

# HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m.

*While we're unable to be in church together, we gather today as the church, the Body of Christ.  
Wherever you are, we hope you'll participate fully in our worship through singing, prayer, hearing the Good News of Jesus  
Christ, and receiving spiritual communion. May God richly bless you as you bless us!*

## WELCOME INTO THE SILENCE

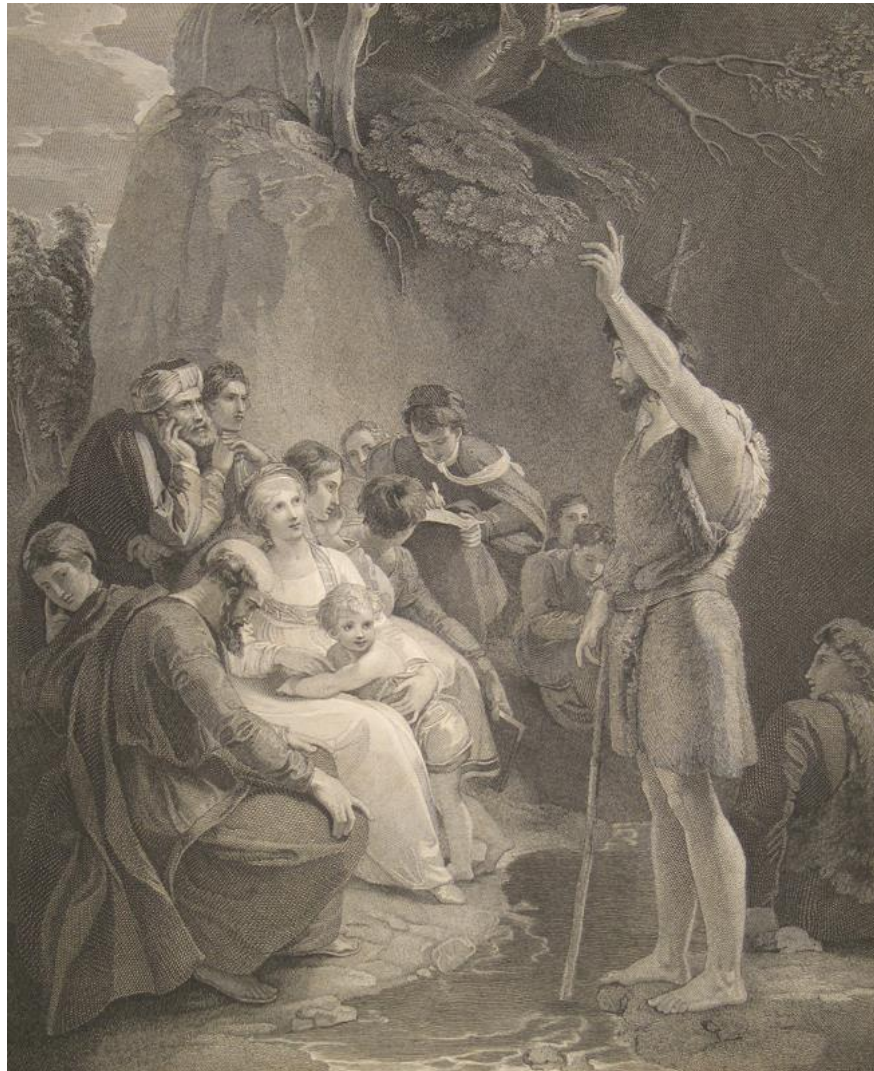
*In the place of the organ voluntary during the season of Advent, handbells will be rung at one minute intervals beginning five minutes before the service to mark the time of waiting.*

 *All stand as able.*

HYMN (sung by all, next page)

*Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes*

(HYMNAL 72)



JOHN PREACHING IN THE WILDERNESS

Thomas Stothard, 1755-1834; William Skelton, 1763-1848

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior  
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's  
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -  
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -  
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures  
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.  
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Alternative tune: *Bristol*, 71.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816);  
 harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern, Revised*, 1950; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

♩ = 76  
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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**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.**

TRISAGION (sung by all)

Alfred Fedak

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, ho - ly al - might-ty One,  
ho - ly, ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy on us.

Traditional Orthodox liturgy; harm. Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

*Presiding Priest* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presiding Priest* 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.**



## THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*READER: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*

THE RESPONSE (remain seated, read responsively)

Psalm 126

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

THE SECOND READING

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

*READER: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians*

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.

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ALLELUIA VERSE

Dent Davidson/Gabriel Fauré

Cantor, then all and after the verse:



Cantor: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; \*  
he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord

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



## THE SERMON

Karen Haig

*Silence is marked by the ringing of a bell.*



## THE NICENE CREED

*Presiding Priest and People*

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

Let us offer our prayers to God, who clothes us in the armor of light and offers us the gift of immortal life, responding, ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For peace throughout the world, that swords of destruction may become tools for good and every heart be filled with the light of hope;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the Church, that she would grow in the love of God and be a sheltering haven for all who turn to her;  
let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the grace to choose the path that leads to eternal life, giving generously toward the relief of poverty and despair, homelessness and fear, so that through our actions, the saving love of Christ would be revealed;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For the leaders of the nations of the world, that power would give way to servanthood, that triumph would give way to right actions, that greed would give way to justice and dignity for all people;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

For ourselves, that we would hunger for the teachings of the Lord, seeking opportunities for learning, study and communion with those who follow the way of Jesus;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In thanksgiving for those who stay awake in the dark corners of human experience, abiding faithfully with those who are in any need of healing, peace and comfort, especially \_\_\_\_\_;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In thanksgiving for the lives of those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

In anticipation of Jesus' dwelling amongst us, let us offer our own prayers either spoken or unspoken;

let us pray. ***"Come, O come, Emmanuel."***

*The celebrant concludes with a Collect, to which the people respond, **Amen.***

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.



or  *Silence may be kept.*

**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 Presiding Priest 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.**



**THE PEACE**

*Presiding Priest* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.



**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Please remain seated. When we're together in church, an offering of money is collected.*

*You may make an offering by clicking [here](#).*

SOLO

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

J. S. Bach

Jesus, joy of our desiring,  
holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring  
soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,  
with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown,  
soaring, dying round thy throne.

TEXT: *Martin Janus (1661)*



### PRESENTATION ANTHEM

*Presiding Priest* All things come from you, O Lord,  
***People*** and of your own have we given you.

*The people remain standing as able.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the one who comes\_\_\_\_ in the Name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Presiding Priest 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presiding Priest and People*

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

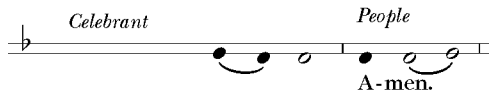


*The Presiding Priest continues*

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.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts 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. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed Barnabas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

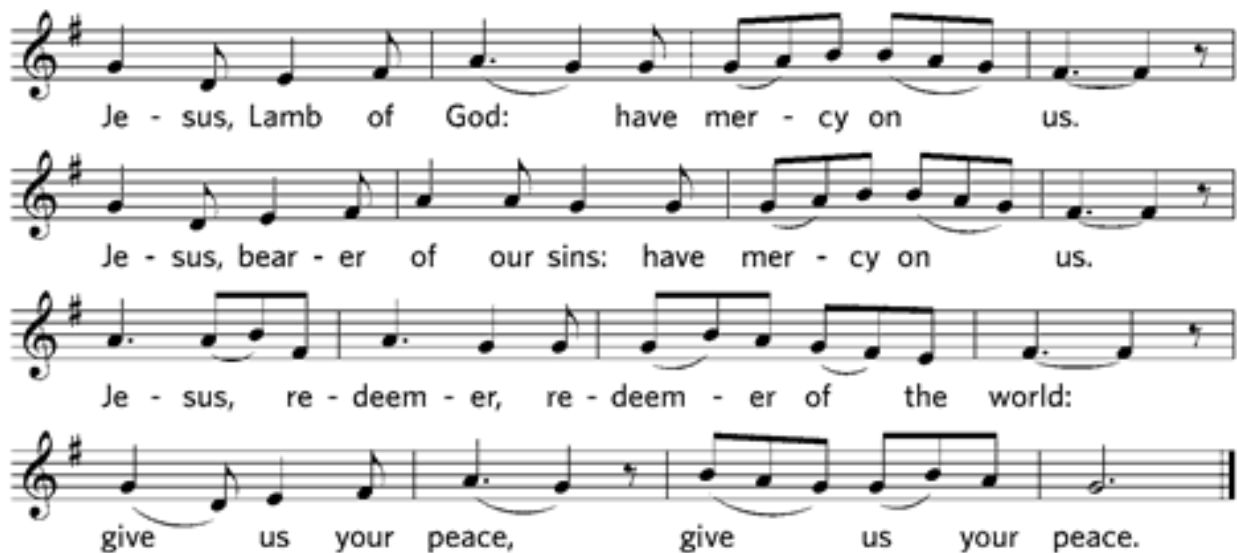
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

ACCLAMATION AFTER THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (sung by all)

“German Mass”,  
Franz Schubert



Let us pray.

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God.

HYMN (sung by all)

*Come, thou long expected Jesus*

(HYMNAL 66)

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:  
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,  
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Stuttgart*, melody from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andächtige und Schöne Gesänge*, 1715; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.



## THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING



HYMN (sung by all, next page)

*Prepare the way, O Zion*

(HYMNAL 65)



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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## DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## PROCESSION

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Wake, awake, for night is flying*

Robert Powell

## MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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