

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**CDC Guidelines:** In accordance with new CDC guidelines, masks are again required on the church campus, including in-person attendance for church services, regardless of vaccination status.

**Restrooms:** Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

## VOLUNTARY

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. Lloyd Larson

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*[Please stand when the chimes sound and face the Baptistry in the rear of the sanctuary.]*

## PRAYER FOR THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT: JOY

*Lector* Today we light three candles. The first candle calls us to behold the wonder of the season in a fresh way. In a world where too often the familiar becomes commonplace, Advent is a time to ponder the mystery of God's amazing love. The second candle invites us to hear again the ancient prophecies that, like flames in the darkness, illuminate our world, inspire our faith, and guide our journey. As we light the third candle, we affirm that Advent is a time to hear again the still small voice calling us to behold God's promise, and embrace the gift of a Savior who is Christ our Lord.

## ADVENT HYMN

The Wonder of Christmas

Joel Raney

**Congregation:**

There is won - der in the hope of the birth of a  
King, there is won - der in the sound of the an - gels as they  
sing. O\_ come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and join us here.

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## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You  
TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy, a lamp within my breast,  
to do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me;  
your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace  
in love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

You come, O Lord, with gladness, in mercy and goodwill,  
to bring an end to sadness and bid our fears be still.  
In patient expectation we live for that great day  
when your renewed creation your glory shall display.

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*All* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE 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. Amen.

*All* **AMEN.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Zephaniah chapter 3...*

Sing aloud, O daughter 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.

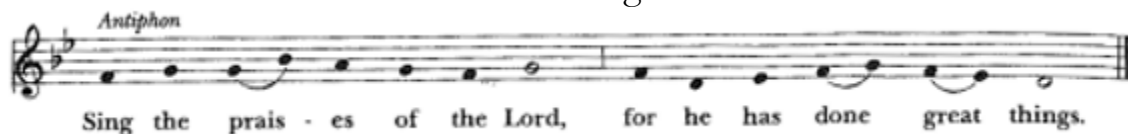
At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## CANTICLE 9

The First Song of Isaiah



1. Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.
3. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.
4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon 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.



## THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Philippians chapter 4...*

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.

*Lector*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Creator of the Stars

TUNE: CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM

**At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:  
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.**

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon*        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.

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

*The people sit.*

**SERMON** The Rev. Whitney Burton

*All stand as able.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*People* 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.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector* 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*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* 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*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* 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.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* 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 give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Noel Powell, Judy Ratliff, Elena Goletz, Christine McLaughlin, Liz Hopwood, and Lora Wonder and the anniversaries of Wayne & Jane Morris, Marc & Cathy Jacobson.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [add names from notebook] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [leave time], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [add names from notebook]) that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **AMEN.**

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**OFFERTORY** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Mark Miller  
Choir

*All stand as able.*

### THE PRESENTATION

*Deacon* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

**PRESENTATION HYMN** Tune: HYFRYDOL

**Praise we bring to God the Father,  
Praise we bring to God the Son,  
Praise to God the Holy Spirit, praise to you, the Three in One.  
Trinity of love inspire us, may we always strive to be  
One in Love and one in worship--children of eternity**

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* (*Proper Preface*)

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:

Sanctus from Missa Emmanuel

Richard Proulx

*Cantor, then all:*  
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.

*Cantor:*  
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*Cantor:*  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*All:*  
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

*All*

Richard Proulx



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament in one kind.*

*If you desire a blessing instead, cross your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION

Every Valley from Messiah

G.F. Handel

*Please remain seated.*

Julian Guini, tenor

## POST COMMUNION HYMN 59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding TUNE: MERTON

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
"Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."**

**Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.**

**Lo! the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiven;**

**so when next he comes with glory, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
may he with his mercy shield us, and with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit, while unending ages run.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the  
spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior  
Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living  
members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And  
now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love  
and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and  
to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

### THE SENDING HYMN 72

Hark! The Glad Sound!

Tune: RICHMOND

**Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long:  
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.**

**He comes, the prisoners to release in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.**

**He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;  
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;  
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

## VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations, Come

Karen Keene

## SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Emily Mackay
Lectors	Judy Warner & Anne Punch
Prayers of the People	Mary Ratliff
Ushers	Dan & Gloria Smith
Building & Grounds	David Thornton
Welcome Table	Robin Megel, Lynne Henderson, Susan Fowler



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