



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II

# 10:30A

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The Third Sunday of Advent

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## The Word of God

Prelude

### Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Officiant* Almighty Father, by your Son Jesus Christ you redeemed us from sin and death and made us heirs in him of everlasting life: Grant that we, who now await his coming again by the light of this wreath, may rejoice on that day to behold his appearing. May he come quickly and not delay.

*People* Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *As the Advent Wreath is lighted, the People are invited to light the Advent Wreaths in their homes*

HYMN 59 'Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding'

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol- emn warn- ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-given;  
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.

THE PENITENTIAL SENTENCE

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*Officiant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. — 1 John 1:8,9

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

¶ *Silence is 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.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* 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.

*People* Amen.

LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

*Lector* 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.

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The Word of the Lord.

*All* Thanks be to God.

## The Response

### CANTICLE 15 'The Song of Mary' *Magnificat*

*Choir* 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 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.

### ANTHEM 'The Trumpet Child'

(Over the Rhine)

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

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*Gospeller* 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. NRSV

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft, *Curate for Liturgy & Formation*

## The Nicene Creed

(p.358) *The Liturgy of the Word* [5]

*Officiant* We believe in one God,

*All* 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

*Intercessor* With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to our Savior and Redeemer saying  
“Come, Lord Jesus.”

¶ *After each petition:*

*People* Come, Lord Jesus.

¶ *The Officiant adds a concluding Collect*

*Officiant* Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants,  
who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty;  
through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*People* Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### We pray for those...

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#### In need of comfort

Nada Lulic  
Kristin Svahn  
Tom  
Nancy McAllister  
Maegan McKerrow  
Elizabeth  
Herman Barnett  
Will  
Holly Noelke  
Kris Wright  
Helen Arnold  
Cathy Holland  
Peter Fuller  
Ernie Dean  
Julia Fish  
Ann Whiting  
Jean Nelle  
Aaron Callendar  
Ann Reysa  
Beth  
Darlene Anderson  
Robin  
Sam Perry  
Barbara Pitts  
Susan Novak  
Pat Jones  
Mollie Shands  
Tom  
Jack  
Cindy  
Alison Kimberlin  
Paul  
William  
Felicia Retiz  
Julie Harrington  
Will  
Charlotte Brady  
Melissa  
Susan Sargent  
Marjorie  
Coleman Horton  
Leonard  
Anne  
Harriet Rutland  
Michael  
Taylor  
Collins family  
Carper family  
Corwin family

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

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**Expecting the birth  
of a child**

Courtney Patton  
 Amy Gray  
 Sarah McNamara  
 Nicole Olesh  
 Courtney Moreland Lippe  
 Lillyan Duck  
 Katie Crowley  
 Jessica Sherrets  
 Allison Sjoberg Leatherman  
 Cathleen Naumann  
 Sarah Brayne  
 Blair Nelson  
 Courtney Schlegel  
 Allyson Jones Clayton  
 Kristen Dillavou  
 Kathryn Richter

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**Deaths**

Lee Collins  
 Ivan Carper

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**Serving in the armed forces**

Staton Jobe  
 Shay Archer  
 Connor Downing  
 Starr Ekanga  
 Alexandra Mauro  
 Michael Hart  
 Nico Barrangan  
 Joseph Turner  
 Davis Brown  
 Brandon Sharp  
 Katy Whitbeck  
 Clayton Baker  
 Jim Lively  
 Andrew Gray  
 Claten Bechtol  
 Zachary Pierce

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

*All* 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.

### Prayers for the Rev. Brandon Ashcraft

¶ *Prayers are offered for The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft in Thanksgiving for his ministry at Good Shepherd*

### The Dismissal

#### BLESSING

¶ *The Officiant blesses the people*

*People* Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

¶ *The Officiant dismisses the people*

*People* Thanks be to God.

**“Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.”**

EPHESIANS 5:2

Amid the ongoing pandemic, the Church's mission to embody the love of Christ continues.

Your financial support allows our ministries to continue and enables us to continue paying all of our employees, including hourly employees unable to work during this time.

We encourage you to make your offering to Good Shepherd by visiting our website ([www.gsaustin.org](http://www.gsaustin.org)) then clicking “give.” You can also provide vital assistance to those in need by supporting El Buen Samaritano, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Thank you for your support.

### Postlude