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The Rev. Deacon John Yeager, Assisting

The Third Sunday in Advent

Gaudete Sunday

14 December 2025

Choral Mass

Lighting of the Third (Rose) Candle of the Advent Wreath

The Litany or General Supplication

BCP 54

(<http://www.stmaryanglican.org/news/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Litany.pdf>)

Processional

Stuttgart

Hymn 1

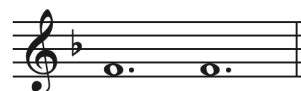
Christian Friedrich Witt, Gotha, 1715



1. Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth thou art;
3. Born thy peo - ple to de - li - ver, Born a child, and yet a king.
4. By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit Rule in all our hearts a - lone:



From our fears and sins re - lease us, Let us find our rest in thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for ev - er, Now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By thine all - suf - fi - cient me - rit Raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



A - men.

Charles Wesley, 1744

Collect for Purity

BCP 67

Introit

Summary of the Law

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Kyrie Eleison

Hymn 702

John Merbecke, 1549



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Collect for the Third Sunday in Advent

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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.

Collect for the Advent Season

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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.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-5

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Benedictus

St. Luke i. 68

Hymn 640/BCP 14



BLESSED be the Lord God of | Israel; * for he hath visited and re|deemed • his **people**;
And hath raised up a mighty sal|vation 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 righteous|ness 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 re|mission 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 Epistle

I Corinthians 4:1-5

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BRETHREN: 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.

Gradual and Alleluia

The Gospel

St. Matthew 11:2-10

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Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: [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.



Praise - be to thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And

the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. *Amen.*

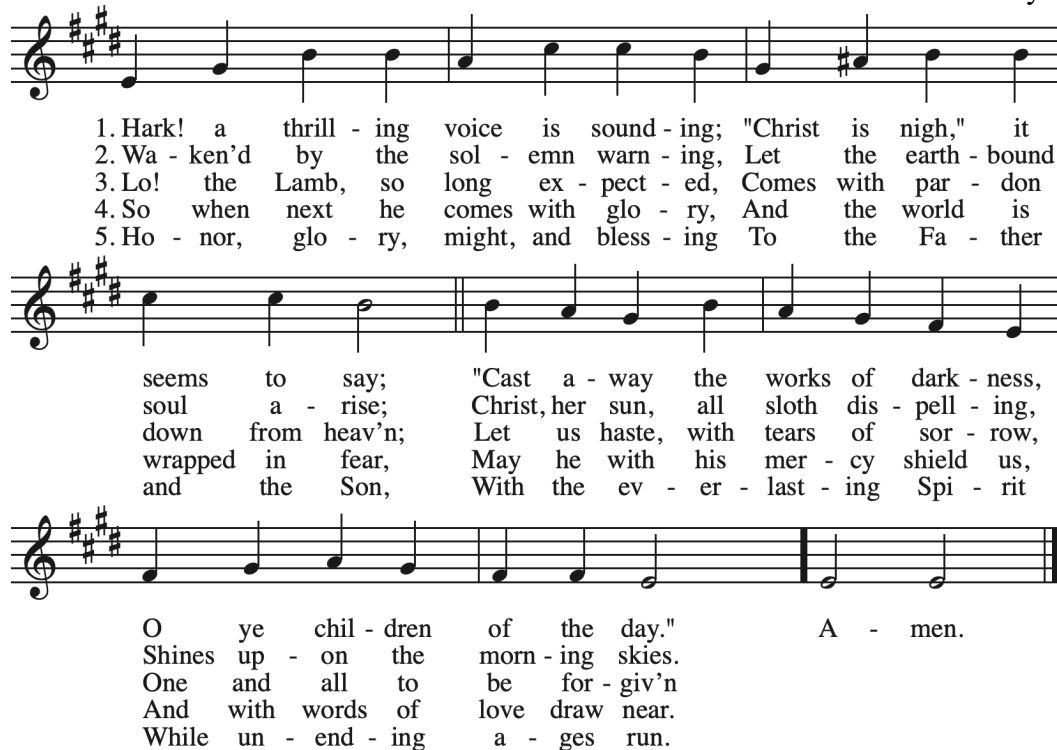
Announcements

Sermon Hymn

Merton

Hymn 9

William Henry Monk, 1850



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it
2. Wa - ken'd by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, Comes with par - don
4. So when next he comes with glo - ry, And the world is
5. Ho - nor, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing To the Fa - ther

seems to say; "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,
soul a - rise; Christ, her sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing,
down from heav'n; Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,
wrapped in fear, May he with his mer - cy shield us,
and the Son, With the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit

O ye chil - dren of the day." A - men.
Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
One and all to be for - giv'n
And with words of love draw near.
While un - end - ing a - ges run.

Latin, c. 6th cent.; Tr. Edward Caswall, 1849, alt.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anthony F. Rasch

Offertory Verse and Sentences

Offertory Hymn

Winchester New

Hymn 10

Adapted from *Musikalisches Handbuch*, Hamburg, 1690



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - noun - ces that the
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; Make straight the way of
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our re - fuge, and our
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, And bid the fall - en
5. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, Whose ad - vent doth thy



Lord is night; A - wake and heark - en, for he brings Glad
God with - in, And let each heart pre - pare a home Where
great re - ward; With - out thy grace we waste a - way Like
sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let thy light re - store Earth's
peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore And



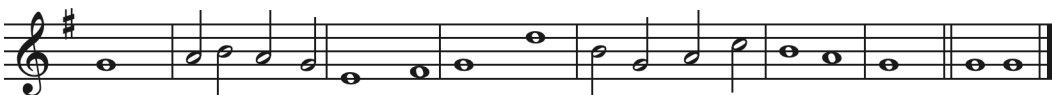
ti - dings of the King of kings. A - men.
such a might - y guest may come.
flowers that wi - ther and de - cay.
own true love - li - ness once more.
Ho - ly Ghost for ev - er - more.

Charles Coffin, 1736; Tr. John Chandler, 1837, alt.

Doxology (Hymnal 139, 1st verse)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Amen.

Bidding Prayers

Orate, Fratres

Celebrant: Brethren, pray that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name; both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church

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General Confession

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ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is

intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

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The Comfortable Words

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Sursum Corda

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Priest The Lord be with you. *All* And with thy spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up unto the Lord

Priest Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All It is meet and right so to do

Preface

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymn 796

John Merbecke, 1549

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts,

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo-ry: Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Bless-ed is he that com-eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the High-est.

Celebrant: Let us pray : And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say:

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 722

Traditional, very ancient



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be thy Name. Thy king-dom come.



Thy will be done, On earth as it___ is___ in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.



And for-give us our tres-pass-es, As we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.



And lead us not in - to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil.



For thine is the king-dom, And the pow'r, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev - er.



A - men.____

The Fracture

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Hymn 706

John Merbecke, 1549



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest on behalf of all who will receive. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen.*

Communion of the Faithful

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

People: (3x) Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.

For those attending in person, we have resumed the custom of kneeling or standing at the Altar Rail to Receive. Here are the various Ways of Receiving:

- 1. Receive the Host into your hands, or directly onto the tongue.
Receive directly from the Chalice, guiding it gently by the base.*
- 2. Receive by Intinction, receiving the Host into your hands and leaving it there; the Deacon will take it and dip it in the Chalice and place it onto your tongue.*
- 3. You may receive only the Host of itself, either in your hands or on your tongue. Our Lord is equally present in either Form.*

As a precaution and courtesy to others and for your own safety, we respectfully request that in the event you are currently suffering from a cold or other communicable illness, please refrain from receiving from the Chalice.

For those attending remotely: Please take a moment of silence to realize the presence of Jesus Christ in your soul and make your spiritual communion.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood have been offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart.

I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God. Amen.

Communion Hymn

St. Stephen

Hymn 11

William Jones, 1789



1. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, To
 3. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And
 4. And let the end - less bliss be - gin, By
 5. The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And



light tri - umph - ant breaks; When beau - ty gilds the
 bear, and fight, and die, But crowned with glo - ry
 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 wea - ry saints fore - told, When right shall tri - umph
 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes. A - men.
 like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
 of that morn, The day that aye shall last;
 o - ver wrong, And truth shall be ex - tolled.
 peo - ple pray, Come quick - ly King of kings.

Greek; Tr. John Brownlie, 1907

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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By traditional use, prayed by the Priest. By St. Mary's usage, the congregation may join in praying aloud:

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Communion Verse and Post-Communion Prayers

Dismissal

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord

People: From this time forth forever more.

Bishop: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: Who hath made heaven and earth.

Bishop: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the ✠Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Retiring Processional:

Greenland

Hymn 4

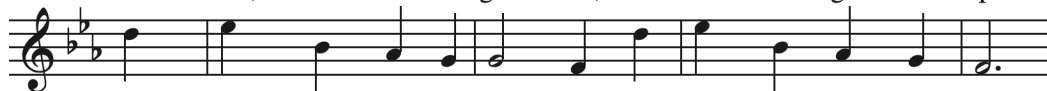
Johann Michael Haydn, 1819



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

Celebrant

Assisting

Epistoler

Lector and Litanist

Acolytes

Acolyte in Training

Floral Arrangements

Altar Guild

Zoom Wrangler

The Right Reverend Anthony F. Rasch

The Reverend Deacon John Yeager

Robert Jones

Ken Kubo, Candidate for Holy Orders

Tony Shehata, Robert Yeager

Evan Sears

Beth Kubo

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Midweek Mass will be celebrated this week on Wednesday at 10 am (Ember Wednesday in Advent).

Welcome to our Visitors this morning. Please sign the Visitor Register inside the Church Entrance. You are cordially invited to join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee and Refreshments after the Mass.

On Gaudete Sunday, flowers are permitted on the altar. The flowers were given to the glory of God by Jasmine and Barbara.

Happy Birthday!

Karen Dempsey (14 December)

And Happy 22nd Wedding Anniversary to Shannon and Tony Shehata!

The Vestry meets today following the Coffee Fellowship.

Next Sunday, the 21st, if able to do so, please remain after Mass to assist with decorating the Church for Christmas!

Note: As last year, Christmas Eve Service on December 24th will begin at 9:00 p.m. with a Service of Carols. Solemn High Mass to follow at 9:30p.m.

A Show of Hands is needed this morning to determine how many plan to attend the Christmas Eve Mass. A second show of Hands is needed to determine whether to also have a Mass on Christmas Day, and how many might attend it.

The Parish Christmas Party will be hosted by Debbie and Peter Ruiz and the date will be Sunday the 28th. Debbie has in mind an arrival time of 4:00 p.m. Debbie is providing the dinner, dessert, etc. And of course there will be a gift exchange after. The gift should be something you yourself would enjoy receiving.

Donations of inexpensive personal items, gift wrapped in advance with Christmas paper and labeled (Man or Woman), may be brought to the Church no later than next Sunday, December 21st, and will be taken to the Emerald Convalescent Hospital for distribution to elderly patients who are bereft of family. Thank you!