

# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER



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Third Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist, Rite II December 15, 2019 · 10 am <u>INTROIT</u>

COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE

C. GAUDIMEL

#### **LITURGY OF THE WORD**



Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Entrance Hymn.

Those who wish to do so bow in reverence to acknowledge God's presence as the cross passes by.



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#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

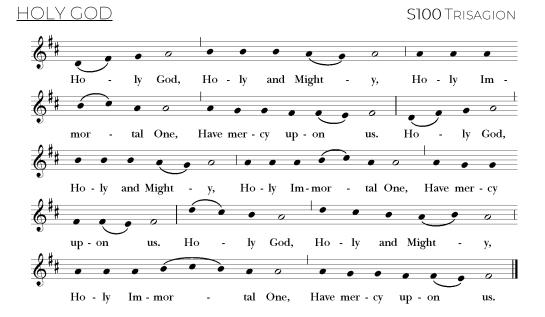
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

#### INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Children (grades 1-4) are invited to the Chapel for Children's Liturgy. Each will also receive a snack, please let us know if there are any allergies. They will return at The Peace.



An ancient
hymn of the
eastern church.
"Holy God, Holy
and Mighty,
Holy Immortal
One, Have mercy
upon us"
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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Collect of the Day "collects" our individual thoughts into unified prayer that we might respond to the lessons we are about to hear.

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.

## Please be seated.

#### FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

My soul doth magnify the Lord,

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel;

As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham, and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

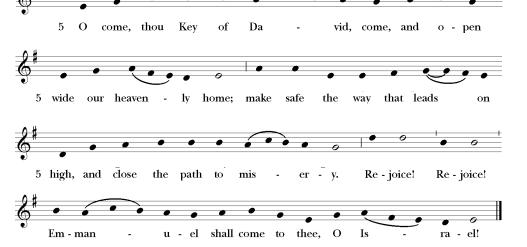
#### SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Gospel Song

The Gospel procession into the congregation reminds us that Jesus came among us.

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#### THE GOSPEL

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People

All turn toward the Gospel.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did

Matthew 11:2-11

you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

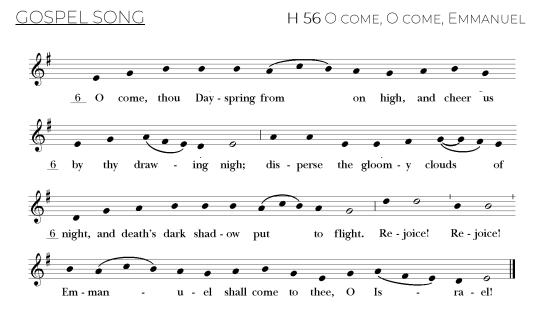
'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.



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#### THE HOMILY

There will be a pause for silent reflection immediately following the homily.

#### THE NICENE CREED

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.

## Please stand as vou are able.

The Nicene Creed is the most ancient and important corporate confession of our faith. We are joining ourselves to the great heritage of the holy (of God) catholic (universal) and apostolic (witnessing to the resurrection) church down through the centuries.

This heritage is vaster. richer, and more mysterious than any one individual can understand, but we, as the community of the members of the Body of Christ, share and commit ourselves to it.

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer is offered for the Universal Church, the Nation and all in authority, the welfare of the world, concerns of the local community, for

those who

suffer or are in any

trouble,

and for the

departed.

We are reminded in worship that we are connected to a larger fellowship - the Church - the Body of Christ, on whose heart lies the cares and concerns of the world.

Celebrant

As we eagerly await the coming of our Lord and Savior who brings light into our weary world, we turn to you, O God, with our concerns and thanksgivings, saying, Comfort your people, O God. Let your light shine in our hearts.

Silence

Leader We pray for the church throughout the world, and for all who serve

the world in Christ's name. Comfort your Church, O God.

Let your light shine in our hearts.

Leader We pray for people everywhere, that division and hatred, poverty and

ignorance may be cast out, and that where there is conflict, leaders may be strengthened and inspired to unite for peace. Comfort your

Nations, O God.

Let your light shine in our hearts.

Leader We pray that this Advent time of hopeful expectation may be for us a

time of grace, reflection, and generosity. Open our hearts wide as we

prepare for your coming. Comfort your World, O God

Let your light shine in our hearts.

Leader We pray for those who are sick or frail and for those who feel alone.

We pray especially for (...) and those for whom you wish to pray.

Comfort your Children, O God.

Let your light shine in our hearts.

Leader For the dying and the dead; that the souls of the departed may live in

your eternal light. Comfort your Saints, O God.

Let your light shine in our hearts.

Celebrant Comfort, comfort your people, O God. Cause a new light to shine in

our hearts, and keep us in hopeful expectation that you will make yourself known to us in small and generous ways as we await the coming of Jesus Christ, your son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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, stands and 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.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### OFFERTORY

HOW LOVELY ARE THE MESSENGERS FROM ST PAUL

MENDELSSOHN

Having heard the word of God and having prayed for others, we are led to amendment of life.

All kneel as they are able

# Please stand as you are able.

The Peace is an extension of Christian greeting and teaching. It symbolizes our intent to forgive as we are forgiven, to live in peace - shalom, harmony - with all persons.

The offertory sentence reminds us that our offerings are our response to God's care and nurture.

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**FUCHARISTIC PRAYER B** 

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.

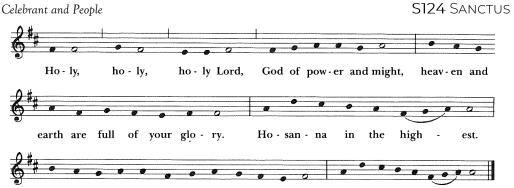
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeemer 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:

(Holy, Holy, Holy) exemplifies that the Eucharist is the action of the whole Church, even of the whole creation, by sharing the sona of the angels and the company of heaven (Isaiah 6:1 -3. Psalm 118:25-26. Revelation

The

Sanctus



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high - est.

4:8)

The people may stand or kneel, then 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to 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 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.** 

The Institution Narrative recalls the particular mighty act that is the focus of the service: the gift of Christ's body and blood to be our spiritual food and drink (1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Matthew 26:26-28. Mark 14:22-24. Luke 22:19 -20).

We ask that the Holy Spirit sanctify (bless or make holy) the bread and wine and also us who are to receive the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Because it. aives our assent ("So be it") to all the Eucharistic Prayer, the people's response is called The Great Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, People and Celebrant

> 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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Celebrant

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia. Peoble

The Celebrant says the following Invitation

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.

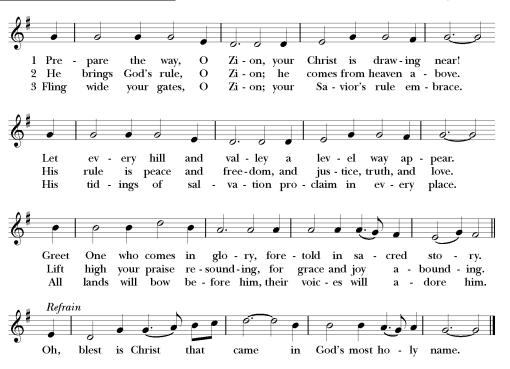
Please be seated until directed forward by the ushers.

COMMUNION ANTHEM Springs in the Desert

JENNINGS

#### COMMUNION HYMN

#### H 65 Prepare the way, O Zion



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If you wish to receive the bread - the body of Christ, please come to the altar and hold out your hand to take the bread.

You may eat the bread immediately, and if you wish to receive the wine from the chalice, please assist the chalice to your lips for a sip of wine.

You may also leave the bread in your hand and dip it in the wine.

If you wish to receive the bread only, please know it is the historic position of the Church that receiving one of the elements is sufficient to complete communion.

# The people may stand or kneel.

If a Lay
Eucharistic
Visitor will
take
communion
to those not
with us, the
first postcommunion
prayer is
said.

#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYERS

Celebrant In the name of God and on behalf of this congregation, I send you

forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share

with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one

cup.

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,

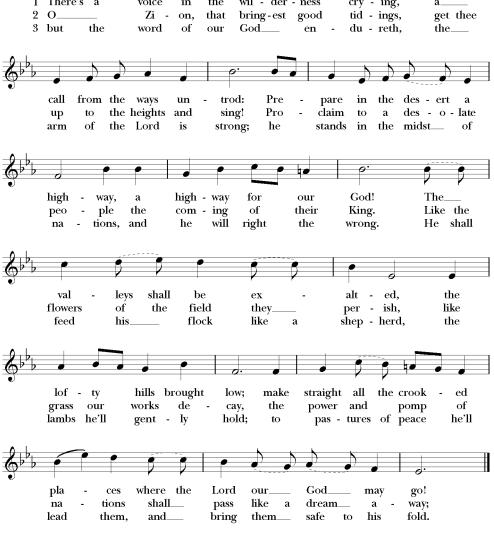
now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

Following the Blessing, the people respond

Amen.

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Closing Hymn.



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#### <u>THE DISMISSAL</u>

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The dismissal asserts the relationship between worship and living. It is a call to mission, a call to live the baptismal and Eucharistic life in the world.

#### IN THANKSGIVING & MEMORY

#### WE GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE CELEBRATING:

<u>Birthdays</u> in the next week: Vic Walton, Mark Upson, Anne Lilly Cone, Nathan Carlson, Brooke Kelly, James Baur, Harris Foad, Reese Kattman, William Theobald, Brian Babb, Rebecca Kappers, Charles Perez, Marilyn Blemker, Helen Ferguson, George Callard, Elizabeth Lilly, Joyce Milton.

<u>Anniversaries</u> in the coming week: Janice & Gary Lubin, Elise & Jon Allred, Mary Southworth & Jeff Shaffer, Gretchen & Tim Webb.

The **GREENS** that beautify our worship spaces are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Marita France McMillan Fischer by Anne Lilly & Philip Cone and in loving memory of Thomas Burleigh Boehme, her brother, by Rachel Votaw.

During the season of Advent, the Redeemer flower guild offers arrangements made exclusively of greens. Thus, we focus on the eternal nature of the evergreens on our Advent Wreath: a circular and illuminated symbol of unending life which gives hope to us in times of darkness.

#### PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Celebrant The Rev. Melanie W. J. Slane

Preacher The Rev. Gary Lubin

Deacon The Rev. Gary Lubin

Acolytes Cece Grisi, Chase Grisi, Caroline McKernan, James McKernan

Sacristan William Montgomery

Lector Cynthia Williams
Lay Reader Missy Darling

Chalicists Ed Ewbank, Carter Waide

Intercessor Carol Ewbank

Ushers CH Maguire, Laurie Maguire, Beth Weinewuth, Brian Weinewuth

Bain Massey, Richard Massey, Amanda Rasche

Dick Adams, Michael Hardy, Michael Staffiera (alt.)

Bread Guild Ryan Andrews, Blake Gustafson, Carol Hall

Francie Morrison, Denise Beauchamp, Laurie Maguire, Courtney Vice

Kelli Wisecup, Adrea Beatty, Julie Joyce, Sheila Maxwell, Rachel Votaw

Children's Liturgy Brad Gough, Laurie McKernan



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