen, come, Lord Jesus.
O come quickly, come, Lord Jesus, O come quickly, come, Lord, come.

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus. Yea, come quickly, come, Lord, come.
Amen, Amen, Amen, come, Lord, come.

The Presentation of Gifts

At the Presentation: King of Kings, Yet Born of Mary

PICARDY

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer C

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The Sursum Corda

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also 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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

**People: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

BCP p. 364; S 161

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Ministration of Communion

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The Communion Hymn: 640 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

This prayer is meant to be prayed by those who are unable to attend in-person worship for any reason.

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, (and remembering particularly my own parish and those worshipping there) I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The Recessional Hymn: 76 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW

The Dismissal

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Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude: Prepare the Way, O Zion

Swedish folk tune, arr. James Mansfield