

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DECEMBER 11, 2016 -- THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II — 10:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC Winter from "The Seasons" A. Vivaldi

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

The choir and clergy process during the Introit.

INTROIT Alma Redemptoris Mater

Antiphon for Advent: Plainchant

Alma Redemptoris mater, quae previa caeli porta manes,
et stella maris, succurre cadenti, surgere quicurat populo:

Tu quae genuisti, natura mirante, tuum sanctum Genitorem:

Virgo prius ac posterius, Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud Ave, peccatorum miserere.

Loving mother of the Redeemer, and star of the sea, help the fallen who strive to rise;
you who gave birth, amazing nature, to your holy Creator,
ever virgin, hearing from Gabriel "Ave"; have mercy on sinners.

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

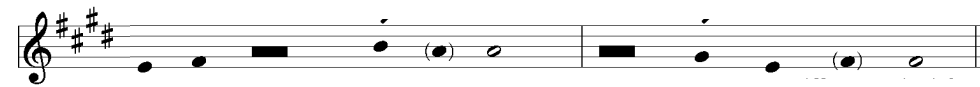
Please be seated after the Collect.

FIRST READING Isaiah 35: 1-10 (pew Bible p. 649)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146: 4-9 (sung by all,)



Choir 4 (Happy) are they who have the God of Jacob / for (their) help! *
whose hope is in the / LORD their God;

All 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that / is in them; *
who keeps his promise / for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who / are (op-) pressed, *
and food to those / who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes / of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who / are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of / the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for / ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hal- / le-lu-jah! (slow at end)

SECOND READING James 5: 7-10 (pew Bible p. 1104)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as able, for the Advent verse and Gospel.

The Antiphon is sung first by Cantor, then repeated by All before and after the verse:



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to us, and with us ev - er dwell.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2-11 (pew Bible p. 889)

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

NICENE CREED (standing, if able) Book of Common Prayer p. 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (standing or kneeling)

Reader Gracious Lord,
People Hear our prayer.

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)

Please be seated.

Those who are vergers, acolytes, readers, and Eucharistic ministers
are invited to come forward.

THE COMMISSIONING

Celebrant Let us pray.

People There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit,
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God
who inspires them all in everyone.

Celebrant Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly;
People Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Celebrant Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O Lord,
to serve at the altar in your Church; and grant that they may be
so filled with your Holy Spirit that, seeking your glory,
they may minister your Word with steadfast devotion,
through Christ our Savior.

People Amen.

THE PEACE (standing, if able)

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

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 *O Radiant Glory* Palestrina
O radiant glory of that celestial light: O heav'nly splendor, for earthly eyes too bright,
That with a new-found rapture the heart doth fill.
O happy mortal, who in that light may dwell at will,
And in that wondrous beauty stay, which nevermore can fade away.

PRESENTATION (sung by all, standing if able) VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, O Bread of Heav'n sublime,
Who comes to us in bread and wine.
Still sacraments one day will cease
In God's eternal Reign of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come again and with us ever dwell.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D (The prayer may be followed in the BCP on p. 372.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. ...

Celebrant Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

David Hurd

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

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

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.
Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world
into our care, ...

(*Celebrant*) ... and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend up on us, and upon these gifts, ...

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC

AGNUS DEI

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

HANDBELL ANTHEM *Pastoral Symphony from "Messiah"* G. F. Handel

HYMNAL #65 *Prepare the Way* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERREN

HYMNAL #72 *Hark! The Glad Sound* RICHMOND

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

**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.**

PROCESSION OF THE CRËCHE FIGURES

Please be seated.

CAROL *Now Leave Your Sheep* French Carol/Kitson
(Each week the figures will journey closer to the manger in anticipation of Christmas.)
Please stand as able for the closing hymn.

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

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 *Prelude in G* G. F. Handel

You are invited to listen to the voluntary in the choir stalls.

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TODAY WE PRAY WITH

Max, Gillian, Jim, Ginny, Nancy, Lorne, Burt, Mitch, Mae, Kathleen, Joan, Patricia, Amy, Irene, Mary Ellen, George, Amina, David, Monica, Terry, Steve, Ginny and Jack, Camille, Susan, Christopher, Tom Stanley and his platoon serving in Iraq, Sydney, Sara, Caroline, Hank, Sandy, Bill, Norma, Mildred, refugees and those who serve them, all whose lives have been shattered by violence and injustice, the system that treats and supports those who live with mental illness, and those you would add.

ADVENT GREENS

In thanksgiving for the lives of Charles Read Gleason, Laura Virginia Millis Gleason.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

CELEBRANT *The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson*
PREACHER *The Reverend Kate Bradtmiller*
DEACON *The Reverend Margaret Thor*
ALTAR GUILD *Terri Fishel, Caroline Krall, Nan Lightner,
Phyllis Merrill, Elaine Sutton, Jill Thompson*
ADULT CHOIR *Jayson R. Engquist, Director of Music and Organist*
HANDBELL CHOIR *Jayson R. Engquist, Director*
VIOLIN SOLOIST *Rachel Bandli*
INSTRUMENTALISTS *Recorders, Percussion*
ACOLYTES *Tessa Johnson, Maren Johnson, Elliot Wall,
Aidan Schmidt*

READERS *Chris Howie, Paige Hagstrom*

VERGER *Keith Davis*

USHERS & GREETERS *Marvin Cadwell, George Kinkead, Sally Sand,
Kevin Wall, Vern Kassekert, Jeff & Peggy Olsen*

COFFEE HOUR *Dean & Marie Henderson*

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