

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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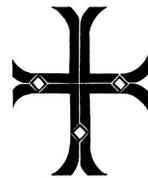
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WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 11, 2016



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8:00 A.M.

Rite I: begins on page 323 (red book)

10:30 A.M.

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| Prelude: <i>Hills of Galilee</i> | Marten |
| Opening Hymn: <i>Hark the Glad Sound</i> | 72 (blue book) |
| Opening Acclamation | |
| Kyrie: <i>Lord Have mercy</i> | S96 (front blue book) |
| Collect of the Day | |
| I reading: Isaiah 35:1-10 | |
| Psalm 146:4-9 | |
| II reading: James 5:7-10 | |
| Gradual Hymn: <i>Comfort, comfort ye my People</i> | 67 (blue book) |
| Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 | |
| Homily | The Rev. Catherine Carpenter |
| Nicene Creed | 358 (red book) |
| Prayers of the People | 392 (red book) |
| Confession | 393 (red book) |
| The Peace | |
| Presentation of Gifts: <i>Is Your Heart Prepared</i> | Lau |
| All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free; whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Spirit, evermore. | Hymn 76 (v.5) |
| The Great Thanksgiving | 367 (red book) |
| Sanctus: <i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i> | S 130 (front blue book) |
| Fraction Anthem: <i>Jesus Lamb of God</i> | S164 (front blue book) |

MATTHEW 11:2-11

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.”

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.

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

Communion Music: *Christ be our Light*

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day.

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to be present, they are sent at this time.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Rejoice, Rejoice, believers* 68 (blue book)

Dismissal 366 (red book)

Postlude: *Voluntary* Wilson

THE COLLECT

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.*

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.

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!