



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, RITE II 10:30 A

The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020

The Liturgy of the Word, Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE OF THE MINISTERS

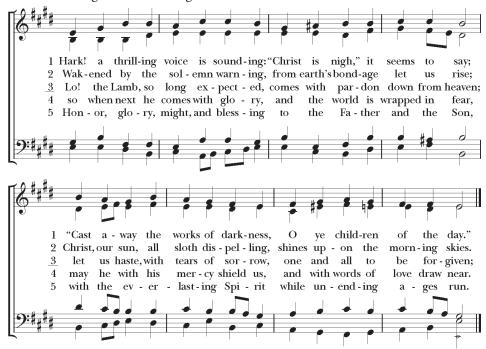
THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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'



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.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.

The Lessons

LESSON 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God. NRSV

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Officiant We believe in one God,

Allthe 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

We pray for those...

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

Charlotte Brady

Melissa

Susan Sargent

Marjorie

Coleman Horton

Leonard

Anne

Harriet Rutland

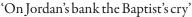
Michael

Taylor

Collins family

Carper family

Corwin family





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

Deaths

Lee Collins Ivan Carper

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER (P.364) The Liturgy of the Word [7]

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) 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