

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018 • 8:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite One
Bishop's Visitation



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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

[Quietly prepare for worship]

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Marilyn Biery

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

- B** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

PRAYER FOR THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT: Hope, Peace, Joy

- P** We light the first candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Hope.
[One blue candle is lit.]
We light the second candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Peace.
[A second blue candle is lit.]
We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Joy.
- L** Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *[The pink candle is lit.]*
- C** **Our God, we come to you today filled with joy. Help us live joyfully today. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

B The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy Spirit.**

B 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.

C **Amen.**

WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14–20 • Canticle 9 • Philippians 4:4–7 • Luke 3:7–18

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading

L *The First Reading is taken from Zephaniah, chapter 3...*

Rejoice, Daughter Zion! Shout, Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem. The Lord has removed your judgment; he has turned away your enemy. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you will no longer fear evil. On that day, it will be said to Jerusalem: Don't fear, Zion. Don't let your hands fall. The Lord your God is in your midst—a warrior bringing victory. He will create calm with his love; he will rejoice over you with singing.

I will remove from you those worried about the appointed feasts. They have been a burden for her, a reproach. Watch what I am about to do to all your oppressors at that time. I will deliver the lame; I will gather the outcast. I will change their shame into praise and fame throughout the earth. At that time, I will bring all of you back, at the time when I gather you. I will give you fame and praise among all the neighboring peoples when I restore your possessions and you can see them—says the Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: *[read responsively, L Lector/C Congregation]*

L *We will read responsively from Canticle 9...*

L Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

C **For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

L Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

C **And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

L Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

C **Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.**

L Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

C **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading:

℣ *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians, chapter 4...*

Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel:

[Please stand.]

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

☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

℣ Then John said to the crowds who came to be baptized by him, "You children of snakes! Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon? Produce fruit that shows you have changed your hearts and lives. And don't even think about saying to yourselves, Abraham is our father. I tell you that God is able to raise up Abraham's children from these stones. The ax is already at the root of the trees. Therefore, every tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and tossed into the fire."

The crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"

He answered, "Whoever has two shirts must share with the one who has none, and whoever has food must do the same."

Even tax collectors came to be baptized. They said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?"

He replied, "Collect no more than you are authorized to collect."

Soldiers asked, "What about us? What should we do?"

He answered, "Don't cheat or harass anyone, and be satisfied with your pay."

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Christ. John replied to them all, "I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. The shovel he uses to sift the wheat from the husks is in his hands. He will clean out his threshing area and bring the wheat into his barn. But he will burn the husks with a fire that can't be put out." With many other words John appealed to them, proclaiming good news to the people.

℣ The Gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

Bishop Dabney Smith

[Please be seated.]

NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

- ☞ **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

[Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.]

- ☞ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

- ☞ Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence...*
We pray in joy.
- ☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- ☞ Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence...*
We pray in joy.
- ☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- ☞ Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We give you thanks for the flowers given for your glory by Charles E. Shannon in memory of Joanie Shannon on her birthday; and by Gus and Becky Robbins-Penniman in honor and thanksgiving for Bishop Smith's visitation today. *Silence...* We pray in joy.
- ☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- ☞ Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, especially *[read names from notebook...]* and those we now name aloud or in our hearts *[leave time...]*. Bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence...* We pray in joy.
- ☞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℣ Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life [*especially... read items from notebook.*] *Silence...* We pray in joy.

☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℣ We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially [*read names from notebook...*]. We pray also for those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time...*]; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence...* We pray in joy.

☩ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

℣ These things and all for which we pray, we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

☩ **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[*Please stand or kneel, as you choose.*]

℣ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*]
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 thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

℣ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☩ **Amen.**

PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS

THE PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

℣ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And with thy spirit.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

℣ Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

[*Please be seated.*]

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[*Please stand when the deacon receives the offering.*]

℣ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge:

☩ **All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer I

B The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

B Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

B Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

B It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

C **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.**

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

B All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body

- ☞ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.**

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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

☞ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- ☞ **And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- ☞ **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.**
- ☞ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

- ☞ **The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.**

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

B Let us pray.

C **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.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

B Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **The maker of heaven and earth.**

B Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

C **From this time forth for evermore.**

[The Bishop blesses the people.]

D Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

David Johnson

Serving Us Today:

Celebrant

Bishop Dabney Smith

Deacon

Cindy Roehl

Organist

Robert Moncrief

Lector

Lou Collard

Greeter

Diane Niford

Coffee Host

Bishop's Reception

Rector

Becky Robbins-Penniman

Priest Associate

Ann Chaplin

Chalicer

Wendy Anderson

Prayers

Wendy Anderson

Usher

Butch Niford