

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL ANGLICAN CHURCH

Fairland Parish



The Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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10:30 a.m.

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## *The Third Sunday of Advent*

*The People enter, maintaining physical distance. Silence is kept.*

### **Prelude**

**Opening Hymn: Watchman, tell us of the night Hymnal # 640**

1. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
promised day of Israel.
2. Watchman, tell us of the night;  
higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3. Watchman, tell us of the night,  
for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,  
doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;  
hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
lo! the Son of God is come!

### **Opening Rites and the Collect of the Day**

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and always.

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

God of flood and fire,  
calling us to turn  
from dead halls  
echoing with greed:  
may the gift of your Spirit  
come to us from another place,  
burning with life and a hope  
that will not be quenched;  
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

**Trisagion**                      **Hymnal # S102**

*Led by the Choristers, all sing three times:*

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

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**The Old Testament Lesson**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

- 15 The LORD has taken away the judgements against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.
- 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.
- 17 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
- 18 as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
- 19 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.
- 20 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm of the Day** First Song of Isaiah

Hymnal # 679

*The people led by choristers sing*

1. Surely, it is God who saves me;  
trusting him, I shall not fear.  
For the Lord defends and shields me  
and his saving grace is near.  
So rejoice as you draw water  
from salvation's living spring;  
in the day of your deliverance  
thank the Lord, his mercies sing.
2. Make his deeds known to the peoples;  
tell out his exalted Name.  
Praise the Lord, who has done great things;  
all his works his might proclaim.  
Zion, lift your voice in singing;  
for with you has come to dwell,  
in your very midst,  
the great and Holy One of Israel.

## The New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

LEM:           The Word of the Lord.

People:        Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers vs. 1 Hymnal # 68

1. Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!  
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;  
up, watch with expectation! at the midnight comes the cry.

## The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

People:        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe 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.’

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ <sup>12</sup>Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ <sup>13</sup>He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ <sup>14</sup>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.’

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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.’

<sup>18</sup> 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.

**Gradual Hymn continued: Rejoice! Rejoice, believers vs. 3**  
**Hymnal # 68**

3. Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!  
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see  
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

**The Sermon: To Clear and to Gather**

**The Creed**

*Led by the LEM, the People say*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
The 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  
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 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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM or Reader says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*Please take this program home with you or place it in one of the blue recycling bins.*

We pray for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations, for justice, and for the well-being of all.

*Silence*

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

We pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

We pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

We pray for the departed [*especially N.N.*]. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

We pray for those on our prayer list, and for those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The LEM or Minister appointed says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept. The People stand or kneel.*

*The LEM or Minister leads the People in saying*

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 Priest alone 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.*

*An LEM or other Minister using the preceding form shall substitute "us" for "you" and "our" for "your."*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

People: And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another.<sup>1</sup>*

**Choral Anthem:** Hark, a thrilling voice is sounding -  
Traditional/Monk and Gray

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*The People make ready their gifts of bread and wine.*

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<sup>1</sup> Note: under disease-mitigation protocols, the People greet one another in silence and at physical distance, and there is no passing of plates or reception of gifts.

**Offertory: O Come, O come Emmanuel vv. 5-6 Hymnal # 56**

5. O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery. (Refrain)

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, from on high  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. (Refrain)

### **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, holy Lord, creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in hope of everlasting life; that when he shall come again to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining with Angels and Archangels and with all the host of heaven, who forever sing this hymn, to the glory of your Name,

*The Sanctus*

*Hymnal #S124*

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

*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 your Word made flesh: Jesus, your Son. For in the fullness of time you sent him among us to live and die as one of us, the Savior and the Redeemer of the world. In him you deliver us from evil, and make us

worthy to stand before you. In him, you bring us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, and out of death into life.

On the night before he was betrayed unto death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread. Giving thanks to you, he broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me.” †

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me.” †

Therefore, according to his command, O Lord,

*The People, led by the LEM, say*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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, fruit of the vine and the work of human hands. Send your Holy Spirit upon them 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 to live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us to that heavenly country where, with [N.] and all your saints, we may enter into the everlasting heritage of all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, now and forever. AMEN. ††

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The People, led by the Choristers sing*

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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The Celebrant continues*

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

**The Fraction Anthem:** O Lamb of God - *Agnus Dei* Hymnal # S161

*The People, led by the Choristers, sing:*

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.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn:** O God unseen, yet ever near Hymnal # 332

1. O God, unseen yet ever near,  
thy presence may we feel;  
and thus inspired with holy fear,  
before thine altar kneel.

2. Here may thy faithful people know  
the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above.
3. We come, obedient to thy word,  
to feast on heavenly food;  
our meat the Body of the Lord,  
our drink his precious Blood.
4. Thus may we all thy word obey,  
for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way,  
renewed with strength divine.

*The People consume their gifts in place, or come forward to receive a host, maintaining social distance.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant or LEM leads the People in the following prayer:*

Eternal God, holy Lord, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Now send us forth in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Announcements**

*Announcements, if any, are made here.*

## **Blessing**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

## **Withdrawal Hymn: Blessed be the God of Israel    Hymnal # 444**

1. Blessed be the God of Israel  
who comes to set us free;  
he visits and redeems us,  
he grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of freedom and release;  
God shall fulfill his promise  
and bring his people peace.

2. He from the house of David  
a child of grace has given;  
a Savior comes among us  
to raise us up to heaven.  
Before him goes his herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the harbinger of Day.
  
3. On prisoners of darkness  
the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes.  
He guides the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace,  
O bless our God and Savior  
with songs that never cease.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

## **Dismissal**

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **Postlude**

*Please take this program home with you or place it in one of the blue recycling bins.*

**The Flowers on the altar today were given to the Glory of God by Olivia Lee in Thanksgiving for family.**

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### **Christmas Services**

Christmas Eve (12/24/21): 5:30 pm Family Eucharist, 8:30 pm Festival Eucharist (8:00 pm Choral Prelude).

Christmas Day (12/25/21): no services

1st Sunday after Christmas (12/26/21): 8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 10:30 am Christmas Lessons and Carols (no Eucharist).

2nd Sunday after Christmas (1/2/21): 8:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite 1; 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2.

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We hope that today's service has been a blessing to you.

We are here to serve you, and hope to see you again.

Please feel free to call us, email us, or visit us online.

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## The Greening of the Church

**Sunday, December 19, 2021      11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Once again, the Altar Guild cordially invites you to join us to prepare the church for Christmas! **Light refreshments will be provided.**

We will:

- Hang the evergreen roping above the narthex doors and on the choir balcony
- Hang the large wreath on the choir balcony
- Place the Christmas Flowers around the church, including in the windows and elsewhere.

We have a lot to do, but with help from many hands we can get it done in a short amount of time. When we've been able to do this in the past it's been a fun experience for everyone, and we intend this year to be the same.

**So please join us, and thanks!**

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### CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO NEEDED

Contributions toward greens, window arrangements and poinsettias are also needed. To help, please complete the form below and place it, with your check attached (payable to *St. Mark's Church*) in the collection plate, or mail it to St. Mark's, 12621 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD, 20904. **It must be received in the office by Monday, December 20, 2021 (with or without a monetary gift) to be included in the Christmas bulletin.**

\* I am sponsoring the greening for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias @ \$20.00 each

My gift is in:

\* Thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

\* Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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**THANK YOU!!!**