

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Patrick's. If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex or fill out a pew card. Thank you for worshipping alongside us. *Questions? Email us at church@pats-dublin.org*

Children at St. Patrick's

We believe children point to the presence of the Holy Spirit during worship. Therefore, kids are welcome throughout the service. During the program year (September-May) we have Children's Chapel for children ages 4 through 5th grade. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during this service year around. Please ask the ushers if you need directions to the nursery.

Hearing/Vision Impaired: Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

St. Patrick's Mission Statement: St. Patrick's joyfully welcomes and includes you in a journey of Christian faith through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

St. Patrick's Vision Statement: St. Patrick's continues to grow as a joyful community of faith. Through worship, friendship, education and outreach, we live a Christ-centered life, caring for each other and our neighbors as ourselves.

Prelude *Creator of the Stars of Night* Traditional Plainchant

Opening Hymn 66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

The Presider then says,

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 from the book of Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 *The Song of Mary* Luke 1:46-55

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.

A reading from James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 493 *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11 (*All stand.*)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 for Advent

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Children of God, let us prepare for the light of the world, praying:
God of all hope, *let your light come.*

Shine your light upon your whole Church, especially Church of Our Saviour, Mechanicsburg and St James, Piqua, that we may be a beacon of hope for all the world. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon this nation. Where it is broken, heal it. What lies in shadow, reveal. Where there is injustice, let mercy erupt. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon your creation. Show us where we harm it and where we can join you in healing it. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon this city. Pierce our facade of perfection so your light may redeem our imperfections. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon the sick and afflicted. May the healing power of Christ brighten their horizon and bring them to wholeness. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon those who have died. May they perpetually know only your light, and may you comfort all who grieve. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Shine your light upon all the blessings this life, especially ... who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. God of all hope, ***let your light come.***

Silence (during the silence the people may add their own petitions)

The Presider adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Deacon or Presider

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People

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.**

Absolution

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

The Offertory Anthem Go and Tell John Lloyd Pfautsch

*The people's gifts of bread and wine, along with the collection,
are brought to the Altar. (Please stand.)*

Doxology

The musical score for the Doxology is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Tenor/Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are in German and English.

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Presider faces them and says
God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

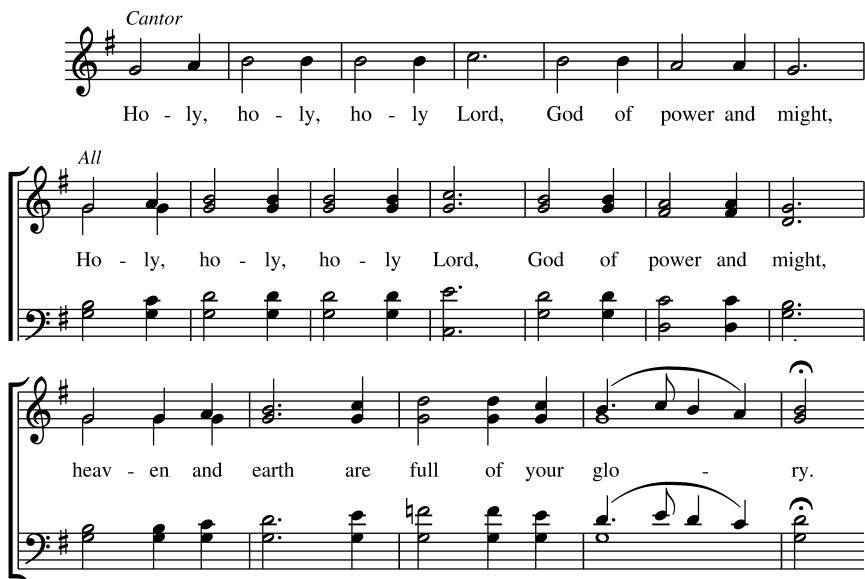
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

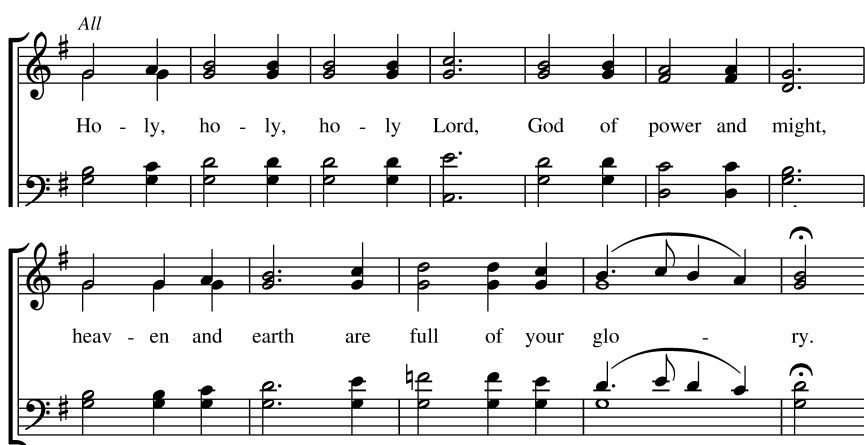
Sanctus

Cantor



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

All



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The image displays a musical score for a hymn, arranged in three systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace on the left. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system is 'Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.' with a long melisma on 'high'. The second system is 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' The third system is a repeat of 'Ho - san - na in the high - - - est.' with another long melisma. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some chords and rests.

Setting: Byzantine; arr. George Black (b. 1931).

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be kept.

Fraction Hymn 109 (vs 1&6) *The first Nowell the angel did say*

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

The Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

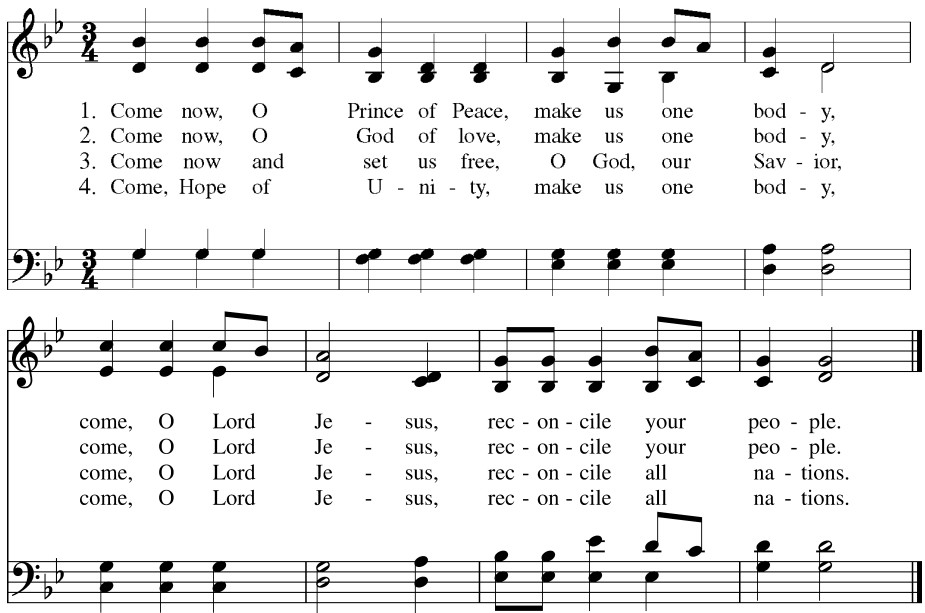
All persons are invited to the Altar.

*If you choose to receive communion,
you may do so in one of the following ways:*

- *Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.*
- *Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands.*
- *The chalice bearer will dip the wafer, then hand it back to you.*
- *Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable.*
- *If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.*
- *If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.*
- *If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.*

Communion

Hymn *Come, Now, O Prince Peace*



1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one bod - y,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior,
 4. Come, Hope of U - ni - ty, make us one bod - y,

come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.
 come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile all na - tions.

Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

Eucharistic Visitor Sending

Officiant

We send you out in the Name of God to those who can't be here
 today bearing the body of Christ so they may be the body of
 Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 59 *Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding*

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide* Helmut Walcha

*Thank you for joining with us in worship this morning!
We invite you to continue your Sunday morning experience,
with fellowship and refreshments in the Parish Hall.
All are welcome!*

Today's Ministry Team

Presider: The Rev. Catherine Duffy

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Meredith Day Hearn

Music Director: Jennifer Bell

Streaming: Peter O'Neill

Lay Reader:

Lectors: Ginny Engel, Bill Righter

Crucifer: Joe Machesky

Acolytes: Evelina O'Neill, Charlotte Rubinstein

Ushers: Charlie Horton & Mary Horton, Jim Bratton, Peter O'Neill

Greeters: Deby McGinnis, Denise Farrington

Children's Chapel Helper: Kim Machesky

Coffee Hour: Cindy Doan, Charlie & Linda Darrah

Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV): Ann Semans, Kim Nelson

Altar Guild: Lynette Palmer, Mary Horton, Suzanne Holliday

Counters: Lisa Mayo, Betsy Nold

Hospitality Table: Andy & Beth Landers