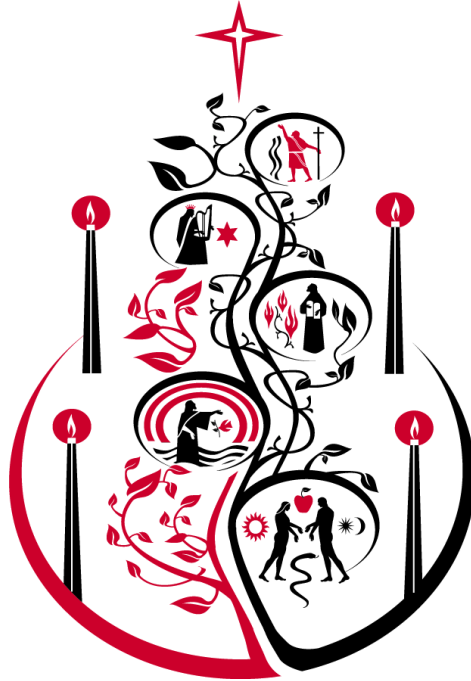


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021



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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hark the Glad Sound
Edward Broughton

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Matt Jones and Linda Miller

God of Generosity, as the days grow shorter, increase our devotion to you. Help us to listen for your voice. We wait in hope. We light candles trusting that the smallest flame can drive out our greatest fears. We anticipate your coming among us with peace and thankfulness. As we await your coming, light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Generosity, as we light this third candle, increase in us a desire to share your love. Open our eyes to see what we have been given, and to offer our gifts to others. If we have food and clothing, help us to share. If we have hope, help us to share. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR GENEROSITY.

God of Generosity, we remember today our sisters and brothers in Lebanon. You are a God who knows what it means to wander and seek safety and shelter. Provide peace and calm to those who flee their homes in Syria. Give them food, shelter and welcoming hearts. We pray for their safety, and trust that you walk with them. Light a flame within us:

MAY WE SHINE WITH THE BRIGHTNESS OF YOUR HOPE.

God of Generosity, open our hearts, minds and hands. Help us to see the abundance in our midst.

GUIDE US IN THESE ADVENT DAYS UNTIL OUR SAVIOR IS BORN AMONG US.

Turn our attention to you, the One who is our song, our hope and our joy. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the light that has no end. **AMEN**

OPENING HYMN

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

FIRST READING:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

PSALM:

Isaiah 12:2-6 (*Spoken Responsively*)

2 Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord
God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

3 **With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

4 And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;
proclaim that this name is exalted.

5 **Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING:

Philippians 4:4-7

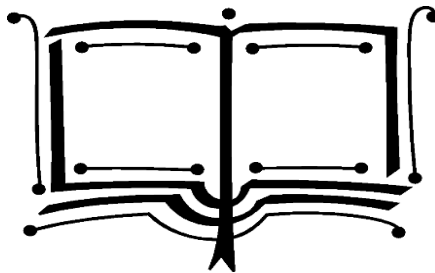
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION : (*Spoken in unison; please stand.*)

***Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you,
who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)***

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON



SILENCE FOR REFLECTION & MUSIC MEDITATION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Shayla L. Blake

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Holy God, renew your church and raise up leaders who announce your good news. Grant peace to congregations and seminarians in the midst of transition. Guide the work of candidacy and call committees. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for your servants who showed us your goodness and grace (especially). *By the power of your Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith until we make our home with you. Hear us, O God.*

Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

Amen

OFFERING

In response to all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus, we now come to that part of our worship when we give . . . Not reluctantly, but cheerfully and in thanksgiving. While many of us have been accustomed to giving in the offering plate, because of the pandemic, ways: through the mail there are other or with online. However you choose to give, please know that your gifts make a difference. Your support of our mutual ministry enables us to reach out with the gospel in word and deed in our community and to the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Create In Me a Clean Heart
J.A. Freyninghausen

CHOIR ANTHEM

Filled With Hope and Gratitude
Paul Damico-Carper

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angles, with the church on earth and the hosts of Heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

Amen

BLESSING May Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

Fling Wide the Door

ELW 259

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fling Wide the Door
Joseph Prentiss



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Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion with Rite of Healing (Chapel)

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