



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, December 11, 2022

## The Third Sunday of Advent

**St. Luke's Episcopal Church**

North Main at Fourth Street, Jamestown, New York

**The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop**

The Rev. Luke Fodor, Rector; The Rev. Deacon Cathy Smith;

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*The mission is simple: to **Connect** all people, help them **Discover** God's love, empower them to **Serve** and watch them **Grow**."*

### WELCOME TO ST. LUKE'S

We welcome you this morning to St. Luke's Church and are delighted to have you join us for worship today. If you are **visiting** for the first time, or are looking for a church home, please fill in a **pew card** and place it in the offering plate.

At the time of Communion, all are invited to God's Table. In addition to the altar rail, at the 10 a.m. service a floor-level Communion station is made available, and includes gluten-free wafers and grape juice, please indicate your preference.

Available to children is a visit to the Children's Corner, or the use of a "Children's Activity Bag" found near the front of the church nave (ask an usher).

Join us downstairs for refreshments. All are welcome! Audio transmitters are available for those who have difficulty hearing the service; please ask an usher.

~ Copies of today's sermon are available at the doors. ~

PRELUDE

*Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming*

- arr. by Edward MacDowell

### LIGHTING AND BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to rejoice in the signs of your love: the liberation of the oppressed, the healing of the frail and broken, the springing up of water in parched places, and the coming once again of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, through whom we pray. Amen.*

**OPENING HYMN # 73, The King shall come when morning dawns**

- blue pew Hymnal

### ADVENT ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People:* **You come to your people and set them free.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**, *said by 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.**

**TRISAGION (3X)**

*music next page, or see front pages of the Blue pew Hymnal, S-102*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitatis Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx,  
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**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:** The Lord be with you. *Response: And also with you.*

*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.**

**THE FIRST READING IS FROM THE 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.

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM # 146:4-9**, please join in saying the Psalm in unison - *The Saint Helena Psalter*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, \*  
 whose hope is in their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
 whose promise abides for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed \*  
 and food to those who hunger.
- 7 God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
 God lifts up those who are bowed down;



through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

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*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

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 pray today for the Episcopal Partnership churches of Trinity Memorial,  
Warren, PA; Trinity, Warsaw, NY; St. David's, West Seneca, NY, and The Anglican Church of Kenya.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope  
in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for Jeanne Green, Barbara Slumsky, Sharon Drennen, Beth Snow,  
Erma Morrison; Carol Yaggie; Sonja Stahlman; Mark Bender; Jim Hooven;  
Joe and Julienne; Jane; Edward; Ron McEntire; Tim Pickett;  
Tom Small; Bill Haberman; Matteo Dominick; Barbara Bumsted;  
Christi Carson and her family; Kirk and Deb Cardone; Donald Ruland;  
Pete Nagle; Joyce Crate; Mary Holton; Barbara Lissfelt;

and those others we now name... *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Remembering *Marcia Goodman*, we commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

**CONFESSION OF SIN**, *said by all, kneeling as able*

**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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**THE PEACE** *Let us exchange the Peace of Christ with one another!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY HYMN # 60, *Creator of the stars of night***

*- blue pew Hymnal*

*Please stand and join in singing the Offertory Hymn.*



*If you'd like to give electronically, use your phone's camera on the QR code.*

**Doxology: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



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;**

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 Saint Luke 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** *Silent moment*

***Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

**THE COMMUNION**

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, all are invited to receive Communion.  
Gluten-free wafers, as well as grape juice, are available, please indicate your preference;  
the 10AM service, at the floor communion station.  
If you have difficulty coming forward, communion can be brought to you at your seat.  
You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern in your prayers.  
A candle station is located at the rear of the Chapel; and to the right of the sermon pulpit in the Church.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**HYMN # 81, *Lo, how a Rose e're blooming***

*- blue pew Hymnal*

***"Magnificat"***

*sung by Ms. Ellen Kennelley*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER, *said by all***

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN # 72, *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes***

*- blue pew Hymnal*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Response: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

**POSTLUDE**

*God Is So Good*

*- arr. by Ron McEntire*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God with hopeful prayers to Joe and Julienne Ambrosetti from Norma and Maddie DeJoy.*

***The Christmas Pageant*** is an opportunity to remember the ancient, sacred story of the Incarnation in creative new ways. **All children and youth** are invited to participate:

We need sheep, shepherds, angels, stars, Mary, Joseph, and more!

**+Dec. 11:** Rehearsal for **all** children and youth participating in the pageant following the 10 am

**+ Dec. 18:** Rehearsal for **all** children and youth participating in the pageant following the 10 am

**+ Dec. 24: Christmas pageant (arrive at 3 pm)**

Parents are always welcome to participate by helping with costumes and guiding children.

### ***Special Christmas Services***

Join us at the annual **Blue Christmas Service** at 5pm on **December 17**. It is a time — approaching longest night of the year (the Winter Solstice)— when we can acknowledge, with others, the "blue" feelings we have during the holidays and offer them to God. We light a candle in the darkness as a sign of healing.

And come again on **Christmas Eve**, for the **4pm & 11pm services** where we celebrate the majesty and wonder in candle-light splendor.

The **4pm** service will feature the newest pastor's kid as Jesus and special music with Amanda Andrews leading a youth & children's choir and playing her cello with Cindy Lind Hanson on organ and Kirstie Hanson on violin.

Ron McEntire will lead the **11pm service** with choir and special music.

**And join us again as we continue our celebration of Jesus' birth**

**Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day**

**10:00 a.m. Christmas Communion Service in the Church.**