



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 12 December 2021 @ 9 AM

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.
Listening devices to assist with hearing are available in the Narthex.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE TWO

Gathering Music (*Please join in singing the gathering music, which will begin at 8:50 am*)

Hymn 679: "Surely, it is God who saves me"

Thomas Merton

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not fear.
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name.

For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near.
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim.

So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring;
Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with you has come to dwell,

in the day of your de - liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
in your ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Hymn: "Wade in the water"

Spiritual

*Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.*

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-going to trouble the water.
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-going to trouble the water. *Refrain*

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-going to trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-going to trouble the water. *Refrain*

Look over yonder, what do you see? God's a-going to trouble the water.
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-going to trouble the water. *Refrain*

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-going to trouble the water.
Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream, God's a-going to trouble the water. *Refrain*

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

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

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

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Almighty God, we give you thanks for this season of rebirth. As we joyfully await the coming of the Messiah, may we experience rebirth in our own lives. May the lighting of these three Advent candles be a symbol of the joy, hope, and opportunity for new life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 56: "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (sts. 5—6)

Veni, veni Emmanuel

5 O come, thou Key of Da - - - vid, come, and o - pen
6 O come, thou Day - spring from _____ on high, and cheer us
wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads _____ on
by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds _____ of
high, and close the path to mis - - - er - y. *Re - joice! Re - joice!*
night, and death's dark shad - ow put _____ to flight.
Em - man - - - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - - - ra - el!

The Collect of the Day

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 Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

NRSV, p. 1073

Commentary

There were many reasons the Philippian Christians could have felt discouraged, so to counteract this attitude, Paul prescribed rejoicing in the Lord. Paul was not telling the Philippians or us to be unrealistic, he was not saying his readers never had reason to be sad. However, he advised focusing on the blessings we have in Christ and being grateful for them even in the midst of sadness. Paul also advised replacing worry with prayer. Peace in the heart follows sincere, honest prayer about the things that concern us.

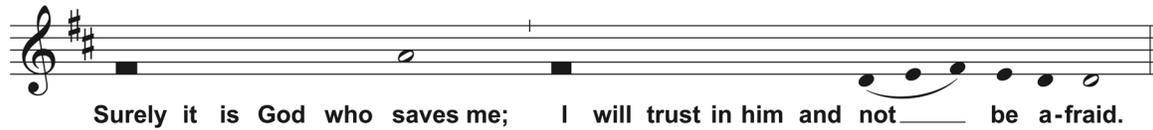
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

At this time the children leave for Children's Chapel.

After the piano introduces the theme,
the antiphon is sung first by the Choir, then repeated by all.

**Verse**

All repeat the Alleluias.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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 response to each petition: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest stands and says

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

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

(Gluten-free wafers available at main altar rail, please request)

Offertory Anthem

tune: *King's Lynn*, arr. Evelyn Larter

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear.
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon He draweth nigh.
Up, pray, and watch, and wrestle: At midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil.
And wait for your salvation, the end of earthly toil.
The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near.
Go meet Him as He cometh, with alleluias clear.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear!
Arise, Thou Sun so longed for, over this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

Laurentius Laurenti; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, alt.

Presentation Hymn: *(stanza 3 of Hymn 380)*

Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharist Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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:

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

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (S152): Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.**

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn: "All who hunger gather gladly"

Holy Manna

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
 Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
 Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy we keep the feast.
 We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.
 Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.
 Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
 Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Hymn: "One bread, one body"

Refrain

One bread, one bo - dy, one Lord of all, one cup of bless - ing which we bless.

And we though man - y through - out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Repeat Refrain

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free, wo - man or man, no more.

2 Man - y the gifts, ma - ny the works, one in the Lord of all.

3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown, gath - ered to one for all.

The Postcommunion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Blessing

Hymn 72: "Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes"

Richmond

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy

Sa - vior pro - mised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
Sa - tan's bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
bleed - ing soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
wel - come shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal



pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

The Dismissal:

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

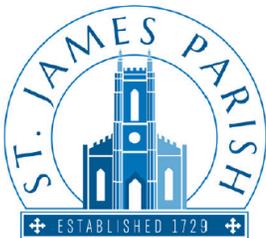
People **Thanks be to God.**



Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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MON.- FRI., DEC. 13-17

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 P.M. | ZOOM or Graham Parlor
VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Bishop Wright Rm.
FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom
TUESDAY BOOK CLUB
2:00-4:30 PM | Bishop Wright Room
MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | SB on S. 17th Street
LIVING WELL IN ADVENT
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary
EPISCO-POSSE BIBLE STUDY
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room
CONTEMPLATIONS W/COMPANIONS,
SCRIPTURE, & QUIET
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:00 AM | St. James Website or Facebook
FAITH FORMATION
10:00 AM | St. James Parish
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
YOUTH GROUP- CHRISTMAS
EXCHANGE
5:00 PM | Perry Hall

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