

# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



## Trinity Church

Jacksonville, Illinois

**PRELUDE**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel* arr. J. Ferguson

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 323)**

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

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

Amen.

**COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT  
COMMANDMENTS (BCP p. 323)**

*The Celebrant says*

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.*

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.

**OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE (BCP p. 324)**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 325)

*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 Lessons

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>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;

<sup>2</sup>to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 126**

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

<sup>3</sup>Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>5</sup>Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.

<sup>6</sup>Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>7</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

<sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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

## **GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

*All stand.*

*Priest*            The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                      according to John.  
*People*            Glory be to thee, O Lord.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

<sup>19</sup>This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup>He

confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” <sup>21</sup>And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.”

<sup>22</sup>Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” <sup>23</sup>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.

<sup>24</sup>Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. <sup>25</sup>They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” <sup>26</sup>John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, <sup>27</sup>the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” <sup>28</sup>This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

## **THE SERMON (BCP p. 326)**

### **THE CREED (BCP p. 326)**

I believe in one God,  
    the Father Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    and of all things visible and invisible;  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
    the only-begotten Son of God,  
    begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
    God of God, Light of Light,  
    very God of very God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    being of one substance with the Father;  
    by whom all things were made;  
    who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 383) (Form I)**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*All kneel.*

**Lector:** For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,  
and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord,  
have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of  
God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord,  
have mercy.*

For our Bishop **Daniel, for Michael, Justin, Carlos, Jorge, Dale,  
Gideon, and Justo**, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to  
the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For our President Donald, our President-elect Joseph, for our Governor JB, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, especially **Courtland, Levi, Nolan, Owen, Rankin, and Thomas**, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially **Allan, Allyson, Adalyn, Clayton, and Kenzie**, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For those celebrating anniversaries this week, especially **Hilda, Kristin, Annette, Jim, Ryan & Sarah, and Rob & Maureen**, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially for **Michael and Evelyn**, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*



Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace. *Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. George, St. Andrew, St. Patrick, St. David, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

### **CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 330)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Almighty God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
maker of all things, judge of all men:  
We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins  
and wickedness,  
which we from time to time most grievously have committed,  
by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,  
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.  
We do earnestly repent,  
and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;  
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,  
the burden of them is intolerable.  
Have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may ever hereafter  
serve and please thee in newness of life,



# The Great Thanksgiving

## **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 333)**

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                And with thy spirit.  
*Celebrant*            Lift up your hearts.  
*People*                We lift them up unto the Lord.  
*Celebrant*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*                It is meet and right so to do.

## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 333)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## **SANCTUS (BCP p. 333)**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 334)**

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 336)**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

# The Breaking of the Bread

## **FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 337)**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.

## **PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP p. 337)**

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

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.*

## **INVITATION (BCP p. 338)**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP) P. 339)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

**BLESSING (BCP p. 339)**

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**DISMISSAL (BCP p. 340)**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Come, O Long-Expected Jesus* arr. R. Powell

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## INTENTIONS AT THE PRAYERS

### **The Church**

The Diocese of Springfield	Daniel, Bishop
The Episcopal Church	Michael, Presiding Bishop
The Church of England	Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
The Region of Arequipa (Peru)	Carlos, Vicar
The Church of the Falkland Islands	Timothy, Bishop
St. Stephen's (Harrisburg)	Timothy, Priest-in-charge
Kaliua Deanery (Tanzania)	Nason, Rural Dean
The Mission of Sts. Mary & Martha of Bethany (Peru)	Victor, Vicar

### **Birthday**

Hilda Radcliffe (12/14)  
Kristin Jamison (12/15)  
Annette Hipkins (12/16)  
Jim Miller (12/19)

### **Wedding**

Ryan & Sarah Van Aken (12/16)  
Rob & Maureen Vidakovich (12/18)

### **For those who suffer from any sickness or distress**

Allan                      Allyson                      Adalyn                      Clayton                      Kenzie

### **Those on active military duty and in law enforcement**

Owen Blackorby                      Thomas Ramsay                      Samuel Rankin Weller  
Levi Haley                      Nolan Tighe                      Courtland Woodruff

### **The Departed**

Michael Henry & Evelyn Wallace Aputis

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