



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Seeking to see and serve Christ in all persons

**The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021 • 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist - Rite II**

This service is printed here in its entirety.

The Processional Hymn

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
Hymnal 59

The Advent Candle Lighting

Reader One: It's a reunion, every time we go home, every time we embrace those we love, no matter how long it has been. It feels like sunrise, like the clouds are parting and the rain has ended. It is joy, nothing less than pure joy to grab hold of those who are home for us, who make home for us. Whether we wake up to them every day, or travel many miles to see them again, it is joy to go home.

Reader Two: The prophet Zephaniah tells us to rejoice at the thought of going home. The prophet tells us to imagine being set free, being unburdened, being released to live, to fully live in the grace and wonder of life itself, surrounded by those who love us like no one else. And then to live like that was our truth even now, even here. It is joy to go home.

Reader One: John the Baptist reminds us, however, that it takes choices to live in this joy. It doesn't just happen; we choose to make life a joy by how we love others, by how we serve and give and care for others, by how we do the job we do and how we impact the world around us. We build joy as we build a home in this world and the next.

Reader Two: We light these candles, the candle of hope, and of peace, and of joy, as a sign that we are on our way home, and we walk with a skip in our step because we can see the destination, and it is pure joy. It is time to go home.

Congregation Sings the following: Hymn 56 verse 3

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The People say together

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 Trisagion

Hymnal S 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Children ages 4-8 are invited to gather at the rear of the church to attend Children's Chapel, return during the Peace.

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.**

All may be seated.

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.***

Canticle 9 - The Song of Isaiah [Luke 12:2-6]

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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 Reading: 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.***

The Sequence Hymn

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers
Hymnal 68

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Remarks from Stewardship Chair

Philip Hand

The Nicene Creed

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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 — Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People ***That we all may be one.***

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest.

People ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for those on our prayer list, especially David, Tom, Ernie, Heather, Anne, Don, Frank, Carol, Megan, Jeni, Charles, Pete, Frances.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks for those who celebrate birthdays this week, especially: Shannon, Michael, Charlie, Sophie, Sissie, Elisabeth, Lauren, Polly, James, Melissa, Edie.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

Silence.

The People may add their own petition.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader 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.

All stand, as able.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Blessings and Thanksgivings

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion
G.F. Handel

The Presentation Hymn

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Hymnal 76

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

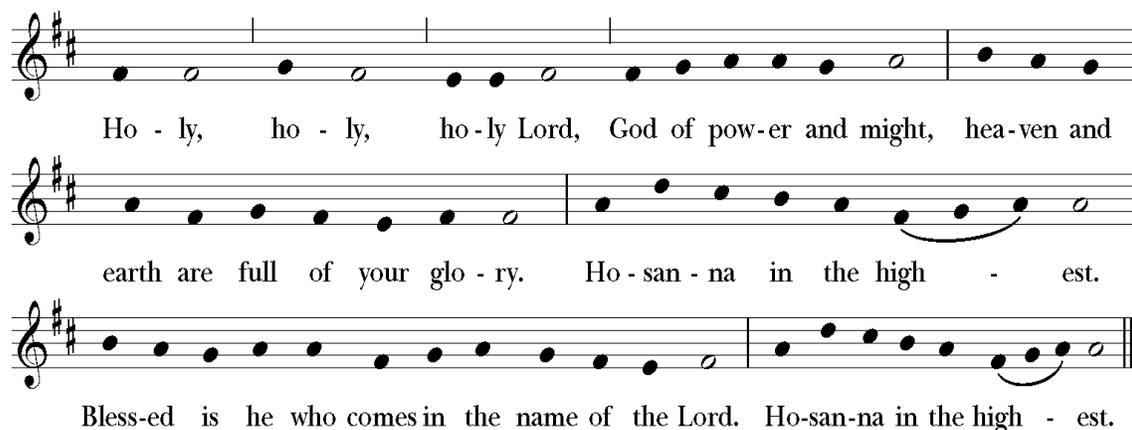
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Hymnal S-124



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.

The people stand or kneel, as able. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Greater Amen

Hymnal S-147



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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

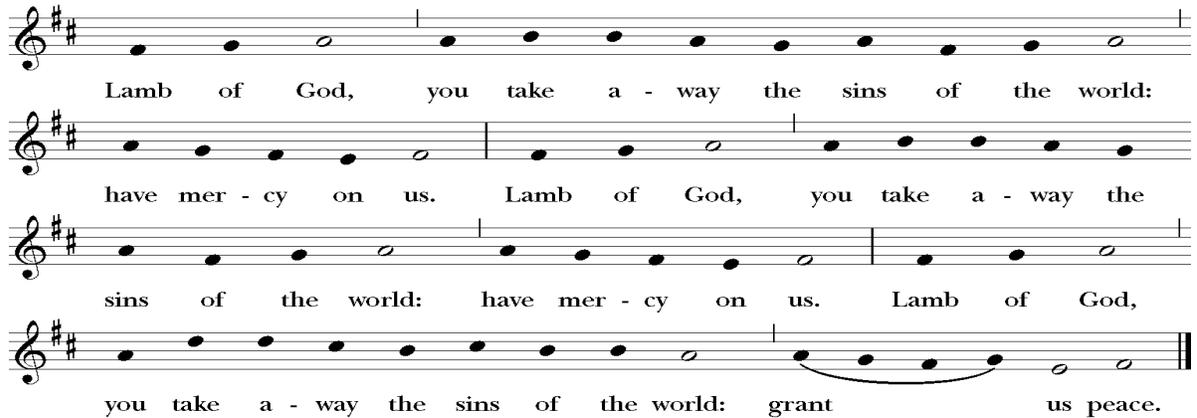
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S-161



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.

Children's Anthem

He Comes!
Natalie Sleeth

*He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord, our God!
He comes! He comes in the name of the Lord!
Let all rejoice with heart and voice and thankful be!
The chosen one, God's only Son, O blest is He!
Light for Him a candle, He is drawing near!
Sing for Him a carol, loud and clear!
Prepare His way this holy day, and thankful be!
It's time at last the waiting's past! O blest is He!*

The Communion Hymn

Surely it is God who saves me
Hymnal 679

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 Advent 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.**

The Closing Hymn

Come thou long, expected Jesus
Hymnal 66

The Dismissal

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Katie McBride-Newnan, Jack and India in celebration of the life of Billy Newnan, and also by Patty King.

A Prayer for Advent (From the Daughters of the King)

We pray during Advent that we may open our hearts in love and hope as we await the celebration of Jesus' birth.

SUNDAY PARTICIPANTS

| VPOW [Vestry Person of the Week] - Renee Powell | | | | |
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| Verger | Eucharistic Minister | Ushers | Acolytes | Readers |
| Dwight Tony | Carolyn Masters Mary Frances Hanea Michele Mattera | Hadley Heindel, David Martin, Nick Eversoll, Anne Josey, Brian Lewis, Rusty Martin, Tammy Martin, Roy Reynolds, Steve Umberger, Cathay Sanlin | Freddy Wendleburg - 1st Lily Hopkins - 2nd Sydney Pape - Banner Mary Scott Fabrizi - Torch 1 Mary Huskison - Torch 2 | David Carver |

Remember in your Prayers

We pray for those with timely concerns: Brink Howard, Danielle Doughtie, Rena McMichael, Michael Coxand, Dustin Brown, Steven Stellen, Marcia Mack, Vashti Ravenell, Gavin Stuart and family, Heather Pennell-Glover, Anne Murphy, Quinn Harrison, Jason Allen, Ethan Page, Luke Bourneuf, Ruthie Stewart, Don Jones, Ivy Roman, Scott Cummins, Ernie Williams, Carol Paschal, Mandy Screven, Pete Furniss, Frances Lee Goodrum.

We pray for those with ongoing concerns: Malcolm Velasca, Kiran Force, Alice Magnan, Annie Bulford, Margaret Crary, Trina Hall, Tyler Chapman, Anna Endres, Kimberly Leitch, Candy Waldron, Bo Warren, Brittany Jones, Ralph Hajosy, Jeff Lawhead, Donald Simpson, John Cummins, Megan Morgan, Jeni Massenburg, Charles Daniel.

We pray for the members of the Vestry: Jennifer, Nicole, Philip, Frankey, Mark, Geoff, Renee, Heather, Virginia, and for the Staff: Hazel, Mason, Charmaine, Dawn, Elisabeth, Mary Margaret, Cole, Kimberly.

We pray for members of our armed services and their families: Phil Kearney, Kevin Bradley, Joe Clay, Tom Choate, Linda Boyce, Dariel Johnson, Sean McGraw, Steven Puckett, Bill Tudor, Jr., Scott Woodward, Luke White, Tommy White, Zach Simkins, Jacob Britt, Morgen Davis, Luke Eason, Michael Rafferty, David Norwood, Arron Essex, Adam Harrison, Sam Vermilyea, Charles Mathews, Cameron Everett, Lanier Sealy, Beau Massenburg.

We give thanks for the lives of those celebrating birthdays this week: Shannon Snyder, Michael Carroll, Charlie Beaucham, Sophie Smith, Sissie Jarrell, Elisabeth Copeland, Lauren Ferguson, Polly Holladay, James Jordan, Melissa Sadler, Edie Teal, Charmaine Morris.

We pray for those who have died. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Parish Notices

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

- **12/15/21** - GingerBread House Decorating & Movie Party in the Parish Hall from 5pm - 7pm. Dinner provided. Bring your own house, decorations will be provided.
- **12/24/21** - Christmas Eve Services - Family Service at 5 PM and Special music at 10:30 PM and Mass at 11 PM
- **No Christmas day service**
- Sunday, December 26th - One Service at 10:30 AM
- January 6, 2022 - Epiphany Party

Children's Pageant Rehearsals - December 12th, and 19th after the 10:30 service. Please contact Dawn Harrison or Elisabeth Copeland for more information.

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Vestry

Jennifer Thomasson, Senior Warden; **Mark LeVan**, Junior Warden; **Nicole Edwards**, Outreach Liaison; **Philip Hand**, Stewardship Liaison; **Frankey Henderson**, Parish Life Liaison; **Geoff Mattera**, Communications Liaison; **Renee Powell**, Health and Healing Liaison; **Heather Turner**, Welcoming Liaison; **Virginia Williams**, Compliance and Documentation Liaison.