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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020

Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 a.m.

Our worship is according to *The Book of Common Prayer*. This leaflet contains everything you will need to participate actively.

PRELUDE

Adagio in C, K.356

W.A. Mozart

INTROIT

Melchior Teschner

O how shall I receive thee, how greet thee, Lord, aright?
All nations long to see thee, my Hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy, thy lamp within my breast,
To do in spirit lowly all that may please thee best.

All stand.

HYMN 72

tune: Richmond

Descant

4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
 2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
 3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
 bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
 soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
 shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

arch - es ring with thy be - lov ed Name.

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
 fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
 of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
 arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Words: Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)

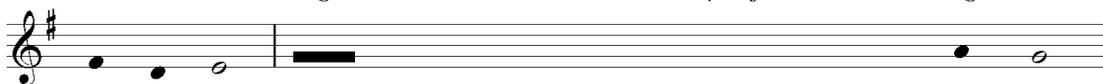
Music: *Richmond*, melody Thomas Haweis (1734-1820); adapt. Samuel Webbe, Jr. (1770-1843);
 harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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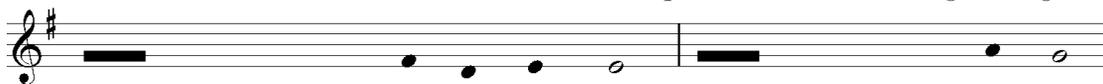
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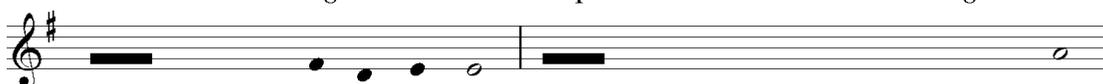
1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our



sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,



and a great King a - bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,



and the strength of the hills is his al - so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,



and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down



and kneel before the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship



the Lord in the beauty of ho - li - ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.



9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge

(Gloria Patri may be added)



the world and the peo - ples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to



the Ho - ly Spi - rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.

PSALM 126 (read responsively)

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**4 The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 *All sit.*

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
 and their offspring among the peoples;
 all who see them shall acknowledge
 that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
 my whole being shall exult in my God;
 for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
 he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
 as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
 and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
 For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
 and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
 so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
 to spring up before all the nations.

MAGNIFICAT (sung by the soloist)

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My soul doth magnify the Lord,
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
 For he hath regarded
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
 For behold from henceforth
 all generations shall call me blessed.
 For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
 and holy is his Name.
 And his mercy is on them that fear him
 throughout all generations.
 He hath showed strength with his arm;
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
 He hath filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.
 Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah."

And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

HYMN 76 *All stand.*

tune: Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
 Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

SERMON

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser

APOSTLES' CREED *All stand.*

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead and buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of God
 the Father almighty.
 From thence he shall come to judge
 the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS

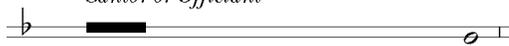
Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All kneel or sit.

All: **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.**

Cantor or Officiant

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

People

R. And grant us thy salva-tion.



V. Endue thy ministers with right-eous-ness;



R. And make thy chosen people joy-ful.



V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;



R. For only in thee can we live in safe-ty.



V. Lord, keep this nation un-der thy care;



R. And guide us in the way of jus-tice and truth.



V. Let thy way be known up-on earth;



R. Thy saving health among all na-tions.



V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgot-ten;



R. Nor the hope of the poor be ta-ken a-way.



V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;



R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spi-rit.

THE COLLECTS

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the liberator of the oppressed, we offer thanks for the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, which brought an end to chattel slavery in this land, and we offer thanks for the work of those abolitionists who fought tirelessly to end this sin. Grant us the moral wisdom, leadership and courage to continue their work of freedom until our world and society become a place free from white supremacy and anti-blackness, and help us to never be content until that time when heaven has come to earth and all of thy children are free to live into the fulness of their created potential; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of all who suffer, we pray for those on our parish prayer list: Augustine, Tom, Leonor, Lou, Margery, Harris, Veronica, Steven, Stacey, Ryan, Liz, Carla, Frank, Al, Jim, Joan, Roger, Andrea, Nadia, Mihail, Padmini, Rosalyn, Miriam, Charles, Rose Ann, Brian, Wendell, Lorna, Kashmere, Holly, Juliana, Alysse, Bob and Meredith; and those we name now in silence or aloud.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Claire Carotenuto, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies;
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,**

**that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we may show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE GRACE

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *All stand.*

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

People: **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

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SOLO

from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion, O daughter of Zion, rejoice greatly, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is the righteous Saviour, and He shall speak peace unto the heathen.

HYMN 56 (stanza 7) *All stand.*

tune: Veni, veni, Emmanuel

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

BLESSING

Officiant: 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 Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 539

tune: Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901)

DISMISSAL

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Savior of the nations, come!

Johann Pachelbel

The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser, *Interim Priest in Charge*

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