



Holy Eucharist ~ Sunday, December 12, 2021

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;

Mr. Paul Johnson, Verger; Mr. Ron McEntire, Minister of Music;

The Rev. Deacon Jessica Frederick, Curate, & Children, Youth & Family Minister

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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**."*

PRELUDE

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

- Tim Matthews

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 # 66, *Come thou long expected Jesus*

ADVENT ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

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

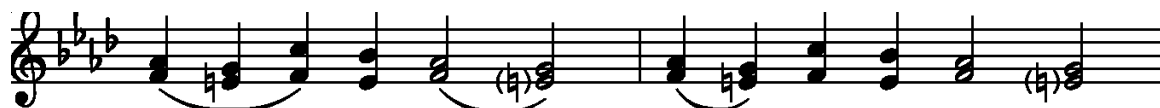
COLLECT FOR PURITY, *said by all*

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)

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



Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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 BOOK OF ZEPHANIAH 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. 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.

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

CANTICLE 9, The First Song of Isaiah, Isaiah 12:2-6, (sung by choir at 10 AM service)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING IS FROM LETTER OF PAUL 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.

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

GOSPEL SEQUENCE HYMN

The First Song of Isaiah

2030, The Faith We Sing

Chorus: ***Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.***

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior

Verses sung by the Choir

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO LUKE 3:7-18

Response before the Gospel: **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.

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

FAMILY CHAPEL TIME

SERMON

The Rector

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, sung to the tune of "Come thou fount of every blessing"

We believe in God the Father

God almighty by whose plan

earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.

We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,

virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,

like a lamb to slaughter led,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.

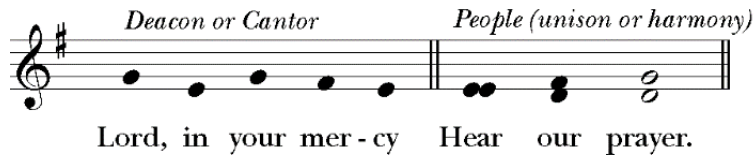
We believe in Jesus risen heaven's king to rule and reign,

to the Father's side ascended till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit,
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven
Christ our Saviour Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV, *with chanted response*

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 especially for Donald Ruland, Sydney Benson,

Millie D., Richard Allberg, Cara Murphy, Clyde Card, Dawn Hammond, Kaylee Riley,

Paula and Tim Pickett, Mac Dawson, Jamie Knowlton; Matteo Dominick, Ron Stahley,

Pete Cortez, Mindy Parinella, Shirley Edgren, Pete Nagle; Bob Whitman; Amy Quilty;

Kirk & Deb Cardone, Mary Holton, Joyce Crate, Jeanne Green, Ann Lamp, Barbara Lissfelt,

and those others we now name. *Silence*

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

We commend to your mercy all who have died, *remembering Clarence Beish and Elaine Brasted* 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! Please remain at your seat*
The peace of the Lord be always with you. *Response* **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Eucharistic Prayer B*

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff also has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are 'Lift up your ' hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff has two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'People'. The lyrics are 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

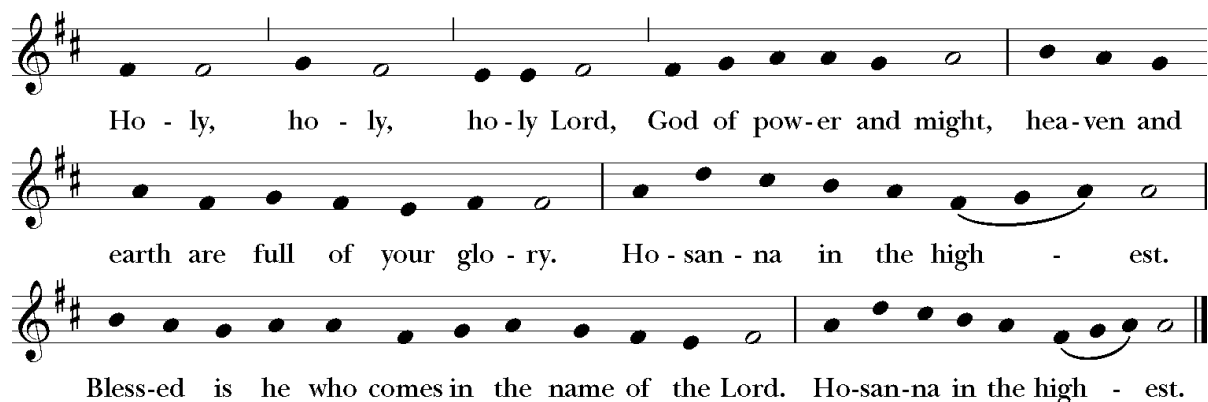
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

All join in singing the SANCTUS

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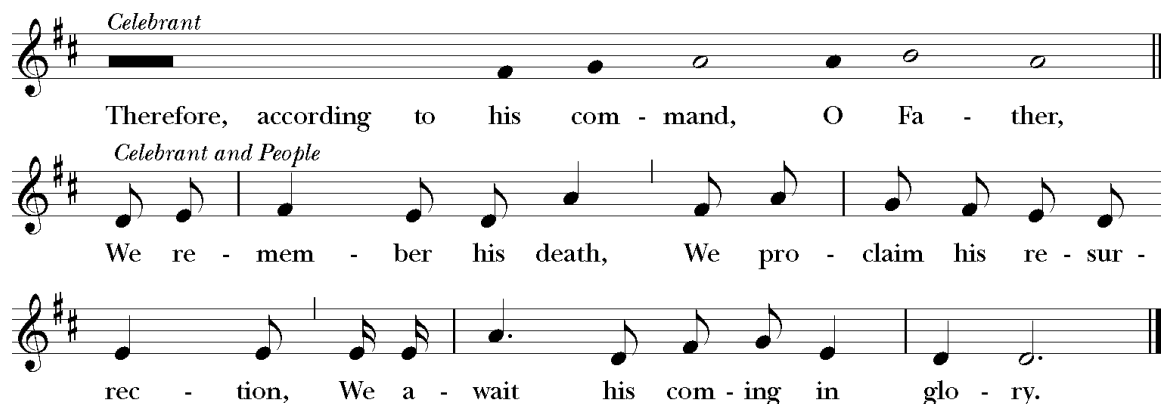
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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."

Celebrant and People

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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,

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Unison or harmony

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us

from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,

the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Slightly faster

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *Silent moment*

Enriching Our Music # 57

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 at the floor communion station; please indicate your preference.

If you have difficulty coming forward, communion will be brought to you at your seat.

You are invited to light a candle for a person or concern for your prayers.

The candle station is located to the right of the sermon pulpit.

COMMUNION HYMN # 321, *My God, thy table now is spread*

- Blue Pew Hymnal

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 # 54, *Savior of the nations, come!*

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

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

POSTLUDE *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star*

- *Paul Manz*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jessica Frederick
in loving memory of her father, Neil Frederick.*

Bishop Overs Guild Christmas Party Tuesday, December 14th.

Bring a dish to share, ham will be provided. All are welcome, including all who are interested in learning more about who the Bishop Overs Guild are and what we do. Looking forward to a festive time!

The annual **4th St Cafe Christmas breakfast** will be held on Thursday, **December 16th from 9-11am at the DoubleTree Hotel**. Anyone able to help prepare the gift bags, and/or volunteer with the party is greatly appreciated!! Donations of gift items such as knit hats, mittens, gloves, etc., are welcome today and Monday. Thank you all for your kind generosity.

The Christmas Pageant

All children and youth are invited to participate in St. Luke's annual Christmas pageant – we need sheep, shepherds, angels, stars, Mary, Joseph, and more! Here's the calendar for this year's pageant rehearsals:

+ Dec. 12: Rehearsal for **all** children and youth participating, (following the 10 am service)

+ Dec. 19: Rehearsal for **all** children and youth participating (following the 10 am service)

+ Dec. 24: Christmas pageant - arrive at church at 3 pm

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

December EVENTure – Christmas Cookie Decorating On Saturday, **December 18th at 4 pm**, join us for St. Luke's newest EVENTure! This month, we'll enjoy holiday fun decorating sugar

cookies – and use these sweet treats to tell the story of the first Christmas. We'll have cocoa, sugar cookies, icing, sprinkles... and everything needed to decorate creative confections! RSVP to Jessica Frederick (jessica.frederick@stlukesjamestown.org).

Christmas in a Barn on Dec 19th at 4pm

Join our partners from Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, **December 19 at 4 pm at 3 Springs Alpacas (548 Route 394 in Kennedy)** for a "Christmas in a Barn" service – an opportunity to experience the sights, sounds, and smells of the Christmas – in a barn, with live animals!

Special Christmas Services

Join us at the annual **Blue Christmas Service** at 5pm on **December 18**. 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 on **Christmas Eve**, join in the **4pm & 11pm services** where we celebrate the majesty and wonder in candle-light splendor.

On **Christmas day at 10am** we unwrap the message of incarnation. On Sunday the 26th, we'll have a special service of Christmas Lessons and Carols.

Supporting St. Luke's Youth... One Gift Box at a Time

After the 10 am service on December 12th and 19th, St. Luke's will be selling mini gift boxes, fit to trim the tree or stuff stockings! These boxes are made with recycled greeting cards, giving them the opportunity to spread some holiday cheer for a second time this Christmas. All proceeds raised will support St. Luke's youth. Many thanks to Kay Stahlman and Maddie and Norma DeJoy for crafting these boxes with love!

Remember to submit your Christmas Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings