

*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. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei* “Lamb of God” [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Mass only. Music in the pew.]

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

The Communion Hymn

“Watchman, tell us of the night”

Hymnal 640

The Postcommunion Prayer

[Kneel as able.]

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Advent Blessing and Dismissal

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

“On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

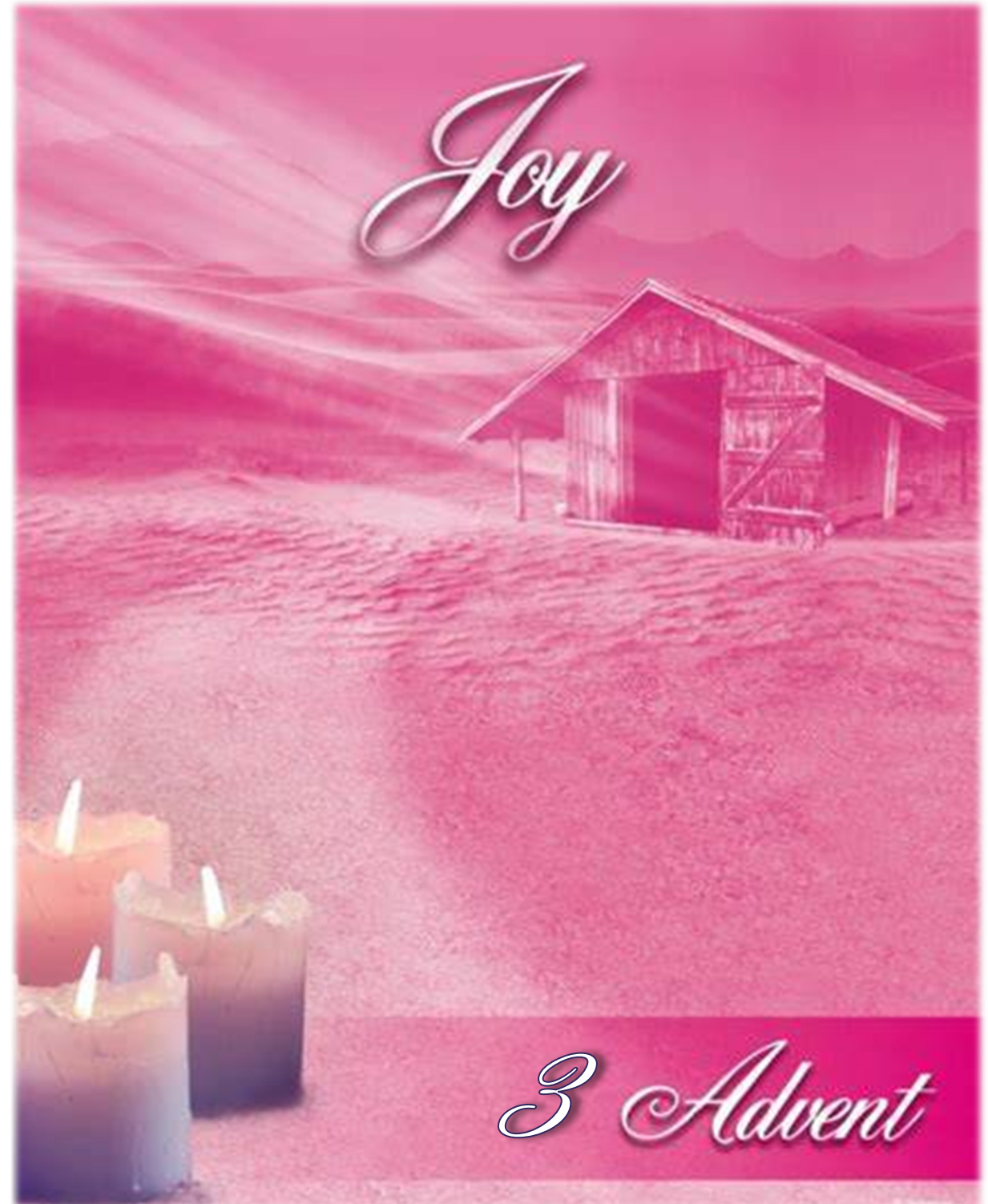
Hymnal 76

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

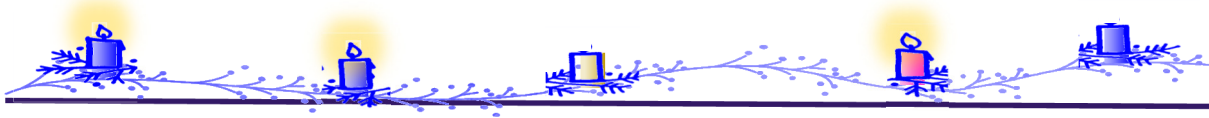
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The Third Sunday of Advent

Mass ~ Rite I ~ Year C

December 14, 4:00 p.m. & December 15, 2024; 10:30 a.m.



THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit

Rejoice ye in the Lord, and again I say, rejoice ye; let your moderation be known unto all men, the Lord is at hand: be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God. Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

[standing]

Processional Hymn

“Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Hymnal 68

Opening Salutation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison: [music in pews]

Prayer Book 324

Collect of the Day

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem:

“What Sweeter Music”

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Lyrics: What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King?

We see him come, and know him ours, Who with his sunshine and his showers Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

So we will see him, and bequeath This holly and this ivy wreath, to do him honour, who's our King, And Lord of all this revelling.

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, And give the honour to this day That sees December turn'd to May.

The darling of the world is come, And fit it is to find a room to welcome him. The nobler part Of all the house here is the heart.

Offertory Hymn:

“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Hymnal 59

Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. **People** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our
Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. Mass only. Music in the pews.]

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
*Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

The Lord's Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pew]

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.*

Gospel Alleluia



AL - LE- LU- IA. Al - le- lu- ia.

Verse: *Alleluia Verse: Stir up thy strength, O Lord: and come and help us. (Choir)*

✱ **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke 3:7-18**

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 that 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon *[seated]*

Fr. Ron Keel

The Nicene Creed *[Stand as able.]*

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[kneeling]

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession and Absolution

Prayer Book 330

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson 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*

[Sung at 10:30 a.m. service only]

Hymnal S213

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.

The Epistle 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.