

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 12, 2021**

Please wear a mask at all times while in the building. Masks are available at the entrance to the sanctuary.

8:00 A.M.	Rite I	323 (red book)	
	Collect of the Day		160 (red book)
	Nicene Creed	326 (red book)	
	Prayers of the People		328 (red book)
	The Great Thanksgiving—Form II		340 (red book)
	The Lord’s Prayer		336 (red book)
	Post-Communion Prayer		339 (red book)

11:00 A.M.	Rite II		355 (red book)
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This service is livestreamed to the parish Facebook page

Prelude			
Opening Hymn	<i>On Jordan’s bank the Baptists cry</i>		76 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation			355 (red book)
Collect for Purity			
Hymn of Praise	<i>O come, O come Emmanuel</i>	56, verses 5-6	(blue book)
Collect of the Day			212 (red book)
I reading—Zephaniah 3:14-20			
Canticle 9	<i>The First Song of Isaiah—Isaiah 12:2-6</i>		86 (red book)
II reading—Philippians 4:4-7			
Gradual Hymn	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i>		66 (blue book)
Gospel—Luke 3:7-13			
Homily		The Rev. Catherine Carpenter	
Nicene Creed			358 (red book)
Prayers of the People— Response “Lord, have mercy”			
The Peace			
Preparation of the Table	<i>Hark the glad sound the savior comes</i>		72 (blue book)

The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer B		367 (red book)
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	S-130 (blue book)
At the Breaking of the Bread	<i>Jesus, Lamb of God</i>	S-164 (blue book)

Communion

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered by the (masked) celebrant. The Bread will be intincted (dipped) in the Wine then handed to you. If you desire to receive the Bread only, raise your hand in a “stop” gesture before presenting your hands for the wafer. Please return to your seat before removing your mask to receive. If you wish a blessing instead, please cross your arms across your chest.

During Communion *Wait for the Lord* *insert*

Post Communion Prayer 366 (red book)

Seasonal Blessing

May God the Father, who loved the world so much that he sent his only Son, give you grace to prepare for life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Son, who comes to us as redeemer and judge, reveal to you the path from darkness to light. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, by whose working the Virgin Mary conceived the Christ, help you bear the fruits of holiness. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *The King shall come when morning dawns* 73 (blue book)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ 366 (red book)

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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—Isaiah 12:2-6

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). 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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