

Welcome to
CHRIST CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020—8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.

+ --Appropriate place to make the "Sign of the cross"

BCP—The "Black" Book of Common Prayer

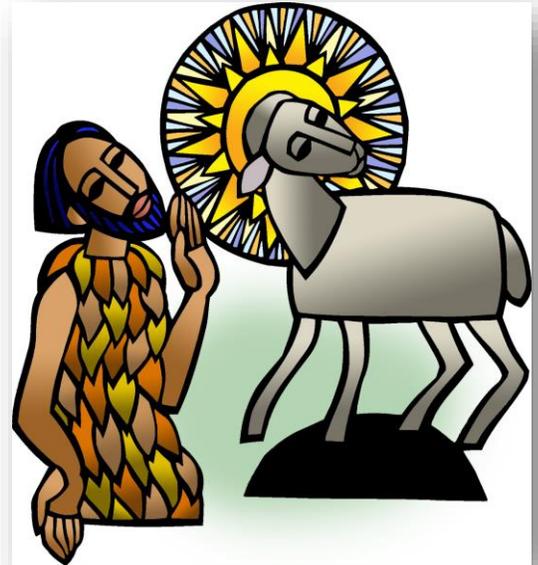
Hymnal—The "Red" Hymnal 1982

LEVAS—Music from Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal (Episcopal)

WLP—Music from Wonder, Love, and Praise Hymnal (Episcopal)

VF—Voices Found Hymnal (Episcopal)

*--Parishioner Pick for Hymn



Reflections on today's readings:

Welcome to Christ Church. On this Third Sunday of Advent we again are focused on John the Baptist. Today we hear more about John's ministry and his response to questions raised by his message. An important issue for many in the days of the early Church was the relationship between Jesus and John. In response to those who believed that John the Baptist was the Messiah, the early Christians remembered John's own words: "I am not the Messiah...I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

The first reading is Isaiah's poem of the anointed one and his ministry of peace, healing, and redemption. In his first sermon Jesus applied this passage to himself. In this Advent time we anticipate our celebration of the birth of the anointed one who comes to save.

The second reading is the conclusion of Paul's first letter to the Church in Thessalonica. He wrote this letter to encourage them to persevere in the Way as they waited for the return of Jesus. Paul assures them that the Lord will return but that their lives now are to reflect the nature of God's Kingdom rather than to be spent in sitting back and awaiting the End.

The Church's Eucharist is a foretaste of that coming of Christ which is still ahead. In word and sacrament, song and story, we encounter the Reign of God in our midst and we reveal that future joy to the world. Like John the Baptist we are sent ahead of the One who is coming and our joy is to see God's presence in the world increase.

God's People Gather

Lighting of the Advent Wreath—Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: Today we light the first, second and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is **HOPE**, the second candle is **PEACE**, the third candle is **JOY**.

Three candles are lit.

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12 – “You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.”

Prayer

Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.

Celebrant: + Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Trisagion (*Said three times*)

***Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.***

Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant: Together, 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.

The Word of God

First Reading

A Reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah. (*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*)

¹The 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; ²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to 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. ⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For 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. ⁹Their 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. ¹⁰I 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. ¹¹For 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.***

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary (The Magnificat)

***My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.***

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (1:6-8, 19-28)

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" ²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." ²¹And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." ²²Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" ²³He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' " as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" ²⁶John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

+ May the words of my mouth and the meditations of all our hearts be always acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. Amen.

The people sit. After the Sermon, the people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Celebrant

Rejoicing always in the God who is faithful, let us pray for the Church and the world, saying: ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Leader

For the Church: especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mariann and Chilton, our bishops, and for Chris our Priest. We pray that we may bring joy to others, ease their burdens, and be signs of hope. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we give thanks this week for St. John's Church, Georgetown, St. John's Preschool, Georgetown, St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, and St. John's Church, Norwood ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For this parish family, that we may always find joy through our relationship with Christ. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For wisdom and understanding for political leaders, that God will inspire them with insights to promote peace and justice so that all may live in safety and freedom. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all who cannot find God, that the light, the songs, and the messages of this season may be a doorway to recognizing that God is with us. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all who are held captive, whether in prison, in difficult economic situations, or by addiction, and for all who wait upon God, remembering especially those our Prayer List. ***(The people may add petitions for any need or concern.)*** We pray that that in their time of waiting, they may experience the healing and comforting presence of God. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all the departed, remembering especially Virginia Raley. ***(The people may add petitions for those they wish to have remembered.)*** May they be clothed with the garments of salvation. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

For all the blessings we have received. ***(The people may name their thanksgivings at this time.)*** We give thanks this week for Ricky Gilliam and Kathy Wesley who are celebrating their birthdays. We also give for the Rev. Canon Paula Clark who has been elected to be the next Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. ***Come, O Lord, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, John the Baptist, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord our God.**

All: God of peace, whose word is good news to the oppressed and healing for the brokenhearted, hear our prayers and sanctify us in body, mind and spirit, that we may generously prepare the way for the One who comes, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Confession

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister 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.**

The Absolution

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.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer B from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer)*

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.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

And now we give you thanks because you prepared the way of your Son Jesus Christ by the preaching of your servant John the Baptist, who proclaimed him as the Lamb of God, our Savior.

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:

Sanctus

Celebrant and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

+ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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. **AMEN.**

The people remain standing

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, praying in the words that Jesus taught us,

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

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

Prayer of St. Alphonsus Liguori for Spiritual Communion (At 10:00 a.m. only)

*My, Jesus, I know that you are present in the Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for us, the People of God. **Amen.**

The Post Communion Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.*

The Blessing for the Advent Season (Church of England)

May God himself, the God of peace,
make you perfect and holy,
and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
+ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Announcements/Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on (name) as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Anniversary of a Marriage

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon (name) and (name), that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRIST CHURCH

DECEMBER 24TH—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

8:00 P.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 25TH—CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST FOR CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 27TH—1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10:00 A.M.—HOLY EUCHARIST

All services will take place in the Parish Hall. Due to Social Distancing requirements, seating is limited at each service. Please RSVP at www.cckqp.net to make sure you have a seat. Masks must be worn at all times and a signed Regathering Covenant is required.



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10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Livestreamed)

11:00 a.m.—Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom Conference)

Weekdays (M-F)

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer (Zoom Conference)

Thursdays

6:10 p.m.—Meditative Music streamed live

6:30 p.m.—The Way of Light (Stations of the Resurrection) streamed live

Office Hours

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