

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019

10:30 a.m.



*You will find hymns in the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (LEVAS II) or in the red Hymnal 1982.
Numbers that begin with 'S' refer to "service music" in the front of the hymnal.
"BCP" refers to the Book of Common Prayer.*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Improvisation on *Gaudete* Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding Hymnal 59
MERTON

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

Celebrant Almighty God, to 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 your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
People **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Hymnal S-98
William Mathias

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
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 forever.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

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 travelers, 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM*Anglican Chant*

Psalm 146:4-9

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.
 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 strangers; *
 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!

SECOND READING

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.****SEQUENCE HYMN**

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Hymnal 438
WOODLANDS**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey

CREED

Sung by all

paraphrase of the Nicene Creed by Timothy Dudley-Smith

We be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, God al - migh - ty,
 Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to
 We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be -
 by whose plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing,
 slaugh - ter led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late,
 low, a - bove: saints of God in one com - mu - nion,
 all cre - at - ed things be - gan. We be - lieve in
 he des - cend - ed to the dead. We be - lieve in
 one in ho - li - ness and love. So by faith, our
 Christ the Sa - vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
 Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign,
 sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,
 vir - gin - born, the child of Ma - ry
 to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed
 we shall rise with him in glo - ry
 up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
 till as judge he comes a - gain.
 to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Common Worship*, Church of England

- Reader* In joyful expectation, let us pray to Jesus.
 Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for this church and all churches in this diocese.
 We pray for Wendell our bishop; Bonnie our bishop-elect; Emily, David, and Anthony our priests;
 and Chip who was made a deacon yesterday. Give us a longing for your kingdom.
- People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Reader* Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for the United States, especially for Donald
 our President, Gretchen our governor, and Michael our mayor. Before you, O Christ, rulers will
 stand in silence.
- People* **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray for **Cordelia Brown, Jocelyn Burrell, Margie Deeb, Elaine Gregersen, Emily Hill, Joe Miller, Gus Mondalek, Pamla Moore, Carl Pfadt, Len St. Jean, Esther Tietz, Teresa Wakeen, Carol Ann Watson, & Megan White.**
(*People add names silently or aloud.*) Strengthen us whenever we struggle, and set us free to serve you.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to us as Shepherd of our souls. We pray for those who have died, especially those we now name. (*People add names silently or aloud.*)

Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death.

People **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Reader Come to us as our heart's desire. With angels who announce your coming, we celebrate those having birthdays this week: **Grace Brandon, Iain Mason, Sue Russell** (*People add names silently or aloud.*)
Lead us into the joys of love unknown.

Celebrant Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSON OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.

People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Representative

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood, text by H. R. Bramley

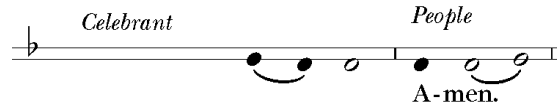
O Thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most high, eternal light of this our wintry world,
Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above, above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round Thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel,
as Thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove.

Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with Thee,
transforming day to souls while ere unclean, now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

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 God, now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Sung by all

Hymnal S-155
Gerald Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,
who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming, is coming soon!
E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;
they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!

COMMUNION HYMN

Rockin' Jerusalem

LEVAS II 17

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COMMENDATION OF LAY EUCHARIST VISITORS

Deacon In the name of Christ Church, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our sister Mary, that she may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

BLESSING

Celebrant May Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68
LLANGLOFFAN

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on “In dulci jubilo”, BWV 729

J.S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Douglas Leonard Esse in observance of the forty days since his passing by his wife, Rosemary, and family.

ASSISTING IN THE LITURGY

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Emily Williams Guffey, <i>Rector</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	The Rev. Deacon George Lane “Chip” Dischinger III
<i>Musicians</i>	Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm, <i>Director of Music</i> The Christ Church Detroit Choir
<i>Crucifer</i>	Olivia Benbow
<i>Gospel Server</i>	Ava White
<i>Bell Ringer</i>	Ezra Guffey
<i>Lector</i>	Kate Keenan
<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Jim Fleming, Edwina Simpson
<i>Ushers</i>	Susan Larsen, Steve Hughes
<i>Sacristans</i>	Liza Parkinson, Josephine Powell
<i>Vestry Representative</i>	David Faust
<i>Videographers</i>	Desmond Jones, Karen Frade
<i>Nursery Supervisors</i>	Dahlia Medvinsky, Caila Wilson
<i>Coffee Hour Host</i>	The Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Class

NOTES ABOUT TODAY’S MUSIC

Gaudete! Rejoice! The Third Sunday of Advent is all about rejoicing. In all of our appointed readings, there is rejoicing. In Isaiah, the wilderness and the desert are glad. In the psalm, the singers rejoice in the God of Jacob. In the Gospel, the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As a friend often says to me, “Does Jesus love us or what?!”

At the offertory, the choir responds to these readings with an Advent anthem written by Charles Wood that is deeply steeped in the Victorian style: “O Thou the Central Orb”. The text is by H. R. Bramley and is most poignant here: “Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee.” At the communion, the choir is singing “E’en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” written by Paul Manz in 1953 during a time when his three-year-old son was critically ill. Reflecting on the time, his wife Ruth Manz reported, “I think we’d reached the point where we felt that time was certainly running out so we committed it to the Lord and said, ‘Lord Jesus, quickly come.’” While at this son’s bedside, Paul Manz began drafting the composition which later became the current piece. Their son did recover, which the couple attributed to the power of prayer. — *Dr. Edward Maki-Schramm*