

MORNING PRAYER: Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
Officiant: Denise Geyer-Keller and Bill Benedict
December 11, 2022

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL BOB #59 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sound
Lighting of the Advent Candle

Leader: May the Lord's love shine in our hearts.

All: ***And may His peace be with us all.***

Leader: The Lord is our faith and our life.

All: ***Our hope is in the coming of the Lord.***

Reader: "And the shepherds went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child."

Reader: The third candle on the Advent Wreath is called the **SHEPHERD'S CANDLE**. We light one pink candle to remind us of the joy of Christ's coming. We honor the shepherds who were the first to share the Good News. We continue to share the Good News in word and song as we celebrate around our lighted Christmas trees.

Leader: Let us pray, that we may grow in love for each other as the Lord comes to us.

Reader: Father in heaven, may we Your family who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of your love and celebrate His birth with a new sense of love for each other.
Amen.

Reader: O Great Shepherd of the sheep, lead us and touch our lips with coals of fire, that we may tell of Your glory!

Officiant:

Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people:

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept, after which Officiant and People say together, all kneeling:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Officiant says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY & PSALTER

BCP 80

All stand.

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People:

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. Alleluia.

Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

Officiant and People:

JUBILATE (Ps. 100)

BCP 82

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;*
serve the Lord with gladness.
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

PSALM 146

BCP 660

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, O my soul. *

² I will praise the LORD all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, *
in mortal men, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; *
on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, *
whose hope is in the LORD his God.

⁶ the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them; *
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed *
and gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets prisoners free.

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the alien *
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, *
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM RESPONSE (say)

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

READING **Isaiah 35:1-10** **Pew Bible 749**

The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant & People:

CANTICLE 9, The First Song of Isaiah **BCP 86**

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

READING James 5:7-10 Pew Bible 1269

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Officiant and People:

CANTICLE 16 The Song of Zechariah BCP 92

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the

shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11 Pew Bible 1018

Officiant *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe. (Refrain)

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Officiant and People:

CANTICLE 21 You are God

BCP 95

**You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.
You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.**

Message

Dick McCormick

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP 96

Officiant and People together, all standing:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

BCP 97

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant and People:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Then follows these Suffrages

BCP 97

Leader & People:

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Officiant says:

Let us with gladness present the Offerings of our life and labor unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*All things come of Thee, O Lord
And of Thine own have we given Thee.*

The Officiant then says the following Collects:

The Collect of the Day

BCP 212

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life

BPC 99

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of His Cross and His Blood, we pray your protection over Paul Laursen, Kathryn Sears and all involved in the ministry outreach in Nepal and Bangladesh. We bind up the power and actions of any evil spirits that attempt to block their ministries. We ask that you send your angels, especially St. Michael, to help them in these battles. Give them the Spirit's power and passion to accomplish the mission for which you have called them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father in heaven,

We pray with open hearts and minds to know your will for us.

Reveal to us the initiatives we should take:

For nourishing ourselves with your Word; for supporting each other in Christian fellowship; for taking the Gospel to outside communities; and for loving and serving others in the power of your Spirit.

We are grateful for the pastoral encouragement you have provided us in this season. We are grateful for our lay leadership in their shouldering of extra burdens. Lord, we ask that you lay bare the hearts of this congregation, and open each one of us to every new day. Open us to what you have for our future as a new church family in Christ.

Amen.

O Lord, God of our fathers, your Advent people have stood steadfast in the truth of Your Word. We have strived to be the beacon of light in our corner of this world, guiding others to you. We search for the means to stay on this path together. We stand before you crying out to you. We know this battle belongs to You Lord. We cannot do this ourselves. As we walk on the path you have set before us, we sing your praises and give you thanks Lord! We know that you will show us the way. Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP 101

Officiant and People:

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,**

**that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Officiant says:

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two of three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

The Officiant concludes with the following:

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine:
Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL Hymn #436 Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates