



Welcome to Christ Church
December 14, 2014
3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B)



10:15 Service is in the leaflet. **Hymns** are in the larger blue books. **Prayer List** is on the stand. Today is the **Third Sunday of Advent**, so we light the third candle of Advent; **Welcome materials** are on the back table. 10:15 service participants: Lector: G. Groom Chalcists & Acolytes: D. Flath & B. Anderson Altar Guild: P. Phillips, M. Eichorn Usher: C. Sloat & N. Weiss Coffee Hour: Bill & Jan 8 a.m, Purple Team at 10:15

10:15 a.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II (Readings for other services)

Prelude

73 Opening Hymn

Celebrant: We are waiting, O God, for the day of peace. Give us the will to bring that day through our own simple goodness and hope.

(and together) **Fill us with patient desire, that our work may be holy, and our holiness bright, through the Christ for whose coming we long, and the Spirit in whose presence we live.**

An Advent Canticle (sung together to the tune Dunedin, hymn 455)

**Arise, shine out, your light has come, unfolding city of our dreams.
 On distant hills a glory gleams; the new creation has begun.**

**Above earth's valleys, thick with night, high on your walls the dawn appears,
 And history shall dry its tears, as nations stream towards your light.**

**The dancing air shall glow with light, and sun and moon give up their place,
 When love shines out of every face, our good, our glory, and delight.**

Celebrant: God 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**

A Reading (Lesson) from the Book of 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.

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



The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad in—deed.

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.* **ANTIPHON**
- 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.* **ANTIPHON**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * *like the watercourses of the Negev.*
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * *will reap with songs of joy.* **ANTIPHON**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **ANTIPHON**

A Reading (Lesson) from the Paul's First Letter to the 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.

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640 Gradual Hymn (verses 1 & 2 before Gospel, 3 after Gospel) *(please all stand)*

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 1:6-8,19-28 *(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.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Message Dave Carter *(all may be seated)*

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

Prayers of the People, Form III *(Lay reader and congregation kneeling or standing)*

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of your Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For ... *(read names from the intercession sheet)*

And for those in the Armed Forces but especially for: Angela, Dan, Jeff, Ken, Tom, Jotham, Doug, Joel, Jed, Micah, Bill, Colin, Tim and Jay (and names from the sheet)

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life...

especially for those celebrating birthdays... *Tim Apicelli, Charles Paul, Nathalie Bessette, Helen Hale (and from the sheet)*

For those celebrating anniversaries... *(names from the sheet?)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**

Offertory Anthem *(the ushers pass the collection plates)*

380 Offertory Presentation Hymn (verse 3 only) Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Holy Eucharist: Prayer B

S120 *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 him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues..... It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made

us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

S129 *Together....* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

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 our loved ones 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father, who art in heaven, ...**

The Anthem at the Breaking of the Bread

S164 **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.**

645 **Children's Entrance Hymn**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Hymns during Communion (304, 325) *(all baptized are invited to communion)*

Prayer after Communion: *Celebrant:* Let us pray together.

Celebrant and People: **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.**

Blessing

Choral Amen

Announcements

66 **Recessional Hymn**