

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2017**



**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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8:00 A.M.	Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)
10:30 A.M.	Rite II: beginning on page 355 (red book)
Prelude	
Opening Hymn	<i>Lo He comes</i> 58 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation	355 (red book)
Hymn of Praise	S 90 (front blue book)
Collect of the Day	
I reading	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126	
II reading	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gradual Hymn	<i>O come, o come Emmanuel</i> 56 vs. 6, 7 (blue book)
Gospel	John 1:6-8,19-28
Homily	The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People	392 (red book)
Confession	360 (red book)
The Peace	
Offertory	When Jesus Came
Presentation of alms	<i>All Praise eternal Son</i> 76 (v. 5) (blue book)
	All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth they people free; whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore.
The Great Thanksgiving	367 (red book)
Sanctus	Holy, holy, holy, Lord S 130 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem	Christ our Passover S 172 (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*

Bernadette Farrell

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ be our light'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in our'. The second staff continues with 'hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.'. The third staff contains the second line: 'Christ, be our light! Shine in your'. The fourth staff concludes with '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

365 (red book)

Blessing

Closing Hymn

*Prepare the way*

65 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

Postlude

## **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 61:1-4, 8-11**

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.



## **1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

### GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

## **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.

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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.

**ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES** for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.