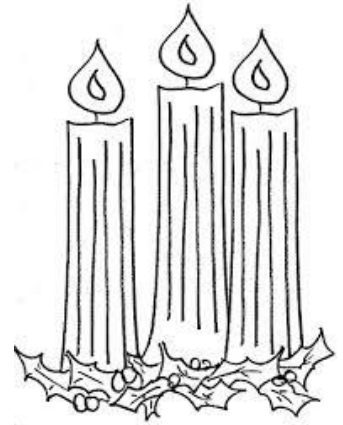


# The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

**During this time of social distancing:** Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

**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.

**Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles** are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

**Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.**

**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

**Symbols in the Bulletin:** **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

**Standing, sitting, and kneeling:** Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

***A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.***

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## GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach\Kinyon  
Bells of Hope  
Robert Moncrief, organ

*[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

*[Please be seated.]*

### THE LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH AND PRAYER

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

Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

### Advent Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

H 56, v. 1, 6

**All** *O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### The Prayer for the Third Candle of Advent: Joy

*[Please stand.]*

- 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 Love. *[2<sup>nd</sup> blue candle is lit.]*  
We light the third candle as a symbol of Christ who brings Joy. *[A pink candle is lit.]*
- L** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
- C** **Our God, we come to you today filled with joy. We ask your blessing upon us and our mission. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### Hymn

**All** *O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**All** **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.**

***O Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!***

***Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.  
Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be,  
for he would have us bear it so he can make us free.***

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** 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.

**G** **Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**THE READINGS:** Isaiah 61:1–4, 8-11, Psalm 126, 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28  
*[Please be seated.]*

**The First Reading**

**L** *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah, chapter 61...*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm 126

*[Tune: In Christ There is no East or West]*

***We were like people in a dream When God set Zion free;  
We laughed, we sang, our voices rang With shouts of liberty.***

***The heathen nations 'round us said, "God's gifts to them are good";  
Yes, God has done great things for us, We praise God as we should.***

***Restore our fortunes now, O Lord, Like Negev's waterways,  
And grant that those who sow in tears May reap with hymns of praise.***

***Let those who weep as they go out And take with them the seed  
Come back in joy with harvest sheaves Fulfilling all their need.***

## The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5....*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

*[Please stand.]*

***Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.***

## The Gospel

☐ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

☐ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev. Cindy Roehl, Deacon

*[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. *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 the flowers given to the glory of God, and for the birthdays this coming week of Noel Powell, Lucy Jennings, Judy Ratliff, Elena Goletz, Christine McLaughlin, Liz Hopwood, Llorra Wonder, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week, Marc & Cathy Jacobson, and for those blessings we now name, aloud or in our hearts. *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.**

☐ 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.**

☐ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

**☩ Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

*[Please stand or kneel.]*

**☩** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *[Silence is kept.]*  
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.**

**☩** 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.

**☩ Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and “the Peace of the Lord be with you,” will do nicely.]*

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

**☩ And also with you.**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

*[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]*

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Comfort Ye, My People*

Genevan

*[Please be seated.]*

Judy Warner, soloist

#### **THE PRESENTATION**

*[Please stand.]*

**☩** 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.

## THE PRESENTATION HYMN

## *God of the Fertile Fields*

***We would be stewards true, holding in trust from you all that you give;  
help us in love to share, teach us like you to care for people everywhere,  
that all may live.***

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your 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, 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:

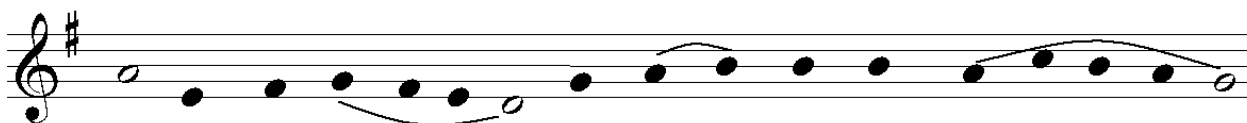
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## *Emmanuel*

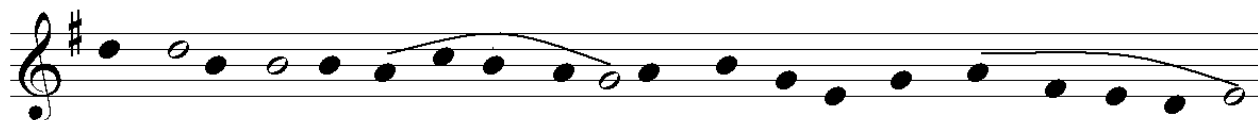
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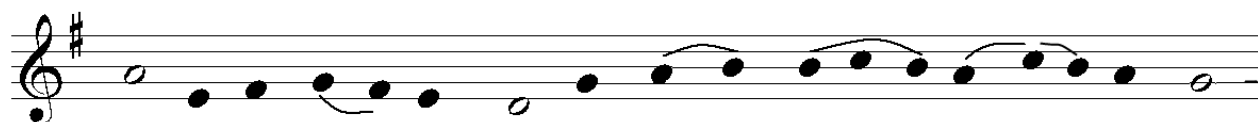
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.



Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name o - f the Lord.



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



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

- ☐ 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:


☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**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.

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**P** 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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

**P** The bread we break makes us one in Christ.

**C** **Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.**

**P** 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.

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: **To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time**, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. **Please keep your mask on**, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.]

## COMMUNION CHANT

### WAIT FOR THE LORD

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

**All**



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

**P** Let us pray...

**G** 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

*[Please stand.]*

**P** The Lord calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Day of the Lord by focusing our lives on the promises of hope, the labors of love, the depths of joy, and the strengths of peace; go from here with the blessing of the Triune God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, this day and forever.

**G** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

***Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story.  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.***

***He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.***

## THE DISMISSAL

**D** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

*Prepare the Way*

P. Manz

## **SERVING US TODAY**

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Carol Beauchamp
Lectors	Mary Ratliff & Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Ryan Stollenmaier
Ushers	Steve & Caroline Maisel
Building & Grounds	David Thornton