

**SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 13, 2015 — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I — 8:00 AND 10:00 A.M.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The opening music offers a time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all devices.

GATHERING MUSIC *Go Not Far From Me* N.A. Zingarelli
 Advent Meditation Douglas E. Wagner

INTROIT, COLLECT, AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
Rorate Coeli Plainchant

(Drop down, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain justice.

Let the earth open and bring forth the Savior.

Behold, O Lord, the affliction of thy people and send Him who is to come;
send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth from Petra of the desert to the mount of Sion
that he may take away the yoke of our captivity.)

Please stand, as able, at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

HYMNAL #76 *On Jordan's Bank* WINCHESTER NEW

COLLECT FOR PURITY Book of Common Prayer p. 323

KYRIE ELEISON **S 91** (*in front section of hymnal*)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x) Christ, have mercy upon us. (3x)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3x)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

People **Amen.**

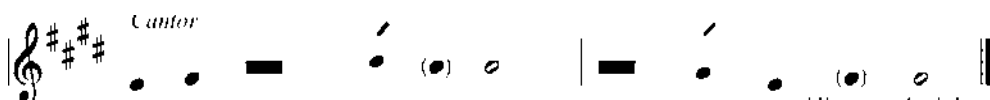
FIRST READING **Zephaniah 3:14-20** (*seated*)

Sing aloud, O daughter of 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



- 1 *Cantor* Surely, it is God who / saves me; *
All **I will trust in him and not / be afraid.**
- 2 **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-/fense, ***
 and he will be / my Savior.
- 3 **Therefore you shall draw water with re-/joicing ***
 from the springs of / salvation.
- 4 **And on that day you shall / say, ***
 Give thanks to the Lord and call up-/on his Name;
- 5 **Make his deeds known among the / peoples; ***
 see that they remember that his Name is / exalted.
- 6 **Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done / great things, ***
 and this is known in / all the world.
- 7 **Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your / joy, ***
 for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One
 of / Israel.

ANTHEM *Remember, O Thou Man* Thomas Ravenscroft

*Remember, O thou man, thy time is spent. Remember, O thou man,
How thou cam'st to me then, and I did what I can, therefore repent.*

*Remember God's goodness and promise made. Remember God's goodness
How his only Son is sent, our sins for to redress: Be not afraid.*

*The angels all did sing on Sion hill: The angels all did sing
Praises to our heav'nly king, and peace to man living, with right good will.*

SECOND READING **Philippians 4:4-7** (*remaining seated*)

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 every-
thing 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.**

(Please stand, as able, for the Gospel sequence.)

Antiphon: first sung by cantor, then sung by all before and after the verse:



Prepare ye the way of the / Lord: * Make straight a highway / for our God.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Luke 3:7-18 (*standing, if able*)

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 sat-
isfied 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 say-
ing, "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.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED (*standing, if able*) Book of Common Prayer p. 326

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*standing or kneeling*) BCP p. 328

Reader . . . let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader Gracious God:

All **By your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son: So build us up in the knowledge and love
of Him, that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.** (*Collect for St. John's*)

CONFESSION *(standing or kneeling)* BCP p. 330

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will and walk in they ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *(standing, if able)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.

WELCOME *(Please be seated.)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord's table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. The common loaf is gluten-free.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

ANTHEM *Rejoice In the Lord Always* attr. Redford
(The text may be found in today's second reading, p. 2.)

PRESENTATION *(sung by all, standing if able)* OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II *(The prayer may be followed in the BCP, p. 340.)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant It is very meet, right and our bounden duty ...

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS **S 114** *(in front section of hymnal)*

(Please remain standing or kneel, according to your custom.)

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, ...

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

People AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

All 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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

AGNUS DEI **S 158** *(in front section of hymnal)*

HYMNAL #65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

HYMNAL #68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* LLANGLOFFAN

ADVENT CHANT *Prepare the Way* Jayson R. Engquist
(Congregation please sing with choir: "A voice is calling from the wilderness, voice calling...")

HYMNAL #307 *Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor* BRYN CALFARIA

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(said by all, kneeling or standing)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

PROCESSION OF THE CRECHE FIGURES *(seated)*

CAROL *Joseph lieber, Joseph mein* German Carol
(Each week the figures will journey closer to the manger in anticipation of Christmas.)
(Please stand, if able, for the closing hymn.)

HYMNAL #59 *Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* MERTON

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon Our worship here is ended; now let our service begin.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Psalms 19* Benedetto Marcello

TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Don, Star, Bert, Wimpy, Mae, Kathleen, Linda, Glen, Ann, Mildred, Joan, Patricia, Thelma, Norma, Pat, Steve, Ginny, Jack, Camille, Susan, Pat, Christopher, Amy, Annie, and those you would add.

ASSISTING IN BOTH SERVICES

PREACHER *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*
DEACON *The Reverend Craig Lemming*
ALTAR GUILD *Heather Joyce, Pam Strom, Kathy Brown, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Sue MacIntosh*

ASSISTING IN THE 8 AM SERVICE

VERGER *Phillip Baird*
READER *Joan McCanna*

ASSISTING IN THE 10 AM SERVICE

ADULT & BELL CHOIRS *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist*
YOUTH CHOIR *Heather Hunt, Director*
INSTRUMENTALISTS *Bell ringers, Recorder & krumhorn consort, Percussion ensemble, Walter Cogswell, Viola Helen Baxter, Roan Weinkauff, Charlie Olson, Chris Olson, Aidan Schmidt*

ACOLYTES

READERS *Terry Dinovo, Diane Wallace-Reid*
VERGER *Bill Sherfey*
USHERS *John MacBain, Kevin Wall, Holly & Don Weinkauff*
GREETERS *Kathleen Hanson, Gabrielle Lawrence, Don Postema*
COFFEE HOUR *Dean and Marie Henderson*

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