

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

8:00 A.M.	Rite I	323 (red book)
	Collect of the Day	160 (red book)
	Canticle 3 The Song of Mary	50 (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>Prepare the way O Zion</i>	65 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation		355 (red book)
Collect for Purity		
Hymn of Praise	Hymn 56(Vs 5-6)	(blue book)
Collect of the Day		212 (red book)
I reading—Isaiah 35:1-10		
Canticle 15	The Song of Mary	91 (red book)
I 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—	Response “Hear our prayer”/”To you, O Lord our God”	
The Peace		
Preparation of the Table	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i>	66 (blue book)
The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer B		367 (red book)

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.

CANTICLE 3 /15

50/91 (red book)

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.

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 offence 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. “

WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from the welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). We are glad that you are here with us today.

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