

## The Sanctus

Hymnal S 130

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant:*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S 164

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## Communion Hymn

*Watchman, tell us of the night*

Hymnal 640

## Post Communion Prayer

*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.*

## The Blessing

### The Recessional

*Hark! The glad sound! The savior comes*

Hymnal 72

### The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2010

11:00 am

HOLY EUCHARIST – Rite II

### Prelude

*“He Shall Feed His Flock”*

G.F. Handel

*Marty Brady, Alto and Shirley Ratliff, Soprano*

### Processional

*Blessed be the God of Israel*

Hymnal 444

### Opening Acclamation *(standing)*

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People: And blessed be God’s kingdom now and forever. Amen.*

### Collect for Purity

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.*

Hymn of Praise *Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!* Hymnal 438

### Collect of the Day

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.*

### First Reading

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

**Psalm 146: 4-9**



4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob / for their help!\*  
whose hope is / in the LORD their God;  
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them;\*  
who keeps his promise for ever;  
6 Who gives justice to those who / are oppressed,\*  
and food to / those who hunger.  
7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the / blind;\*  
the LORD lifts up those / who are bowed down;  
8 The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the / stranger;\*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way / of the wicked.  
9 The LORD shall reign for / ever,\*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. / Hallelujah!

**Second Reading 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.

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

**Sequence Hymn The desert shall rejoice WLP 722**

**Gospel Matthew 11:2-11**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

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

**Sermon The Rev. Bradford A. Rundlett, Rector**

**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:  
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.*

**Prayers for Advent**

*Leader:* Sisters and Brothers in Christ, with faith in God’s providence and promises, let us pray.  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Blessed Savior, we pray for creation – for all people and every living creature, for landscapes of breathtaking beauty; for this good earth, clean air, and pure water. Help us revere and preserve what you have made.  
*People:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Merciful Messiah, we pray for the nations of the world, for our leaders and all whom they serve; fill us with humility and grant us mutual respect; give us wisdom, and help us make peace, that all your people may thrive and prosper.  
*People:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Gracious Christ, we pray for people in physical, mental, and spiritual distress. Increase our knowledge and compassion, advance our gifts for healing and wholeness; let none of your children suffer for want of good and loving care.  
*People:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Redeemer and Sanctifier, we pray for your Church: where we are in error, reform us; where we are divided, unite us; where we fail, give us new life; where we are faithful, perfect us. Make us shine with the light of your love, and draw all people to you.

*People:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Sovereign of Heaven and earth, we pray for loved ones who have died, and for people who are dying now. We commend them to your perpetual care, and praise you for the resurrection of the dead, everlasting life, and the communion of saints.  
*Leader:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Holy and Eternal God, we offer ourselves to your service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may think what you would have us think, do what you would have us do, and be the people you would have us be, that your perfect will may prevail.  
*People:* **Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.**  
*(Pause)*

*Leader:* Divine Majesty, we praise you, and we thank you, for innumerable blessings, immeasurable love, and unrelenting grace.  
*People:* **On earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.**

**The Confession**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

**The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*(Children return from class.)*

**Announcements and EfM Graduation**

**The Offering**

*Celebrant:* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Anthem Ave Maria Jacob Arcadelt**

**Offertory Hymn O come O come, Emmanuel Hymnal 56**

**The Holy Eucharist – The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.  
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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: