

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 12, 2021~ 10:00 am



Third Sunday of Advent

WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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The congregation stands.

Processional: Rejoice! Rejoice Believers

(Hymn #68)



1. Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear! The
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple - nish them with oil; look
3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; a -



1. eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near. The
2. now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil. The
- 3. rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With



1. Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh; up,
2. Mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand; rise
3. hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see the



1. watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
2. up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
3. day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

THE WORD OF GOD

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Celebrant says

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.***



(Hymn #S-88)

Choir Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri - e - e -

Choir - le - i - son. *All* Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri-

Choir - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

All Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son.

The Collect of the Day: Third Sunday of Advent

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***

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*

THE LESSONS *(You may be seated.)*

A Reading from the Prophet Zephania 3:14-20

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.

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A Reading from the Prophet Zephania 3:14-20

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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response ~ Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah



1. Sure-ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not fear. For the
2. Make his deeds known to the peo-ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed Name. Praise the



1. Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing help is near. So re-
2. Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might pro - claim. Zi - on,



- 1. joice as you draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the
2. lift your voice in sing-ing; for with you has come to dwell, in your



1. day of your de - liv-erance thank the Lord, his mer- cies sing.
2. ve - ry midst, the great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Philippians 4:4-7

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.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying *(Hymn #75)*



1. There's a voice in the wil-der-ness cry-ing, a call from the ways un - trod: Pre-
2. O Zi - on, that bring-est good tid-ings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Pro-
3. but the word of our God en - dur-eth, the arm of the Lord is strong; he.



1. pare in the des - ert a high - way, a high-way for our God! The
2. claim to a des - o - late peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
3. stands in the midst - of na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



1. val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the lof - ty hills brought low; make
2. flowers of the field they per - ish, like grass our works de - cay, the
3. feed his flock like a shep - herd, the lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to



1. straight all the crook - ed pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
2. power and pomp of na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
3. pas - tures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:7-18

Remain standing as are able.

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



The congregation may be seated.

Homily

The Rev. James W. Friedel

The Nicene Creed

(BCP Page 358)

All standing as are able.

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 - Form III

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The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Silence

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Collect at the Prayers

The Celebrant says

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O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.*

The Celebrant says

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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
~ Ephesians 5:2



THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem ~ Advent Processional

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The Celebrant says

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Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is your. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. ~ I Chronicles 29:11

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP Page 367)

The people remain standing.

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.***

The Celebrant proceeds

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. ***Amen.***

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

Sung to the tune of "In the Bleak Midwinter"



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - sa - na to the King.

The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.

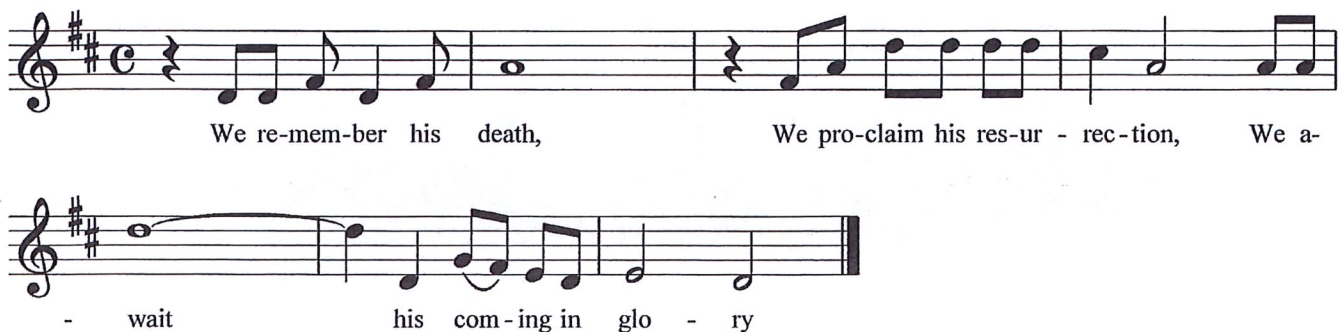
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Memorial Acclamation (Mass for the King of Glory)



We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his res-ur - rec-tion, We a-
- wait his com-ing in glo - ry

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting you, from your creation, this
bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon
these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of
Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your
Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to
that heavenly country where, with Peter and all your
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and
daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

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. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
We now pray,

People and Celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

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.

Invitation to Communion

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

Hymn: My Lord, He is A-Comin' Soon

Hymn: Lord, Hear Our Prayer

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.



Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing

Celebrant

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional: On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry

(Hymn #76)



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a -
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in, and
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with -
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom



- 1. wake and heark-en, for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. let each heart pre - pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
- 3. out thy grace we waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4. forth, and let thy light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5. with the Fa - ther we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.



The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*

Lector/Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ JD Debler

10:00 am ~ Julie Pina & Vallerie Farmer

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Clarkson

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Barbara & Mike Patton

10:00 am ~ Marita Lindsay & Tony Farmer

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of our Altar Guild

8:00 am ~ Mary Sherman

10:00 am ~ Vallerie Farmer



Son of God
LOVE'S PURE LIGHT

COVID-19 Delta Variant and our Churches

COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE 2(d) GUIDELINES ARE LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE.
You may find Bishop Reed's letter and other current information on their website:
dwtx.org.



Advent Studies

Studying the Prophet Isaiah

Continues on Sundays in **December**
9:15 am ~ 9:50 am in the Parish Hall
(in-person only)

Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Continues Monday, **December 13th**
6:00 pm at St. Peter's and via ZOOM.

Please let us know if you would like to join this study by ZOOM so we can make sure you receive the information you need.



Flowers at the Altar today have been given to the glory of God in appreciation of the joy Father Jim brings to St. Peter's
by
Margaret & Charlie Goolsbee and in appreciation for Charlene & Steve Williams
by
Jackie Williams



Join the Elves of St. Peter's as we **decorate our church for Christmas.**

There is lots to do as we prepare for this beautiful time of year.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
9:30 a.m.

We hope you will join us!



It is our custom during the Christmas season to decorate the church with poinsettias. Should you wish to remember or give thanks for someone during this holy season, you are invited to provide one of the plants in their name.

The offering for each poinsettia is \$10.
Forms are available at each church entrance and in the Parish Hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick Rarick on the 6th; Gay Keeble on the 7th; Mac Keeble on the 10th; Mary Gibson on the 12th; Barbara Appling on the 15th; Frances Parsons, Eileen Vincent, Karen Medley, and Shawn Williams on the 16th; Shirley Kirmse on the 17th and

Greg Brou on the 18th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Karen & Dan Lutterschmidt on the 11th;
Cecelia & Billy Shannon on the 13th and
Karen & Mike Medley on the 18th