The Word of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

INTROIT sung by the choir Hosanna to the Son of David David Halls (born 1963)

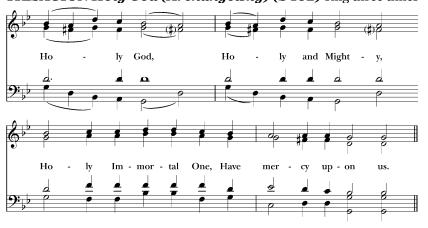
Hosanna to the Son of David.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
-Matthew 21:9

ENTRANCE HYMN On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry (Winchester New) (H 76)

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)

TRISAGION Holy God (Archangelsky) (S 102) sing three times



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Celebrant: 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*.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it 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.

3Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
4Say 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."

5Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
6then 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;
7the 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.

⁸A 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. 9No 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. ¹⁰And 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:* The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord (Birmingham) (H 437) (paraphrase of Canticle 9) (remain seated)

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name! Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done; his mercy sure, from age the same; his holy Name,Äîthe Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by. Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and for evermore!

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James

⁷Be 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. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is

standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE INTROIT O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56, v. 5)

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the 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. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly 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."

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

SEQUENCE O come, O come, Emmanuel (Veni, veni, Emmanuel) (H 56, v. 6)

THE SERMON (BCP p. 358)

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP Form V p. 389)

CONFESSION OF SIN (BCP p. 393)

THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Audivi Media Nocte Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

Audivi media nocte clamor factus est (I heard a great cry at midnight; Ecce sponsus venit Behold, the bridegroom is coming!)

OFFERTORY HYMN Old 100th (H 380, v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER **B** (BCP p. 367)

SANCTUS Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S 130)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD (BCP p. 364)

FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364) Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S 164)



DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. [*Amen*.]

COMMUNION HYMN Watchman, tell us of the night (Aberystwyth) (H 640)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365 or p. 366)

BLESSING (BCP p. 366)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Blest be the King whose coming (Valet will ich dir geben) (H 74)

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Join us for refreshments & fellowship in our Upper Room following worship!

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for *The Church of Bangladesh*.

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In the Diocesan

Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen; The Rev. Dan Clarke, Supply Priest; Mr. Scott Sauls, Sr. Warden,

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer we pray for Ted & Suzanne Sharpe.

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The Episcopal Church of the Messiah

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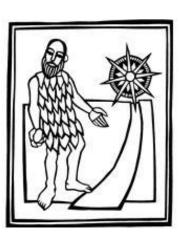


THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT The Holy Eucharist: Rite II 14 December 2025 AD, 10:00 a.m.



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Rev. Jim Craig, Celebrant



Welcome! We warmly welcome all who join us in worship and invite you to join us afterwards for refreshments & fellowship in the Upper Room. If you need pastoral care, please email Fr. John at lakesinai@comcast.net. If you would like the Intercessory Prayer Team to lift up yourself, family, friends, or circumstances fill out a prayer request card available on the Welcome Table and place in the red box. All requests are confidential.

Please let us know you visited by signing the visitor register in the back of the church so we may get to know you better. If you are interested in getting to know us better, please include your email or phone.

NOTES: BCP is The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in the pew. Feel free to quietly ask a neighbor for guidance if you are "lost" at any point during worship. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Let an usher or acolyte know prior to the start of worship if possible.