

## GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2015



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8:00 AM

Rite I: begins on page 323 (red book)

Canticle 9: (insert)

10:30 AM

Prelude: *As lately we watched*

A. L. Page

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers

Hymn 68 (blue book)

Opening Acclamation

355 (red book)

Collect for Purity

355 (red book)

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy

S 96 (front blue book)

Collect of the Day

I reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Canticle 9: Surely it is God who saves me

(insert)

II reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gradual Hymn: O come, O come, Emmanuel, vs. 5 & 6

56 (blue book)

Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Homily: The Rev. Cathy Carpenter

Nicene Creed

358 (red book)

Prayers of the People

Confession

360 (red book)

The Peace

360 (red book)

Announcements

Offertory Bells: *Advent Tidings*

M. Akers

Doxology: 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

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## Christ, Be Our Light!

*A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent*

Words and Music by  
BERNADETTE FARRELL

**Congregation:**

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.

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## PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## LUKE 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Great Thanksgiving 361 (red book)

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy, Lord S 130 (front blue book)

Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God S 164 (front blue book)

*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 (insert)

*(Please join the choir on the refrain)*

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

Post Communion Prayer 365 (red book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Hark! the glad sound! Hymn 72 (blue book)

Dismissal 366 (red book)

Postlude: *Allegro moderato* H. Heron

## 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.

## ZEPHANIAH 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

## Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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.

## SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

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1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
vation's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
stress you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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