

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B
DECEMBER 13, 2020 – 9:00 A.M.

Prelude: *Lift Thine Eyes*, from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The prophet reminds us that we are to bear fruit worthy of repentance.
The Messiah is coming who will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire
and all flesh shall see his glory.

We light the third Advent candle in preparation
for the coming of God's Messiah.

We prepare by repenting of our sins,
and living lives devoted to loving God and serving our neighbor.

Light the candle.

Come, Lord Jesus.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Opening Hymn: *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* Hymn 76
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity (*read aloud in unison*) BCP 356

The Collect of the Day (*read aloud in unison*) BCP 212

Trisagion (said in unison three times):

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

The Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
(*silence*)

Canticle 3 (*said in unison*) BCP 50

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 *Response: Thanks be to God.*
(*silence*)

Sequence Hymn: *O come, O come, Emmanuel* Hymn 56

Announcement of the Gospel: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

After the Gospel: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon The Rev Ernestine C. Flemister
(*silence*)

The Nicene Creed (Large Print page 90) BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form V BCP 387

The Peace (Large Print page 98)

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem: *The Advent of Our God Southwell* arr. R. Shephard
Doxology (said in unison) updated words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise **God**, all creatures here below,
Praise **God** above ye heavenly host,
Praise triune God, whom we adore.

The Holy Communion, Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus (said in unison) BCP 367

The Lord's Prayer (*traditional*) (Large Print page 110) BCP 364

(All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive, you may come forward to the rail and cross your arms for a blessing. If kneeling is difficult please feel free to stand. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher for assistance.)

Communion Hymn: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence* Hymn 324

Announcements

Post-communion Prayer BCP 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *The King shall come when morning dawns* Hymn 73

The Dismissal

Postlude: *Serenade* Jeremiah Clarke

TODAY IS SUNDAY, December 13

The Third Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

9:00 Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, December 14

9:00 Needle & Thread

6:30 Daughters of the King

*Last day to drop off gifts for Faith House
Wreath before 1:00 p.m.*

TUESDAY, December 15

- 11-1 St. Anne's Catholic Church Food Box
Program
Faith House Wreath gifts picked up

WEDNESDAY, December 16

- 12:15 Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
5:30 Chancel Choir
7:00 Handbell Choir

SUNDAY, December 20

- The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Lighting of the Advent Wreath
9:00 Holy Eucharist
Last day to order Christmas Flowers

THURSDAY, December 24

- The Eve of the Nativity
4:30 Carol humming
5:00 Christmas Eve service

Note:

Christmas Baskets will be assembled on Monday, Dec. 21st (moved from the 18th).

The 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Elmer's is on hiatus.

The Christmas Eve service starts with carol humming at 4:30 p.m. followed by the Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact the parish office at 541-476-2493 or stlukesgrantspass@gmail.com the week prior to make your reservation to attend a church service. Thank you.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

REJOICE ALWAYS, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

THERE WAS A MAN sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.... This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

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Traditional

STIR UP THY POWER, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Contemporary

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.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

THE SPIRIT of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations....For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge

that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Refrain

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Psalm 126 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

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| 1 | When the LORD restored
the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those
who dream. | 5 | Restore our fortunes,
O LORD, * like the
watercourses of the
Negev. |
| 2 | Then was our mouth
filled with laughter, * and
our tongue with shouts
of joy. | 6 | Those who sowed with
tears * will reap with
songs of joy. |
| 3 | Then they said among
the nations, * “The LORD
has done great things for
them.” | 7 | Those who go out
weeping, carrying the
seed, * will come again
with joy, shouldering their
sheaves. |
| 4 | The LORD has done great
things for us, * and we are
glad indeed. | | |

Refrain

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

or Canticle 3 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

My soul doth magnify the
Lord, * and my spirit hath
rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded * the
lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me
blessed.
For he that is mighty hath
magnified me, * and holy is
his Name.
And his mercy is on them that
fear him * throughout all
generations.
He hath showed strength with
his arm; * he hath scattered
the proud in the imagination
of their hearts.

or Canticle 15 *from the Book of Common Prayer*

My soul proclaims the
greatness of the Lord, my
spirit rejoices in God my
Savior; * for he has looked
with favor on his lowly
servant.
From this day all generations
will call me blessed: * the
Almighty has done great
things for me, and holy is his
Name.
He has mercy on those
who fear him * in every
generation.
He has shown the strength of
his arm, * he has scattered
the proud in their conceit.

He hath put down the mighty
from their seat, * and hath
exalted the humble and
meek.
He hath filled the hungry with
good things, * and the rich
he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy
hath holpen his servant
Israel, * as he promised to
our forefathers, Abraham
and his seed for ever.
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.*

He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones, * and has
lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with
good things, * and the rich
he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his
servant Israel, * for he has
remembered his promise of
mercy,
The promise he made to our
fathers, * to Abraham and
his children for ever.
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.*