

# St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Catholic Parish

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## The Third Sunday in Advent

Gaudete Sunday

13 December 2020

### Morning Prayer with Hymns and Sermon

Prelude

Gaudete!  
Traditional

### Lighting of the Third Candle of the Advent Wreath

Processional:

St. Thomas

Hymn 5

J. F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751



1. Lo! he comes, with clouds de-scen-ding, Once for our sal - va - tion slain;
2. Ev - 'ry eye shall now be-hold him, Robed in dread - ful ma - jes - ty;
3. Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion Still his daz - ling bo - dy bears,
4. Yea, A - men! let all a - dore thee, High on thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing Swell the tri - umph of his train:  
Those who set at naught and sold him, Pierced, and nailed him to the tree,  
Cause of end - less ex - ult - a - tion To his ran - somed wor - ship - pers:  
Sa - viour, take the pow'r and glo - ry; Claim the king - dom for thine own:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign. A - men.  
Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, Shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign and thou a - lone.

Charles Wesley, 1758, alt.

Introit

### A General Confession (p. 6)

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind In Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. *Amen.*

### The Lord's 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.*

### Versicles and Responses (p. 7)

*Minister.* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*Answer.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. [*all stand*]  
*Minister.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
*Answer.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
*Minister.* Praise ye the Lord.  
*Answer.* The Lord's Name be praised.  
*Minister.* Our King and Saviour draweth nigh; O come, let us adore him.

### Venite, exultemus Domino (Hymn 612, BCP p. 9)



O COME let us sing unto the | LORD;  
\* let us heartily rejoice in the strength of | our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving;  
\* and show ourselves | glad in him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great | God;  
\* and a great King | above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the | earth;  
\* and the strength of the hills | is his also.  
The sea is his and he | made it;  
\* and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come let us worship and fall | down,  
\* and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our | God;  
\* and we are the people of his pasture, and the | sheep of his hand.  
O worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness;  
\* let the whole earth | stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the | earth;  
\* and with righteousness to judge the world, and the | peoples with his truth.

Glory be to the Father and to the | Son,  
\* and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever | shall be,  
\* world | without end. Amen.

**Psalm 22:23. *Deus, deus meus.*** (p. 367)

O praise the LORD, ye that fear him: \* magnify him, all ye of the seed of Jacob; and fear him, all ye seed of Israel.

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the low estate of the poor; \* he hath not hid his face from him; but when he called unto him he heard him.

My praise is of thee in the great congregation; \* my vows will I perform in the sight of them that fear him.

The poor shall eat, and be satisfied; they that seek after the LORD shall praise him: \* your heart shall live for ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves, and be turned unto the LORD; \* and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before him.

For the kingdom is the LORD'S, \* and he is the Governor among the nations.

All such as be fat upon earth \* have eaten, and worshipped.

All they that go down into the dust shall kneel before him; \* and no man hath quickened his own soul.

My seed shall serve him: \* they shall be counted unto the Lord for a generation.

They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness \* unto a people that shall be born, whom the Lord hath made.

**Psalm 99. *Dominus regnavit.*** (p. 462)

THE LORD is King, be the people never so impatient; \* he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth never so unquiet.

The LORD is great in Sion, \* and high above all people.

They shall give thanks unto thy Name, \* which is great, wonderful, and holy.

The King's power loveth judgment; thou hast prepared equity, \* thou hast executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

O magnify the LORD our God, and fall down before his footstool; \* for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name: \* these called upon the LORD, and he heard them.

He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar; \* for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

Thou heardest them, O LORD our God; \* thou forgavest them, O God, though thou didst punish their wicked doings.

O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill; \* for the LORD our God is holy.

***Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19***

Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly, I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a defenced city, and an iron pillar, and brasen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

*Te Deum laudamus* (Hymn 613A, BCP p. 10).



WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to | be the Lord.

\* All the earth doth worship thee, the Father | ever**lasting**.

To thee all Angels cry aloud; the Heavens, and all the | Powers therein;

\* To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of | Sabaoth;

\* Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty | of thy **glory**.

The glorious company of the Apostles | **praise** thee.

\* The goodly fellowship of the | Prophets **praise** thee.

The noble army of Martyrs | **praise** thee.

\* The holy Church throughout all the world | doth acknowledge thee;

The Father, of an infinite Majesty; Thine adorable, true, and | only Son;

\* Also the Holy | Ghost, the Comforter.

THOU art the King of | Glory, • O Christ.

\* Thou art the everlasting | Son of • the **Father**.

When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,

\* thou didst humble thyself to be | born of • a **Virgin**.

When thou hadst overcome the | sharpness • of death,

\* thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to | all **believers**.

Thou sittest at the right | hand of God,

\* in the glory | of the **Father**.

We believe that thou shalt come to | be our Judge.

\* We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed | with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered | with thy Saints,

\* in glory | ever**lasting**.

O LORD, save thy people, and bless thine | heritage.

\* Govern them, and lift them | up for **ever**.

Day by day we | magni**fy** thee;

\* And we worship thy Name ever, | world **without** end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with**out** sin.

\* O Lord, have mercy upon us, have | mercy • **upon** us.

O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us, as our | trust • is in • thee.

\* O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never | be **confounded**.

**I Corinthians:4:1-5** (p. 94)

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

**Benedictus. St. Luke i. 68.** (Hymnal 640/BCP p. 14)



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; \* for he hath visited and redeemed • his **people**;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, \* in the house of his | servant **David**;  
As he spake by the mouth of his | holy Prophets, \* which have | been • since the | world began;  
That we should be saved | from our enemies, \* and from the hand of | all that **hate** us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our | **forefathers**, \* and to remember his | holy covenant;

To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather | Abraham, \* that | he would **give** us;  
That we being delivered out of the | hand of • our enemies \* might | serve him • **without** fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \* all the | days of **our** life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet | of the Highest: \* for thou shalt go before the face of the |  
Lord • to pre|pare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his people \* for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy | of our God; \* whereby the day-spring from on | high hath | visit•ed us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the | shadow • of death,  
\* and to guide our feet | into • the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son, \* and | to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and | ever shall be, \* world without | **end**. Amen.

**The Gospel**

**St. Matthew 11:2-10** (p. 94)

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

**The Apostles' Creed** (p. 15)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.  
*Answer.* And with thy spirit.  
*Minister.* Let us pray. [*all kneel*]  
*Minister.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
*Answer.* And grant us thy salvation.  
*Minister.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
*Answer.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent* (p. 93)

O LORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

*The Collect for the Advent Season* (p. 90)

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants [in this congregation and in communities of the faithful throughout the world] in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, [through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*]

*A Collect for Grace*

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Additional Prayers*

*A General Thanksgiving.* (p. 19) [*may be said in unison*]

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

**Announcements**

**Sermon Hymn:**  
St. Ceclia

Hymn 544  
Leighton G. Hayne, 1863



1. Thy king - dom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ, be - gin!
2. Where is thy reign of peace, And pu - ri - ty and love?
3. When comes the pro - mised time That war shall be no more,
4. We pray thee, Lord, a - rise, And come in thy great might;
5. O'er hea - then lands a - far Thick dark - ness brood - eth yet:



Break with thine i - ron rod The tyr - an - nies of sin! A-men.  
When shall all ha - tred cease, As in the realms a - bove?  
Op - pres - sion, lust, and crime Shall flee thy face be - fore?  
Re - vive our long - ing eyes, Which lan - guish for thy sight.  
A - rise, O Morn - ing Star, A - rise, and ne - ver set!

Henry Alford, 1844, alt.

**Sermon**

The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

**Offertory Sentences and Verse**

**Offertory Hymn:**  
Almsgiving

Hymn 305  
John B. Dykes, 1865



1. O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, To thee all
2. Thou did'st not spare thine on - ly Son, But gav'st him
3. Thou giv'st the Spi - rit's bless - ed dower, Spi - rit of
4. For souls re - deemed, for sins for - giv'n, For means of
5. We lose what on our - selves we spend, We have as
6. To thee, from whom we all de - rive Our life, our



praise and glo - ry be; How shall we show our  
for a world un - done, And free - ly, with that  
life and love and power, And dost his sev'n - fold  
grace and hopes of heav'n, Fa - ther, what can to  
treasure with - out end What - ev - er, Lord, to  
gifts, our power - er to give: O may we ev - er



love to thee, Who giv - est all? A - men.  
Bless - ed One, Thou giv - est all.  
gra - ces shower Up - on us all.  
thee be giv'n, Who giv - est all?  
thee we lend, Who giv - est all;  
with thee life, Who giv - est all!

Christopher Wordsworth, 1863, alt.

**Closing Prayers**

**Retiring Processional:**  
Greenland

Hymn 4  
Johann Michael Haydn, 1819



1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers! And let your lights ap - pear;  
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil;  
3. O wise and ho - ly vir - gins, Now raise your voi - ces higher,  
4. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.  
Un - til in songs of tri - umph Ye meet the an - gel choir.  
A - rise, thou Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, And soon he will draw nigh;  
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! At mid - night comes the cry. A - men.  
Go meet him as he com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry! The Bride - groom is at hand.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with thee!

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700; Tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt.

### Announcements

Officiant	Candidate Ken Kubo
Sermon	The Rt. Reverend Anthony F. Rasch
Gospel	The Reverend Deacon John Yeager
Epistle	Robert Jones
Accompanist	Beth Kubo
Zoom Wrangler	Kira Kubo
Altar Guild	Gretchen Martin

Thank you for joining us for this service! Please continue to take care of yourselves and let us know if you need additional prayers or assistance.

Happy Birthday: Karen Dempsey (12/14)

The vestry meets (virtually) after the service.

Next week, God willing and weather permitting, we will continue our outdoor services in the shade of the oaks on the south side of the Chapel of the Oaks near the entrance to the park. Deacon Yeager will provide the Mass of the Presanctified (Deacon's Liturgy).