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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2013

Holy Eucharist Rite II

9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

Prelude in C minor, BWV 999

J. S. Bach

The Word of God

At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

Entrance Hymn

Come thou long expected Jesus

Hymnal 66

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

O Come, O come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56 v2

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Collect of the Day

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.***

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,

The Rev. Brad A. Rundlett, Rector

The Rev. Leslie H. Chadwick, Associate Rector

Mrs. Christine Hoyle, Director of Children & Youth Ministries,

Ms. Elizabeth Tomlinson, Seminarian

Mr. Kevin Hamilton, Parish Administrator

"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 *Psalm is chanted on the long note. The text in bold indicates when to move to the shorter note.*



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 op-**pressed,**
 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. Halle-**lujah!**

The Second Lesson

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

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant 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 Reverend Leslie Chadwick

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 sovereignty and providence, let us pray.
(Pause)

Leader Blessed Savior, we pray for creation – for the whole human family and every living creature, for landscapes of breathtaking beauty, this good earth; clean air and pure water. Help us revere and preserve what you have called into being. ***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 individuals in physical, mental, and spiritual distress. Increase our knowledge, wisdom, and compassion; help us heal people who are sick and injured; help us restore people who are broken; 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 loving care. And we praise you for the resurrection of the dead, everlasting life, the communion of saints, and your promise that where you are we may also be.

People: 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 every individual may experience your unyielding love and live according to your perfect will. ***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 relentless grace. And we offer ourselves to your service – all that we have, and all that we are. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done. ***People: On earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.***

Confession of Sin

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

All **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.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

The Offering

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

(9:30)

Zion at Thy Shining Gates
St. Cecilia & St. Ambrose Choirs

K. Lee Scott

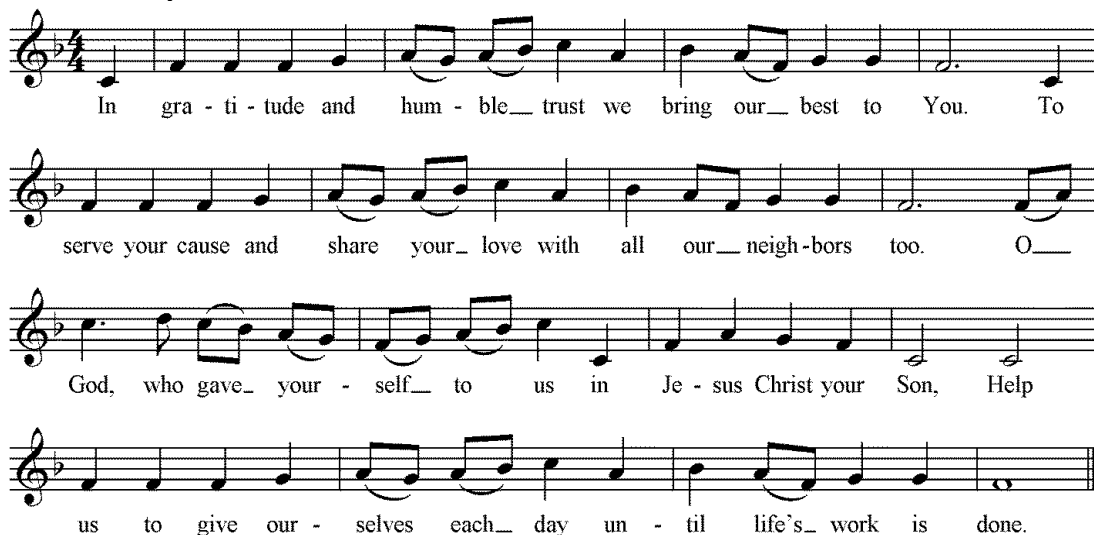
(11:00)

O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

Presentation Hymn

In Gratitude and Humble Trust



In gra - ti - tude and hum - ble__ trust we bring our__ best to You. To
serve your cause and share your__ love with all our__ neigh - bors too. O__
God, who gave__ your - self__ to us in Je - sus Christ your Son, Help
us to give our - selves each__ day un - til life's__ work is done.

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

WLP 858

Celebrant and People

***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. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Timothy and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.*

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn *Christ my hope and Christ my joy* **Taizé, arr Wm. B. Roberts**

The congregation is invited to sing the Taizé refrain after each of the choir verses:

Refrain:

Christ, my hope, and Christ, my joy, — Christ, my strength and my light, Christ, my
 con - fi dence a - lone, in you I trust and have no fear; in you I trust and have no fear.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All *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

Recessional Hymn *“Thy kingdom come!”* **Hymnal 615**

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude *Sonatina in C, Op. 55. No. 3* **F. Kuhlau**