CHURCH OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Grow in Faith. Live in Hope. Share God's Love.

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The Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024 + 10:30 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist

Preparation for Worship in God's Name

PRAYER OF MEDITATION

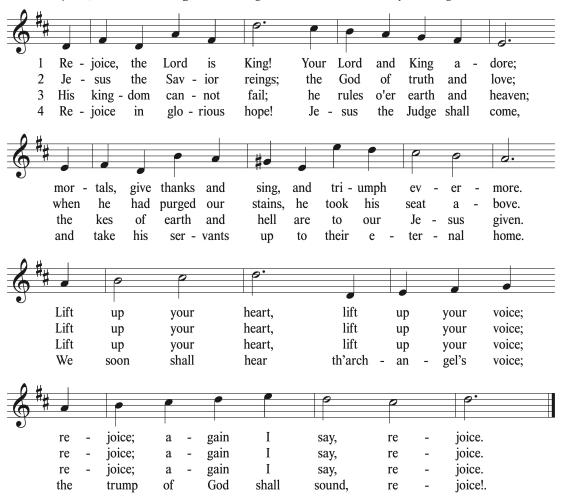
As the people gather before the service begins, we invite you to use the following prayer for meditation.

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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" Standing—all who are able; everyone sings.



-Words: Charles Welsey (1707-1788), al.

Music: Darwall's 148th, melody and bass Jon Darwall (1731–1789)

During the hymn, the Love Family places the shepherds in the stable.

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

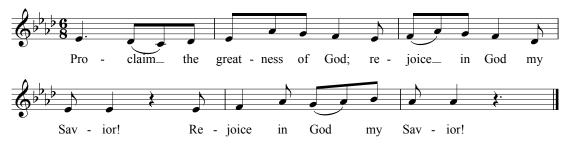
together. But how often do we let our preparations, the busy-ness of the

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*

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.

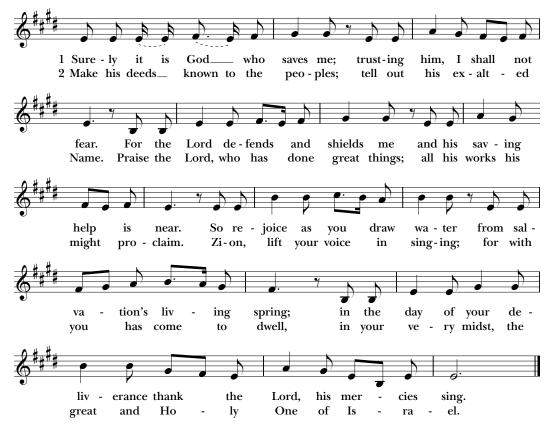
FIRST LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Book of 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 Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



 Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1949); para. of The First Song of Isaiah Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Irwin (b. 1950)

SECOND LESSON Seated.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the 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.

HYMN "There's a voice in the wilderness calling" Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876–1961), alt. Music: Ascension, Henry Hugh Bancrof (1904–1988)

GOSPEL Remain standing.

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (3:7–18).

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 saving, "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.

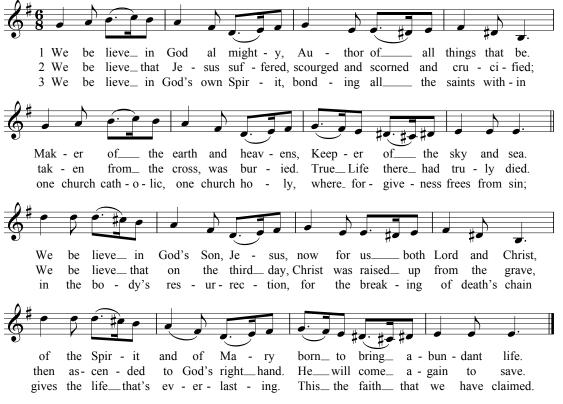
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children may join Erin Patrick and Michelle Smith 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.



-Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt.

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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: O God, you are in our midst, renew us in your

love.

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. O God, you are in our midst,

Renew us in your love. People:

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

of wisdom and understanding. O God, you are in our midst,

People: Renew us in your love.

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

God, you are in our midst,

People: Renew us in your love.

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

God's promise of mercy. O God, you are in our midst,

People: Renew us in your love.

Leader: For those in our community marking celebrations, especially birthdays and

anniversaries; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: for those

in the military, especially those who have been deployed; for the wider community of our families and friends; and for our parishioners who have asked our prayers:; that the gift of this community may sustain us all. We pray

for:

ED Archer MARGE Hudson ALLAN Philp
CHIP Beets PATRICK Hundley JANE Reed
JOANNE Calhoun ANGELA Lister NICK Richards
GAIL Cox FRANCIS Lloyd TOM Schlitt

LOIS & RON Dearolf ANN McClain DENISE & ROGER Tibedo

JUDY DernbachDALE OakleyJENIFER van TolDANA & DEWELL DowneyPAT PagniSAM Venable

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THE GREELEY FAMILY BELLE Parman ALICE & FRED Wegmann

Leader: O God, you are in our midst, People: Renew us in your love.

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. O God,

you are in our midst,

People: Renew us in your love.

Silence is kept for a space.

Celebrant: Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants,

who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious

majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. 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.

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.

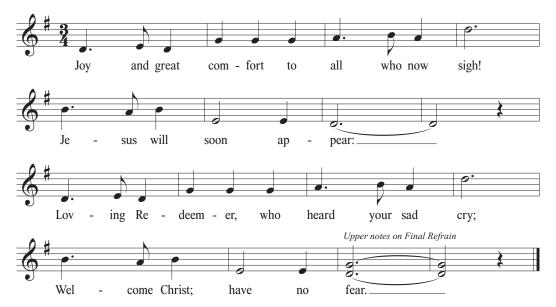
Holy Communion

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)

HYMN "Joy and Great Comfort to All"

The Choir introduces the refrain and the people repeat. The Choir sings the verses and the people join on the refrain where indicated.



Keep us alert, ready and calm,
Watching for every sign,
Lamps held upright, free from all qualm
Light in the dark to shine.

Choral Refrain

All who are blind, all who are lame Soon you will see, you'll walk! Lepers, you heal; mute, speak Christ's name; Deaf and poor, hear him talk! All sing the refrain

Glory to God, Father and Son, And to the Spirit free; As by the Word all was begun, So shall it ever be.

All sing the refrain

—Words: Dwyn M. Mounger (b. 1938)

Music: Skye Boat Song, arr. George Bayley (1927-2016)

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.

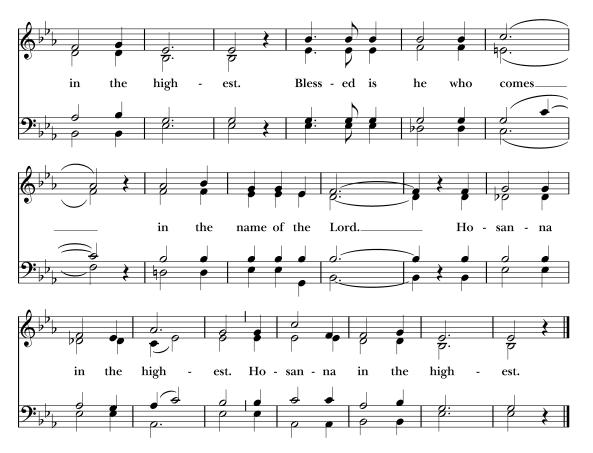
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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. 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:





—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 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,

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; Celebrant: 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Celebrant: A11:

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.

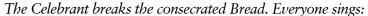
And forgive us our trespasses

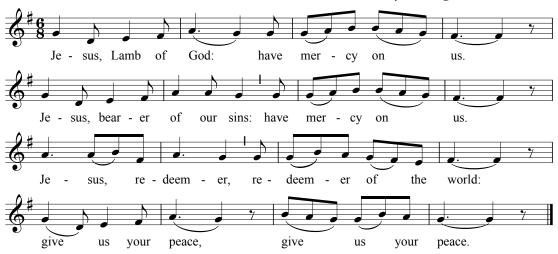
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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





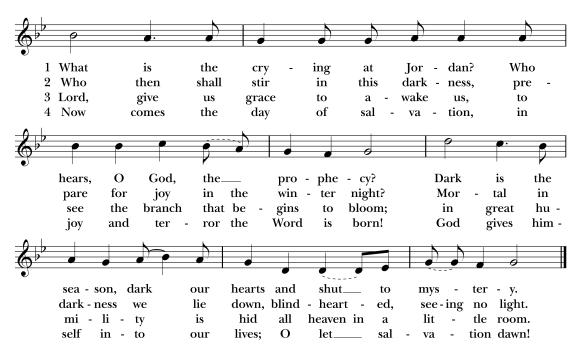
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INVITATION

Celebrant:

This is the table not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom our Savior identified. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which our Lord became incarnate. This is the table of Jesus Christ. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a while or ever before; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. It is Christ who invites you to be known and loved and fed here.

DURING COMMUNION

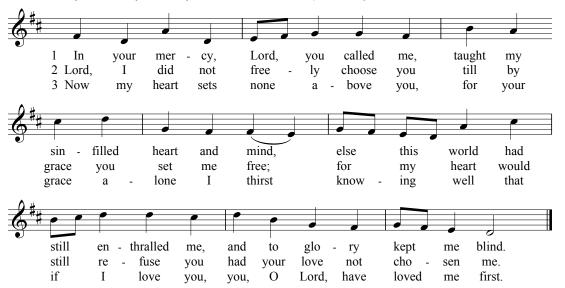


HYMN "What is the crying at Jordan" Everyone sings.

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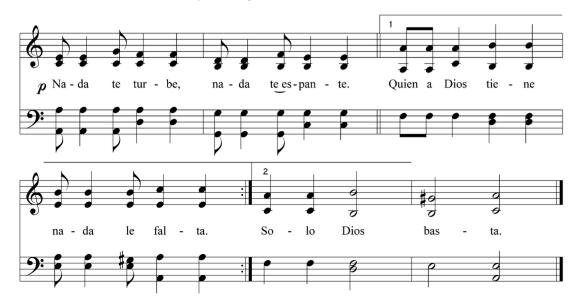
Music: St. Mark's, Berkeley, Irish melody from Danta De: Hymns to God, Ancient and Modern

HYMN "In your mercy, Lord, you called me" Everyone sings.



—Words: Josiah Conder (1789–1855); alt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920) Music: Halton Holgate, William Boyce (1711–1779)

HYMN "Nada te turbe" Everyone sings.

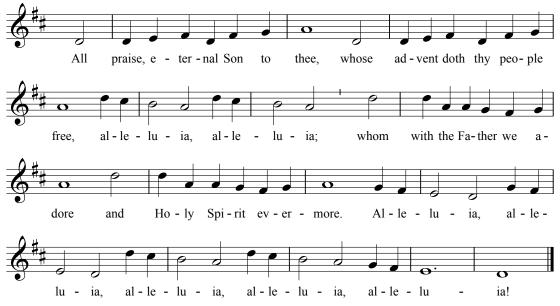


Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing affright you. Those who have God lack nothing. God alone suffices.

—Words: CJohann G. Olearius (1611–1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827–1878), alt. Music: Psalm 42, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514–1572)

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

Standing, all who are able; everyone sings.



—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 who are many are one body,

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

BLESSING Remain standing.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in

great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all

sin. Amen.

May he whose Second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you

steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent

be rewarded with unending life. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

HYMN "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling" Remain standing; everyone sings.



—Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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