

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

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		O Come, O Come Emmanuel, arr. J. Boyd
Opening Hymn	<i>Surely it is God who saves me</i>	679 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Hymn of Praise		S 92 (front blue book)
Collect of the Day		211 (red book)
I reading	Zephaniah 3:14-20	
Canticle 9		92 (red book)
II reading	Philippians 4:4-7	
Gradual Hymn	<i>O come, o come Emmanuel</i>	56, v 6, 7 (blue book)
Gospel	Luke 3:7-18	
Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter
Nicene Creed		358 (red book)
Prayers of the People		392 (red book)
Confession		360 (red book)
The Peace		
Offertory		
Presentation of Alms	<i>Prepare thy way O Zion</i>	65, v 1 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving		367 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	S 125 (front blue book)
Memorial Acclamation		S 138 (front blue book)
Amen		S 147 (front blue book)
Fraction Anthem		S 156 (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".

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 attend, 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

Hark the glad sound

72 (blue book)

Dismissal

366 (red book)

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God, Georg Kaufmann

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

86 (red book)

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.



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.

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