

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018, 10:00am



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

*Purple was the traditional color of Advent, a color that represents penitence and fasting, as well, as royalty. Purple will continue to be the traditional color of Lent. But for Advent, we shall use deep blue, as other churches have come to do, because deep blue represents the Advent themes of expectation, hope and anticipation of the dawn of Christ. It is the color in the sky before the sun rises, encouraging us to keep watch for the promised light of Christ to break over the horizon, changing night into day. The use of blue has deep historical roots.*

*The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light. Christians kept these popular traditions alive to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. Traditionally, the wreath is made of four blue or purple candles in a circle of evergreens, with a central white candle lit on Christmas Eve and Day. The meaning assigned to each candle varies by tradition.*

## The Word of God

*Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 (Now come, saviour of the gentiles)*

*J.S. Bach*

*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Processional Hymn

**Prepare the Way**

**Hymn #65**

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity

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.**

*A † appears in the margin where you may wish to make the sign of the cross over your body. Making the sign of the cross is a choice left to each worshipper.*

*It is simply a way to engage your entire body (not just your speech and mind) in worship, and physically to signify embracing the blessing of God.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*A family steps forward:*

Leader Today we light the first, second and third candles of the Advent wreath. 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.*

Leader "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 to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic

**Deacon:** The Rev. Laurel Coote

**Preacher:** Mr . Peter Marshall, *Licensed Lay Reader*

The First Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20

1st Reader 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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated, and join in singing,*

The Response

**Canticle 9**

*Jack Noble White*

Sure-ly it is God who saves me, I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the  
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Paraphrase of Canticle 9 and Music by Jack Noble White. Used by permission.

*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; (Refrain)*

*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. (Refrain)*

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



## The Second Lesson—Philippians 4:4-7

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's 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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*Please STAND, as able, and join in singing,*

The Gospel Procession

**Come, Emmanuel**

*Iona*

The musical score is for the hymn 'Come, Emmanuel' in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Come, Em-man - u - el. O come, O come, Em - man u - el. Em - man - u el, O O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el. O Come, Em - man - u - el. O come, Em - man - u - el. Em - man - u el, O come, O come, O come, Em - man - u - el.' The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

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## The Holy Gospel—Luke 3:7-18

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

People **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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please join in singing 'Come Emmanuel' as the procession returns.*

Please remain seated for  
† The Sermon

Mr. Peter Marshall

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able, and join in saying,*  
An Affirmation of Faith for Advent

*Liturgy For The Whole Church, Susan K. Bock*

**We believe in God, who bends and kneels toward our world, drenching it with love, making it new with every breath. We believe in Jesus, God become human, who brought every person a spark of the divine. We believe in the Spirit, hovering God, present among us, abiding, upholding, awaking all things to her grace. We believe we are called to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and each other, ready for God's reign, awake and alert, as we work to bring it near. We believe we are called, as Christmas comes close, to lift up our hearts in hope and in love, seeking God's advent in each moment and person, each challenge and heartache, each blessing and joy. This we promise to do. Keep us faithful, Lord Jesus, and come soon.**

**Come soon! Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The People join in reading the words in bold.*

Our Advent prayers call upon God with our ancestors, the significant people of the Bible that led the way to the birth of Jesus.

God of the prophets, give your church courage to speak truth, and to tell of your love.

**God of the prophets, hear us and help us!**

God of the angels, give your church voice to sing your presence in the world. Give the world a freedom song, and help us to speak peace especially in all places of conflict in our world.

**God of the angels, hear us and help us!**

God of Mary and Elizabeth, give your church grace to bring forth new life into a world desperate for love, hope and opportunity for all.

**God of our mothers, hear us and help us!**

God of Zechariah and Joseph, give your church dreams and visions, and the courage to follow them.

**God of our fathers, hear us and help us!**

God of the shepherds, give your church humility, and to all who sit in darkness and anxiety, alone and afraid, light and peace.

**God of the shepherds, hear us and help us!**

God of the Magi, give your church gifts, and the will to find you among the poor and the marginalized.

**God of the Magi, hear us and help us.**

God of John the Baptist, give your church the grace to be a messenger of change and hope, to preach a message of love and peace in wilderness moments.

**God of messengers, hear us and help us!**

God of the Holy Innocents, give your church power to stand against violence and to protect the powerless.

For all first responders and members of the armed and foreign services and their families, especially Drew Deley, Kelly Hall, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

**God of Peace, hear us and help us!**

God of Healing, give hope in your promised coming, especially for those suffering in body, mind or spirit: Andrea, Susie Allen, Stephanie Bezner, James Eakins, Ceri Falk, Amalia Fraker, Mary Louise Gordon, Sally Hill, Jack Lovrich, Christine Ma, Jake Madrid, Marjorie Morris, Bob Pilmer, James and Reiko, Anne Shepherd, Steve Smith, Phyllis Thomas, and all those we name to you now (*please add your own prayers, silently or aloud.*)  
We pray: **God of Healing, hear us and help us!**

God of New Life, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name to you now (*please add your prayers, silently or aloud*)... that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
**God of New Life, hear us and help us!**

Let us pray together:

**All** In you we find our true joy, O God. Let this Advent season be a time to become mindful and alert in service to your people. Open our minds, hearts and hands to receive your transforming grace. We pray through Jesus Christ who is always coming among us. Amen.

### The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Please STAND or kneel, as able*

Deacon Emmanuel, we want to believe you are with us dwelling in this and every moment,

**People** Yet we catch ourselves longing for the past and rushing toward the future.

Deacon We want to be found wide awake, alert with love, as you appear in this and every moment,

**People** Yet we often slumber through, and laze away the miracle of ordinary days.

Deacon We want to wait for you alone, and seek your will in all we do, with desire and hope,

**People** Yet sometimes our trust fails, our longing grows cold, and our hope dims.

Deacon We want to make room in our hearts, for you to be born again,

**People** Yet we say or do things that harden our hearts to you and your people.

Deacon We confess our failure at missing the mark, of not loving from our highest self.

**People** We are sorry and we ask your forgiveness as we journey together in this Advent season recognizing our need for you.

† Celebrant May our Gracious God, 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.

*Please stand as able for*

### The Peace

Celebrant May the transforming peace of Jesus Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### Welcome and Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

*David Ashley White*

*Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace thus saith our God.*

*Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.*

*Hark! the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.*

*Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the tougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign.*

*For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.*

Offertory Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

8 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand; pon-der noth-ing  
15 earth - ly — mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his — hand, Christ our God to earth de -  
scend - - - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.

Words from the Liturgy of St James. Music PICARDY 17th century French carol.

Please continue **STANDING**, as able, for

The Offertory Prayers

**Celebrant** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

**Celebrant** Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

**People** **Blessed be God forever.**

Please remain standing for,

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer 2 from Enriching Our Worship 1, supplement to The Book of Common Prayer)*

**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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in **bold**.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

**From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.**

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

**But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.**

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

FOREST GREEN

7 Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry, Ho-  
san - na in th high - est. Bless - ed is — the One who comes in the name of the  
12 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na — in the high - est.

FOREST GREEN Traditional English tune adapt by Ralph Vaughn Williams

All stand or kneel as the Celebrant continues. **The People join in reading the text in bold.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

**To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.**

Living among us, Jesus loved us.

**He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you.

**Do this for the remembrance of me."**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

**do this for the remembrance of me."**

† Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

**In the fullness of time bring us, with St Francis and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**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. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

### Jesus Came, Adored By Angels

PICARDY

Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from realms on high;  
Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are bowed with care;

7  
Je - sus came for our re - demp-tion, low - ly came on earth to die. Al - le - lu - ia,  
14 Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mi - li - ty.  
Al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from des - pair.

Words by Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) from Hymnal #454 PICARDY 17th Century French Carol



## The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Kneeling or standing, each person receives the Bread\* in the palm of the right hand, eats, and then guides the cup for a sip of the Wine. If you do not wish to receive or are not yet baptized, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. **The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish to be served in your seat.**

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will be available to pray with you.

\*Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion. If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

### Communion Music

Waiting

Pepper Choplin

*Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind 'til we find your light, your truth.*

*Waiting, we are waiting, Lord. Fill the mind 'til we find your will, your way.*

*Now let us know your presence, Lord, Emmanuel, God be with us.*

*We welcome you with open hearts, Emmanuel, God be with us.*

*Listening, we are listening, Lord. Draw near, let us hear your Word for us. Now let us know your presence, Lord...*

*Patience, give us patience, Lord. When we pray give us faith that you hear every prayer, as we're waiting.*

### Post Communion Prayer for Advent

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All Holy and eternal God, you have graciously fed us with the Body and Blood of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Kindle within us the fire of your Spirit, that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

### Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Minister

Celebrant We send you out to share this Holy Communion with our brother/sister \_\_\_\_\_.

**People May you be guided by the Holy Spirit as you share this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who share in this Communion be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us say together our Mission Statement:

**All We welcome everyone to worship God together, to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and each other, and to share the light of Christ in the world. Amen.**

### A Blessing for the Advent Season

Celebrant May the dawn of Christ's coming be the joy of your strength. May the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; And may the blessings of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Spirit our Sustainer, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



*Please STAND as able, and join in singing,*

The Recessional Hymn

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**Hymn #56 vv 1-3, 6, 7**

### The Sending Forth

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

**People Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude: Gott, durch deine Güte, BWV 600 (God, through your goodness)*

*J.S. Bach*