



December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

10:15 AM

All children and youth are welcome, unconditionally. They are welcome to gather at our *PrayGround* at the front-left of the Nave. Materials for art and play are waiting there. During the sermon, children pre-K through fifth grade move to the Chapel, where we explore the gospel reading for the day. (We return in time for Communion.) ¶ During the school year, *Youth Group* (grades 6-12) gathers shortly after Eucharist in the Sherman Room (in the same building as Coffee Hour) to enjoy fellowship and exploration of our faith journey. ¶ Professional childcare is available in the *Nursery* (in Gooden Hall) every Sunday from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

The VOLUNTARY *Conditor alme siderum* (versets)

Jehan Titelouze (c 1562 - 1633)

All stand, as they are able, at the ringing of the bell as the Procession enters

HYMN 68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!*

LLANGLOFFAN

During the singing of the hymn, straw for the Manger, which represents the good we are pursuing and the sin we are repenting of as we prepare for Jesus' Advent, is brought in; and the candles of the Advent wreath are lighted

THE ENTRANCE RITE

All remain standing, as they are able

Celebrant

Bles - sed are you, ho - ly and living One.

People

You come to your people and set them free.

The COLLECT for PURITY

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.*

The KYRIE ELEISON *Mass 9 'Cum júbilo'*

Sung by all

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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have mer - cy up - on us.

The COLLECT of the DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *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.*

All may be seated

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The FIRST READING

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

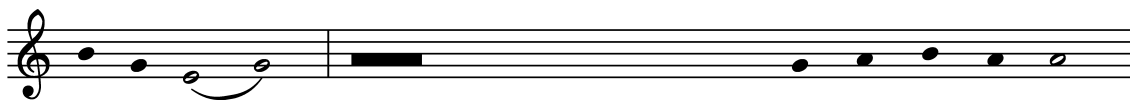
The RESPONSE

Canticle 9, *The First Song of Isaiah* (Isaiah 12:2-6)

Sung by all



1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not



be a - fraid. 2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de - fense,



and he will be my Sa - vior. 3. Therefore you shall draw water

with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.

4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call

up - on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ples;

see that they remember that his Name is ex - alt - ed.

6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,

and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of

Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the

midst of you is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The SECOND READING

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 be anxious 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

All stand, as they are able

HYMN 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh*

WINCHESTER NEW

The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and 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; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be 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 strap 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 SERMON

The Rt Rev James Mathes, *Bishop-in-Residence*

Following the Sermon, a brief silence is kept

The remainder of today's liturgy, beginning with the Nicene Creed, will be found in the seasonal booklet distributed with this insert.

✠ AT THE HOLY COMMUNION

Music at the Offertory *Rejoice in the Lord always*

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.
(Text: Philippians 4: 4-7)

Music at the Communion *Oculi omnium*

Charles Wood (1866 – 1926)

Oculi omnium in te sperant, Domine:
et tu das illis escam in
tempore opportuno.
Gloria tibi, Domine, Amen.

*The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord;
and thou givest them their meat in
due season.
Glory to you, O Lord. Amen.
(Text Psalm 145:15)*

☞ AT THE SENDING FORTH

HYMN 59 *Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*

MERTON

The VOLUNTARY Veni Redemptor gentium (selected verses), BWV 149 Samuel Scheidt (1587 – 1564)

Today, in our Diocese's cycle of prayer, we pray for
the clergy and people of Church of the Good Shepherd, Bonita,
and in our military cycle of prayer, we pray for
the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Camp Pendleton.

CELEBRANT

The Rt Rev James Mathes

ASSISTING PRIEST

The Rev Douglas Worthington

VERGER

Jack Northam

CRUCIFER

Todd McCracken

CHALICIST

Amelia Simon *and* John
Simon

TORCHBEARERS

Amelia Simon *and* John
Simon

LECTORS

Mark Carroll *and* Lanita Carroll

INTERCESSOR

John Carroll

USHERS

Betsy Northam *and* Linda Cobb

ALTAR GUILD

Janet Sanford

TELLERS

Christine Carta *and* Matt
McGinness

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: 6 services. In-person attendance: 136 people.