



The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
9:00 am

Prelude

Prelude and Meditation on Veni Emmanuel

Matthew Corl

Welcome

Processional Hymn

Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement

Hymn 70

Herald, sound the note of judgment,
warning us of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness
till once more we sing the song.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ, the Savior King, has come!

Herald, sound the note of gladness;
tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ, the Savior King, has come!

Herald, sound the note of pardon—
those repenting are forgiven;
God receives his wayward children,
and to them new life is given.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ, the Savior King, has come!

Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife.
Sound the trumpet! Tell the message!
Christ, the Savior King, has come!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.
People **As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory.**

Leader Enlighten us with your grace, that we may serve our neighbors in need.
People **Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

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

Trisagion

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

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

Zephanaiah 3:14-20

- 14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
- 15 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.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
- 17 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
- 18 as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.

Sequence Hymn

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
Prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
get thee up to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.

Like the flowers of the field they perish,
like grass our works decay,
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away;

but the word of our God endureth,
the arm of the Lord is strong;
he stands in the midst of nations,
and he will right the wrong.
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,
the lambs he'll gently hold;
to pastures of peace he'll lead them,
and bring them safe to his fold.

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.**

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

Veni Emmanuel

Carl McKinley

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

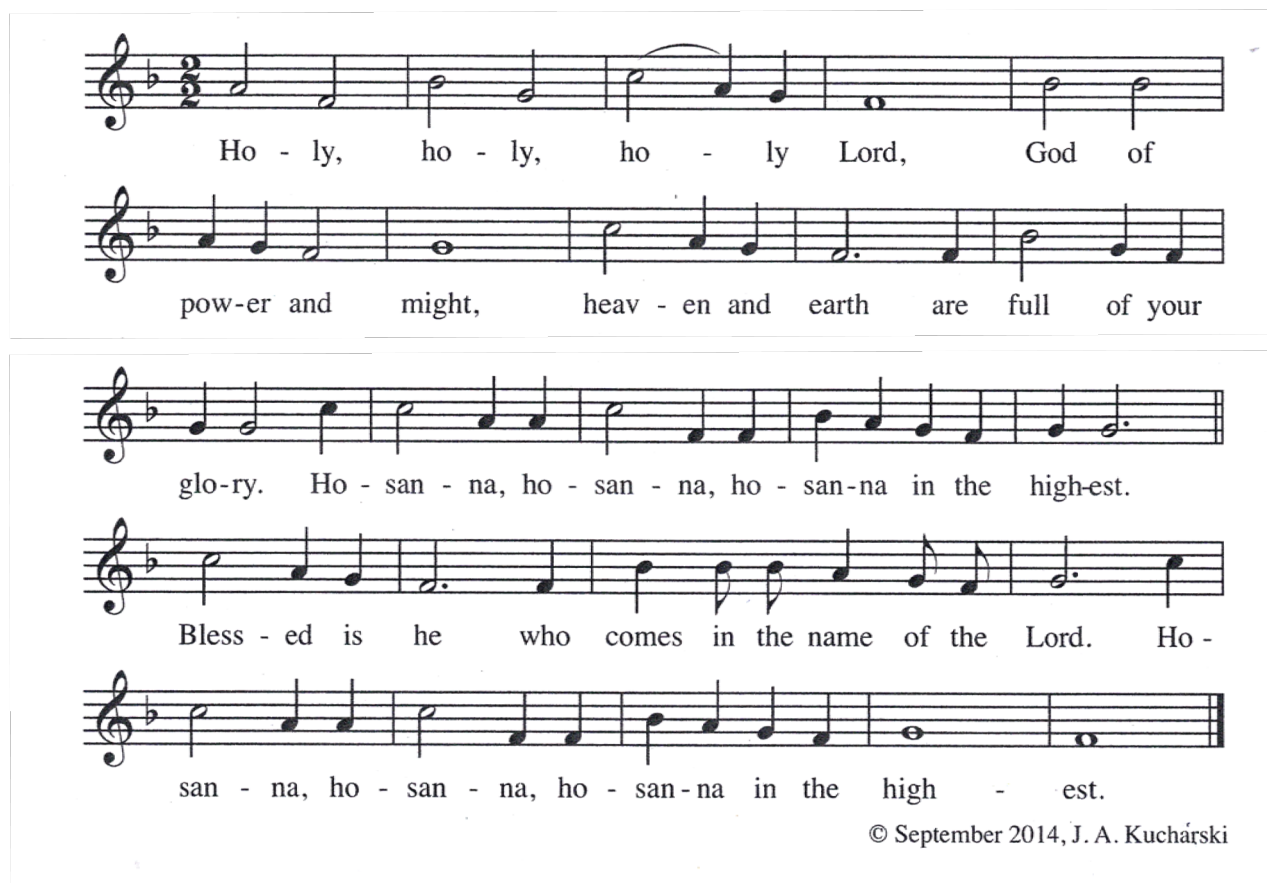
Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high-est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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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 the Bleak Midwinter

Malcolm Archer

Peace Before Us

WLP 791

Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us,
love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us,
let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us,

light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us,
let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us,
let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 Hymn

Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Hymn 72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes,
the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.

He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace
to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved Name.

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.**

Congregation remains in place until choir recesses

Postlude

Richmond

Antony Baldwin

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Organist/Choirmaster
Director of Contemporary Music & Technology
Media Engineer
Media Engineer
Lector
Prayers of the People
Crucifer
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