



**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
**December 12, 2021**  
**10:45 am**

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Wreath lit by Amy & Dave Allyn and Family*

Song

*Advent*

Michael S. Larkin

As we light the third can - dle give us strength as we  
wait for Your com - ing in glo - ry with the an - gels and  
saints. In\_ place of\_ suf - fering, give us grace and joy here  
For the day of your com - ing is\_ sure to be near.

Opening Songs

*Living He Loved Me*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men my example is He  
The Word became flesh  
And the light shined among us  
His glory revealed

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He  
The hand that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
And took the nails for me

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose over death He had conquered  
Now is ascended my Lord evermore  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again

Living He loved me dying He saved me  
Buried He carried my sins far away  
Rising He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming  
O glorious day (glorious day)  
O glorious day (glorious day)  
O glorious day (glorious day)!

*Holy Spirit Living Breath of God*

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
breathe new life in to my willing soul.  
Let the Presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Cause Your word to come alive in me  
And give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
breathe new life in to my willing soul.  
Let the Presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Kindness to the greatest the lease  
and gentleness sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings in to works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
breathe new life in to my willing soul.  
Let the Presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise  
and lead us on the road of sacrifice  
that in unity the face of Christ  
may be clear for all the world to see  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me!

**Opening Acclamation**

*Clergy* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect of the Day**

*Clergy* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Clergy* 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.**

**Reading**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> 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.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> 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

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> 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.

<sup>20</sup> 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**

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.

### **Gospel Song**

#### *The Word*

For the Word of God lives here  
Deep in our hearts  
And is sharper than the blade of any sword  
Grasses fade, flowers fall  
But God's love endures  
Please guide us  
O Lord to Your will  
This is God's Word.

### **Holy Gospel**

Luke 3:7-18

*Priest*        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.

*Priest*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper

### 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.

### The Prayers of the People

*Leader*

For the church everywhere: In the Diocese of Central New York, we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe; and the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Baldwinsville and their rector, the Rev. Cathy Carpenter. We also pray for the people of St. David's Episcopal Church in Barneveld. In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador we pray for the people of Misión Virgen de Guadalupe and their priest, the Rev. Mario Benítez. In the Episcopal Church, we pray for our Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Curry; and the people of the Diocese of Oklahoma and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed. And in the Anglican Communion, we pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Canada and their archbishop, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls. May the church's life be marked by prayer and service to those in need. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

Lord Christ, we pray for your church around the globe, for our neighbors in other faith communities, and for all who long to hear your voice. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for your creation, especially where it is wounded. Renew the whole earth with your love. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We acknowledge the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee People, the traditional custodians of the land on which we are worshipping today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for countries recovering from famine or storms, and for those where human rights have been violated. Give wisdom to presidents, prime ministers, legislators, and judges in all nations, especially nations at war. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for women preparing to give birth, for adoptive and foster families, for children with special needs, and for children who are orphaned and waiting for families. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those without homes or jobs, those in treatment for cancer or other illnesses, those who long for forgiveness, those who find the holidays difficult, and for the sick and the suffering, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

We pray for those have died and for the friends and family who grieve their loss, especially those we name silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. Be their comfort and guide through these days of grief and healing. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

*Clergy*

You come to your people and set us free. As we are strengthened and sent out from this assembly, help us prepare your way in our daily lives. **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come among us.**

### **Confession of Sin**

*Clergy*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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**

*Clergy*

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**

*Clergy*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

And also with you.

### **Announcements**

#### **Anniversary & Birthday Blessings**

**May the strength of God pilot you, May the power of God preserve you, May the wisdom of God instruct you, May the hand of God protect you, May the way of God direct you, May the shield of God guard you against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May the Spirit of God bless you in the coming year.**

*Adapted from Patrick, c.389 - c.46*

### **Offertory**

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

Come, thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us

Let us find our rest in thee  
Israel's strength and consolation

Hope of all the earth thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart  
Joy of every heart

Born thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now thy gracious kingdom bring  
By thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne

You draw the hearts of shepherds  
You draw the hearts of kings  
Even as a baby, You were changing everything  
You called me to Your Kingdom

Before Your lips could speak  
And even as a baby,  
You were reaching out for me

And now we are awaiting  
The day of Your return  
When every eye will see You  
As heaven comes to earth  
Until the sky is opened  
Until the trumpet sounds  
The bride is getting ready  
The church is singing out

Come, thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in thee  
Come, thou long expected King!

### The Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Priest* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Priest* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Priest* 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.

*A Proper Preface is said here.*

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** (*sing*)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Lord we sing your praise.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we sing your praise.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing your praise. Lord we sing your praise.**

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,

**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; 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 [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.**

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

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **The Communion**

*Trained members of the prayer team are available for private and confidential prayer during communion.  
They are masked and fully vaccinated for your protection.*

### **Music at Communion**

### *In Remembrance*

In remembrance of Me eat this bread  
In remembrance of Me drink this wine  
In remembrance of Me pray for the time  
When God's own will is done

In remembrance of Me heal the sick  
In remembrance of Me feed the poor  
In remembrance of Me open the door  
And let your brother in let Him in

Take eat and be comforted

Drink and remember too  
That this is My body  
And precious blood shed for you shed for you

In remembrance of Me search for truth  
In remembrance of Me always love  
In remembrance of Me don't look above  
But in your heart  
Look in your heart for God  
Do this in remembrance of Me!

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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.

## Blessing

*Clergy* May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. And May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

*All* **Amen.**

## Closing Song

### *Mighty to Save*

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations  
  
Saviour, he can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
  
So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender  
  
Saviour, he can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
  
Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're  
singing  
for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus shine your light  
and let the whole world see,  
we're singing  
for the glory of the risen King  
  
Saviour, he can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
  
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for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus shine your light and let the whole world see,  
we're singing  
for the glory of the risen King!

## Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in the peace of Christ. Serve those living in poverty.  
Proclaim the Good News Alleluia! Alleluia.

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia.**

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