

Third Sunday of Advent



8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 15th, 2024

“Glorifying God as Agents of His Reconciliation”

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Leader: Scripture points us to the mystery of God's work, pointing us beyond our confusion of mind and darkness of heart, reminding us of the voice which cries in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: **We will use our time in the wilderness of uncertainty and doubt, of anxiety and care, to prepare a way for the Lord, to receive the greater one who is to come!**

Leader: Through John's testimony we are pointed to the Light, the Light that illuminates the darkness of the world.

People: **We respond to John's invitation to believe in Jesus the Light of the World!**

We light the first candle of Advent to remind us to keep awake and be ready.

We light the second candle of Advent to remind us to repent and to be open to God's new work among us.

We light the third candle of Advent to remind us to believe in Jesus the Light of the World.

ALL: Christmas is Coming (sung)

Chorus:

**Christmas is coming
the Church is glad to sing
and let the advent candles
brightly burn in a ring.**

**The first is for God's promise
to put the wrong things right,
and bring to earth's darkness
the hope of love and light.**

**The second is for the Prophet
Who said that Christ would come.
With good news for many
And angry words for some.**

**The third is for the Baptist,
Who cried 'Prepare the way,
be ready for Jesus,
Both now and every day'**

Holy Communion

Introit – Psalm 33:1–6



- 1 REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous; /
for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the LORD with harp: /
sing praises unto him with the lute,
and instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto the LORD a new song: /
sing praises lustily with a good courage.
- 4 FOR the word of the LORD is true, /
and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement: /
the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, /
and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

p 67 The Lord's Prayer & The Collect

p 68 The Ten Commandments

p 70 Kyrie & Mutual Salutation

p 99 The Collect of the Day

p 95 The Collect for Advent

Please be seated.

First Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader: The Lesson is written in the 3rd Chapter of Zephaniah beginning at the 14th verse.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion!

Shout in triumph, Israel!

Rejoice and triumph with all your heart,
Daughter of Jerusalem!

15 The Lord has taken away His judgments against you,
He has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
You will no longer fear disaster.

16 On that day it will be said to Jerusalem:

“Do not be afraid, Zion;

Do not let your hands fall limp.

17 The Lord your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior.

He will rejoice over you with joy,

He will be quiet in His love,

He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

18 I will gather those who are worried about the appointed feasts—

They came from you, Zion;

The disgrace of exile is a burden on them.

19 Behold, I am going to deal at that time

With all your oppressors;

I will save those who limp

And gather the scattered,

And I will turn their shame into praise and fame

In all the earth.

20 At that time I will bring you in,

Even at the time when I gather you together;

Indeed, I will make you famous and praiseworthy

Among all the peoples of the earth,

When I restore your fortunes before your eyes,”

Says the Lord.

Reader: Here endeth the Lesson.

Canticle 3

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 defence,*

and he will be my Saviour.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the son, and to the holy ghost:*

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.

Second Reading – Philippians 4: 4-7

Reader: The Epistle is written in the 4th Chapter of

Philippians beginning at the 14th verse

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let

your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. The Lord

is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything

by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests

be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which

surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts

and minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Here endeth the Epistle.

Please stand.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice; rejoice;
Again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains,
He took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus given.

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit
And bow to his command
And fall beneath his feet

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus, the Judge, shall come
And take his servants up
To their eternal home:

The Gospel – Luke 3: 7-18

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 3rd Chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Luke beginning at the 4th verse.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

So he was saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore produce fruits that

are consistent with repentance, and do not start saying to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children for Abraham. 9 But indeed the axe is already being laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." 10 And the crowds were questioning him, saying, "Then what are we to do?" 11 And he would answer and say to them, "The one who has two tunics is to share with the one who has none; and the one who has food is to do likewise." 12 Now even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what are we to do?" 13 And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." 14 And soldiers also were questioning him, saying, "What are we to do, we as well?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone, nor harass anyone, and be content with your wages." 15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and they all were thinking carefully in their hearts about John, whether he himself perhaps was the Christ, 16 John responded to them all, saying, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but He is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the straps of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

p 71 The Creed

The Message – The Reverend Oz Lorentzen

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

p 72 The Offertory

Please stand.

Hymn is from the blue “Common Praise Hymnal” in the pews.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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.

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.

p 74 Prayer over Gifts

Please kneel or sit.

p 75 The Intercession

p 76 The Invitation

p 77 The General Confession and Absolution

Silence is kept for a moment of reflection.

p 81 The Thanksgiving

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing.

p 81 “Therefore with Angels ... “

p 82-83 The Prayer of Consecration

p 84 “O LAMB of God”

The Communion

In Anglican churches, everyone who is baptized is welcome to come and receive communion. You may kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, please notify the sides people and they will alert the Communion Servers to come to you. If you would like to come forward for a blessing instead of communion, please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion is an important part of our worship. Please use this time to prayerfully prepare yourself for communion and to reflect on Jesus’ gift after you have received communion. You may find singing the Communion Hymns helpful. Please refrain from talking during this time.

p 85 The Lord’s Prayer

Please kneel or sit.

p 85 “... And here we offer ...”

p 86 Blessing

Hymn is from “The Celebration Hymnal” in the pews.

Hymn #277 - Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Come Desire of nations come
Fix in us Thy humble home
Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed
Bruise in us the serpent's head
Adam's likeness now efface

Stamp Thine image in its place
Second Adam from above
Reinstate us in Thy love
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
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Prayers of the People – December 15, 2024

James wrote, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16b) This week we pray especially for:

OUR CHURCH

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land & Archbishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary
The Most Reverend Anne Germond, Acting Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada
The Right Reverend Leopold Friday, Bishop of our Companion Diocese of the Windward Islands
The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

In the Anglican Diocese of Calgary

St. Cuthbert & St. George, Sundre, Mr. Gerald Ingeveld, lay minister. They Rev. John Gishler (Hon.) Bishop, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (BARDS).

In our Sister Diocese of the Windward Islands

St. David and St. Paul on Grenada. The Rev. Fr. Edward Mark, Priest-in-Charge.

In the Anglican Church of Canada

The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretaries Office.

In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Peace Anthony-Idoko Director of Finance and Administration, and the Staff of Finance and Administration.

The Moravian Church in Canada

Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of Board of Elders of the Canadian District of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

OUR KING AND ALL IN AUTHORITY

King Charles III, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,
Premier Danielle Smith, Mayor Linnsie Clark
MP Danielle Smith- Brooks and Medicine Hat

OUR WORLD

Kelly and Peter with Overseas Missionary Fellowship
Persecuted Christians everywhere

OUR CITY CHURCHES

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ken Edel

OUR PARISH

St. Barnabas Church with The Reverend Oz Lorentzen
and his family – Delynne, Soren & Laec

The Reverend John Willems, Blenda and their family
Emiliana Cawalo, Ric and Anne Carrier, David Carter; and their
families.

Offering Counters

Compassion Canada & Teguh and Timo in Indonesia

The GriefShare Program

The Saturday Meal Program

The Medicine Hat Ecumenical Campus Ministry

OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN NEED

Pat Oliver, Valerie Collingwood, Dave, Jim; Sherry; Deanna; Betty
Ann; Tobin; Lorna; Scott; Kevin; Wade; Helen; Harvey; Arleen;
Becca; Chase; Alicia; and their families

If you or anyone you know would like prayer, call the Office at
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Our Mission is Glorifying God as
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"God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself -
and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:19

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We give thanks for the service of these people this morning:

Celebrant

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