# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

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The Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023 + 10:30 a.m.

# The Holy Eucharist

# Preparation for Worship in God's Name

#### PRAYER OF MEDITATION

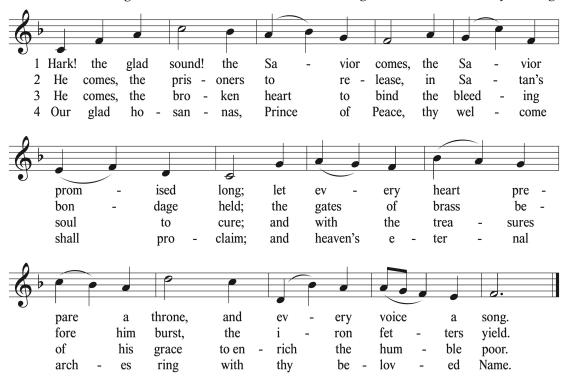
As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

O God of the still-small voice of peace, help me to quiet my mind, my spirit, and my life, that I may become a dwelling place, and may know, embrace, and embody your in-breaking Word, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

#### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

# The Liturgy of the Word

HYMN "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1816); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

During the hymn, Chris Foell and Natalie McNutt place the sheep and shepherds in the creche.

### ACCLAMATION AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Remain standing.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living God:

People: You come to your people and set them free.

Celebrant: Jerusalem, rejoice with great rejoicing;

People: For your Savior comes to you, hallelujah.

Celebrant: Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. This should be the easy one, because joy is all around us—in the children, the lights, the music, the gathering

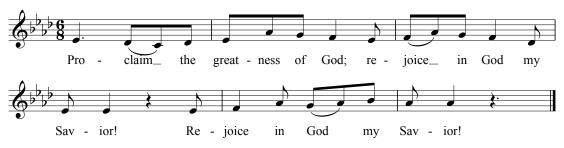
together. But how often do we let our preparations, the busy-ness of the

holidays, and even our memories of times past, push joy to the side? Today we

open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us.

### SONG OF PRAISE "Magnificat"

The choir sings the antiphon, and all repeat:



The choir sings:

- 1. For he has favored his lowly one, and all shall call me blessed.

  The almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. *Antiphon*
- He favors those who fear his name, in every generation;
   He has shown the might and strength of his arm, and scattered the proud of heart.
   Antiphon
- 3. He has cast the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with all good gifts and sent the rich away. *Antiphon*
- 4. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy.
  He promised his mercy to Abraham and his children for evermore. *Antiphon*

The choir sings: Proclaim the greatness of God! Rejoice!

—Setting: James Chepponis, para. of Luke 1:46–55.
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#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Remain standing; silence is kept.

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.

#### FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of 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.

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

### **PSALM 126** Everyone sings the antiphon; the choir sings the verses.



- When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \* then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- Then they said among the nations, \*

  "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \* and we are glad indeed.

### Antiphon

- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \* like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \* will reap with songs of joy.
- † 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \* will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

### Antiphon

—Setting: Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962), based on *Veni Emmanuel*.

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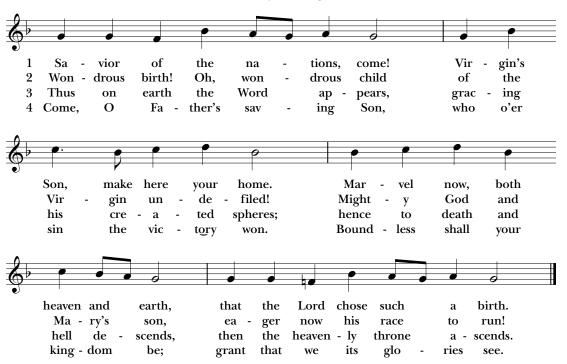
#### SECOND LESSON

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

HYMN "Savior of the nations, come" Everyone sings.



—Words: Martin Luther (1483–1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340–397) tr. William M. Reynolds (1812–1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938) Music: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, melody from Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524

### GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (1:26–38).

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Liz Parmalee and Laura Airhart for Children's Chapel. They will return at the Peace.

#### **SERMON**

A time for silent reflection follows the sermon.

### CREED Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



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Music: Greensleeves, traditional English melody, adapted

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Remain standing.

Leader: As we yearn for the coming of Christ and the time when all of creation will be

made new, let us pray, saying: Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of

your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that the work of her people might be a

sign of God's hope to a broken world. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the nation and all those who lead, that they may be guided by God's spirit

of wisdom and understanding. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the world, that the way of the Lord might be prepared for all to follow.

Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For the lowly and hungry throughout the world, that they may be assured of

God's promise of mercy. Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially those celebrating

birthdays; and those facing adversity: those in the military, especially those who have been deployed; the sick and the suffering, the homeless and the helpless, the wider community of our families and friends; our parishioners whom we now name, and those we hold in our hearts; that the gift of this community may

sustain us all. We pray for:

**ANNE** Bender THE GREELEY FAMILY **BILL & MARCIA** Power **RANDY** Stansberry **GAIL** Cox MARGE Hudson **MARILYN** Randall LO Starck **MARY** Davis PATRICK Hundley KRISSA Randolph **DENISE & ROGER** Tibedo **LOIS** Dearolf **ELLEN** LoCurto-NANCYE Reeder Martinez ALICE & FRED **CONNIE** DeWitt **ALVIN** Richards Wegmann DON McConnell TOM Schlitt **DANA & DEWELL** and **KENT** Parish Downey **CAROL** Smith MICHELE Welsh **DOUG** Embler **ALLAN** Philp **SHAROLYN** Sprigg

Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Leader: For all those who already rest in the eternal light of Christ, that we may one day

join them in that place where the wolf and the lamb lie down together. Restore

us, O God of hosts;

People: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Silence is kept for a space.

All: God of all seasons, Your imagination is boundless and continually invites us into new possibilities for love, active caring, and servanthood. You inspire our growth from the riches of your grace. Help us to listen faithfully for your voice and to follow your call in this new season at Good Samaritan so that your name may be glorified in the generations and seasons to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **CONFESSION OF SIN**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All kneel. Silence is kept for a space.

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.

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.

#### COMMISSIONING OF THE VESTRY Seated.

PEACE Standing, all who are able.

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

People: And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Seated.

# **Holy Communion**

#### **OFFERTORY**

All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

ANTHEM Sung by the Choir.

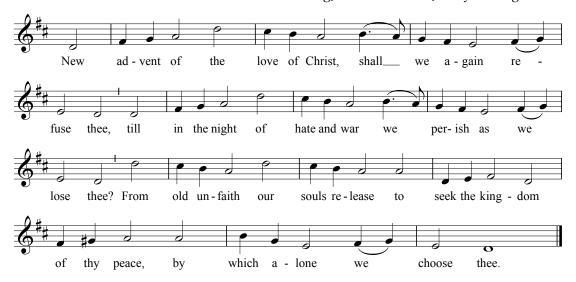
Veni Jesu, Amor Mi

Veni, Jesu, amor mi. Come, Jesus, my love.

-Words: Anonymous

Music: Attr. Luigi Cherubini (1760–1842), arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

HYMN "New advent of the love of Christ" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt..

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une Pastourelle genetille," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchengeseng die Heubartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Remain standing.

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in Jesus Christ, your incarnate Word, you have given us a Lord and King to follow and obey. By his own example of love and service, we are taught to love and serve one another, and in so doing we give honor to him and to you, the God and Father of all. Therefore, we join our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all those who claim their joyful place as your beloved children, and with them we sing this

hymn of praise:





—Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: 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 Iesus 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,

All:

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

Celebrant:

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.

All: AMEN.

Silence is kept as the ministers bow in thanksgiving.

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

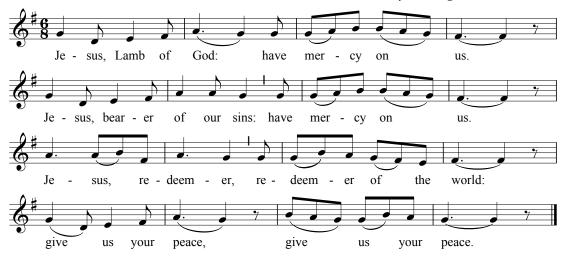
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Everyone sings:



-Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

#### INVITATION

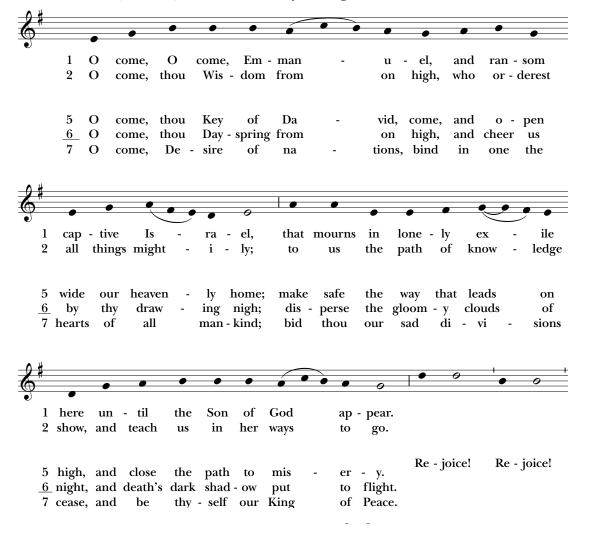
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God, holy Gifts for God's holy People.

Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died and was raised for you,

and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### **DURING COMMUNION**

HYMN "O come, O come, Emmanuel" Everyone sings verses 1, , 5, 6, and 7.



-Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

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Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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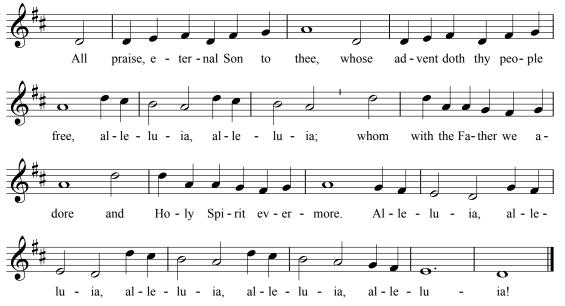
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### ADVENT DOXOLOGY "All praise, eternal Son, to thee"

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings this Advent praise, to familiar tune.



—Words: Charles Coffin (1676–1749); tr. C.W. Douglas (1867–1944), after John Chandler, (1806–1876); alt. Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1623.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MISSION Remain standing.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

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.

#### SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR Remain standing.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that

those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body

and blood. We are who are many are one body,

People: Because we all share one bread, one cup.

### BLESSING Remain standing.

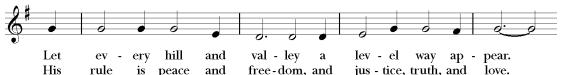
Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father,

the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

**HYMN** "Prepare the way, O Zion" Everyone sings.



- 1 Pre pare the way, O Zi on, your Christ is draw-ing near!
- 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi on; he comes from heaven a bove.
- 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi on; your Sa vior's rule em brace.



His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet who comes glo - ry, fore - told in One in sa - cred re - sound-ing, for Lift your praise grace and joy a - bound - ing. be - fore him, their All lands will bow voic - es will dore him. a



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### DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the coming of our Savior.

People: Thanks be to God.

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