

The Holy Eucharist THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. Sunday, December 11, 2016

*Newcomers and visitors, we welcome you warmly.
May you find here, by the grace of God, that which feeds your soul.
May you leave here with a heart prepared to serve.*



*If this is your first time here, or your first time back in a while,
we invite you to fill out a Welcome Card found in your pew
and put it in the offering plate.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Improvisation on *Freu dich sehr*

Paul Manz
1919-2009

**Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.
Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the way O Zion

Hymnal, #65

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

adapted from The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

Celebrant 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 candle is lit.

Celebrant 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.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

all say together

**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.**

KYRIE

Hymnal, S-86

all stand

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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Music: David Hurd

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.**

ADVENT PRAYER FOR INTERIM TIME all say together

O God, in this season of expectation be with us as we seek a new Rector.

Mercifully direct us as we search for a leader to guide us in the way of your son, Jesus, as we strive to illuminate the darkness of the world with His light. Instill in us a vision of Christ's family, that, guided by your Holy Spirit, we may be filled with hope, united in love, and joyful in pursuing our mission here on earth. In the name of Christ, our mediator and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

FIRST READING

all are seated

Isaiah 35:1-10

At the end of the Reading: Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 15
Magnificat

The Song of Mary

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read responsively by half verse

SECOND READING

James 5:7-10

At the end of the Reading: Reader The Word of the Lord
All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Hymnal, #75

verses 1 - 2 before the Gospel
after the Gospel, verse 3

THE HOLY GOSPEL

all stand

Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon, after the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

CELEBRATION OF SANKTA LUCIA

Celia Clark, soloist

The Pre-School class processes out for Sunday School.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**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

Leader In the waning light of Advent, we embrace the mystery of waiting.

People **O God, give us patience to rest in this season of anticipation.**

Leader All that is becoming is hidden from our sight.

People **O God, help us to trust your promise of the light that is to come.**

Leader Your people share feelings of longing and passion for a world of justice and peace.

People **O God, be a lamp before our feet on this journey.**

Leader Santa Lucia did not hide her light under a basket, but served as a torchbearer of love.

People **O God, make us reflections of your love to those who need it most.**

Leader Countless memories of all who have died bring both grief and hope.

People **O God, we await the birth of the marriage of heaven and earth.**

Leader We pray especially for those who have invited our concern ...

The Deacon offers prayers from the St. Mary's Prayer List
and invites the congregation to add theirs.

Deacon Life-giving God, you hovered over the waters of the deep before all time began. Hover over our anxious hearts, heavy with worry and vibrant with hope, that in this season of anticipation we might faithfully tend the mysteries before us and prepare joyfully for your coming again. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION all kneel or stand

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

Creator of the stars of night

Hymnal, #60

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS:

tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia,

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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all stand

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.

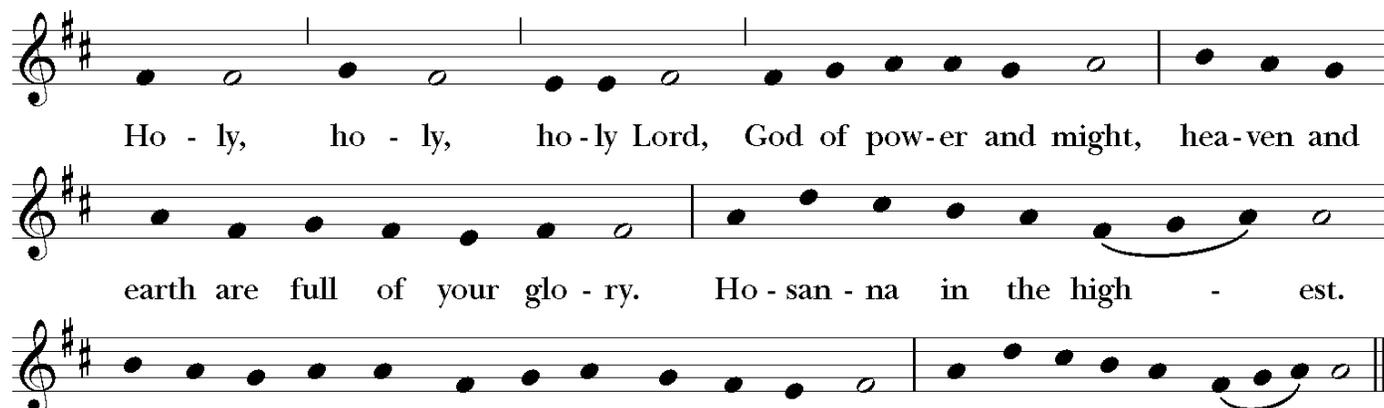
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues...

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

SANCTUS

Hymnal, S-124


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: David Hurd

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. The Celebrant 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

The Celebrant 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 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. **Amen**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

remain standing

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All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this 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.**

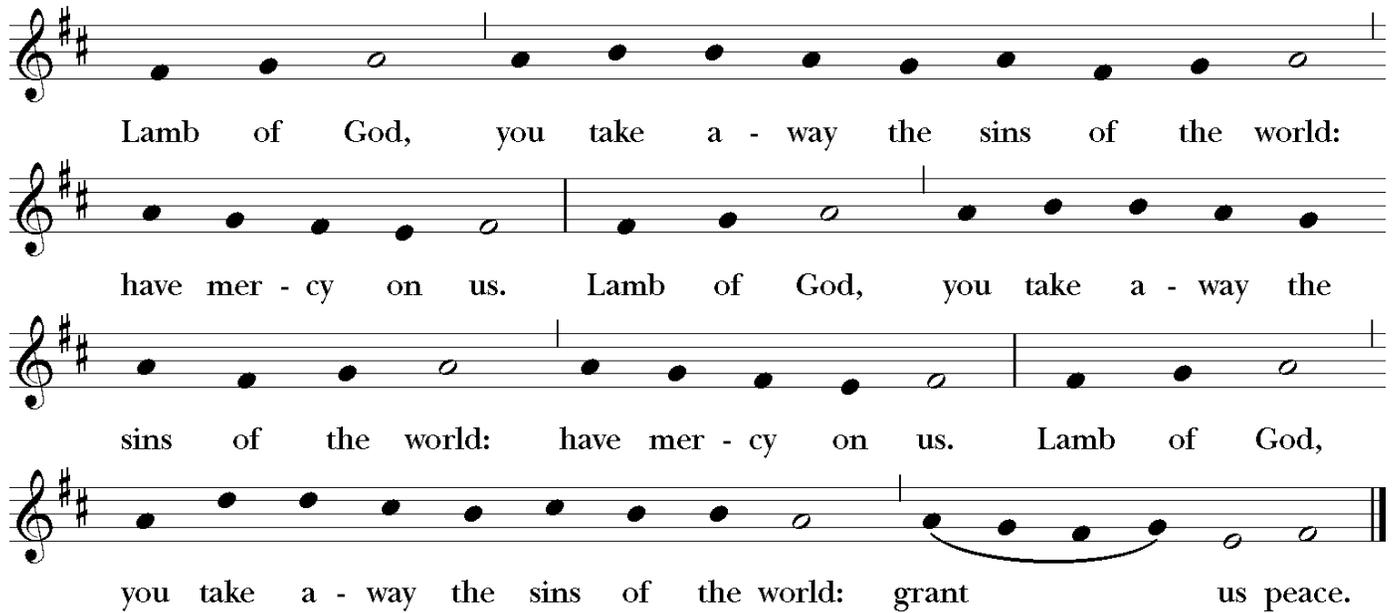
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal, S-161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: David Hurd

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.

Bread and wafers are both available. If you have a preference, please let the clergy know. You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel
verses 1, 6, 7

Hymnal, #56

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

stand

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *

Celebrant N., in the name of this parish family, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to _____. Together we share in the body and blood of Christ.

People **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.**

* when needed

THE BLESSING

CHURCH SCHOOL RECESSIONAL Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes *Hymnal, #72*

verses 1-3

During the Recessional, Kindergarten through Confirmation classes process out for Sunday School

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Dr. Don Brown

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes

Hymnal, #72

verse 4

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Veni, redemptor Genitum

Manz

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.
We request that there be no applause after the postlude.
Thank you.**

