



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Morning Prayer: Rite Two  
December 12, 2021 9:00 AM  
Officiant : Andrea Hutnak**

**Entrance Hymn: "Come thou long expected Jesus"**

**H 66**

Watch, for you know not when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning; lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

*Mark 13:35, 36*

**Lighting of Advent Wreath Candle: Advent 3**

**Reader: Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent Wreath. Custom has it that each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE; the second candle is PEACE; and the third candle is JOY.**

The candles are lit.

**Scripture: You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. (Isaiah 55:12)**

**People: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh, and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy and help us shine as a light in the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**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.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP 80**

*All stand*

Officiant *Lord, open our lips.*

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

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.  
Alleluia.

## **Venite**

***Psalm 95:1-7***

*Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

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Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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.

*Our King and Savior now draws near: Come, let us adore him.*

## 9. The First Song of Isaiah      *Isaiah 12:2-6*

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 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 Lessons**

#### **The First Lesson**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah.

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.**

## 16. The Song of Zechariah

*Luke 1: 68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
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 Lesson

**Philippians 4:4-7**

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

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.**

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**Gospel Hymn: "O come, O come Emmanuel"**

**H 56 vs. 1,2,&3**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke.

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 Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn: “O come, O come Emmanuel”**

**H 56 vs. 4**

**The Homily**

**Fred Malaby**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

**BCP p. 96**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

Filled with expectation and longing, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. We also pray for all laity in their several vocations and ministries that they may truly and devoutly serve God.

*A brief silence*

For your church, that it might rejoice in the Lord always; for our full communion partners; for our companions synods around the globe; for congregations in our neighborhood. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth, that it be renewed with love; for old growth forests and polar ice caps; for lakes and rivers and for the place we call home. Lord in our mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all nations, that war and disaster cease; for countries recovering from famines or earthquakes; and for people whose human rights have been violated. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva and Debbie Cox. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those whose hands or hearts have grown weak; for the outcast; for those weighed down with shame; for the dying and the sick especially Mary Lou, Anne, Marjorie, Victor, Evelyn, Lynne, Pat, Bob, Michael, Bill, Joseph, David, Betsy, Tom, James, Beth, Michelle, Marsha, Max, Alexandra, Jack, Fred, Steven, Diane, Rebecca, Don, Sue, Vinny, Ronnie, Paul, Brad, Elaine and Suzanne. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For this gathering, for our congregational leaders, and for those who with their prayers sustain our common life, that with John the Baptist we might proclaim the good news to everyone we meet. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died and now rejoice in your glory. Give us voices to sing your praise in every time and place. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week especially Caroline Bradbury, Kyle Germain and Carol Lancelloti. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear the prayers of your people, O God, and in your mercy grant us all we need, for the sake of you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<i>Officiant</i>	<b>The Lord be with you.</b>
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Officiant</i>	<b>Let us pray.</b>

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

### Suffrages A

℣. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
℣. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
℣. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
℣. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
℣. Let your way be known upon earth;

- R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Here may be sung a hymn or anthem.*

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used*

### **The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP p. 101**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,



to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask  
or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in  
Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Recessional Hymn: “Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”**

**H 68**

*The Advent Lighting Ceremony adapted from “Advent Wreath Liturgy” compiled by the Rev. Matthew  
Kozolowski.*

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