



CHURCH *of the*
INCARNATION

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

Traditional Service, 11:15 am

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Due to ongoing restrictions on congregational singing, the choir alone will offer all sung portions of today's liturgy. At these moments, we encourage you to pray the texts as the choir sings praises on your behalf.

Mass Setting: *Missa de Sancto Albano* by Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Organ Voluntary

Epilogue on 'Winchester New'

Eric Thiman (1900–1975)

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Introit: *Gaudete in Domino*

REJOICE in the LORD, and again I say, rejoice ye: let your moderation be known unto all men, the LORD is at hand. Be careful for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God. *Ps.* LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

Celebrant ✠ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity and the Summary of the Law.

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison

Christe eleison

Kyrie eleison

Sung by the choir

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

The Collects

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

OLORD Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

THE wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a hart, and the tongue of the dumb 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. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not pass over it, and fools shall not err therein. 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 50:1-6

Sung by the choir to a chant by I. Atkins.

HEAR, O thou Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; *
shew thyself also, thou that sittest upon the Cherubim.
Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses, *
stir up thy strength, and come, and help us.
Turn us again, O God; *
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.
O LORD God of hosts, *
how long wilt thou be angry with thy people that prayeth?
Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, *
and givest them plenteousness of tears to drink.
Thou hast made us a very strife unto our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, thou God of hosts; *
shew the light of thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

THIS is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-10

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

NOW when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is he who takes no offense at me." As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken by the wind? Why then did you go out? To see a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, those who wear soft raiment are in kings' houses. Why then did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way before thee.'"

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Father Thomas Kincaid

THE NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, ☩ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Deacon says
In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Each petition concludes
Deacon We pray to thee, O Lord.
People Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude in this way

Deacon Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the Absolution.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY

The Minister begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

Anthem

Besañçon Carol, arr. Barry Ferguson (b. 1942)

PEOPLE, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sung by the choir

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE CANON OF THE EUCHARIST

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer on BCP page 334. The prayer concludes

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

Communion Devotions

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People say the Lord's Prayer.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

People and Celebrant

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Agnus Dei

Sung by the choir

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

Please remain kneeling. Holy Communion will be brought to you in your pew.

Instructions for Holy Communion

All Christians who have been baptized with water and in the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and are permitted to receive Holy Communion in their own church, are welcome to do so on this occasion.

Communion is received in the following way: a priest places the Bread in the palm of your hand, which you then consume. If you do not wish to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest.

Please feel free to consult with a member of the clergy if you have more questions.

For those watching at home who are unable to make their Communion today:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus, hear me;

Within thy wounds hide me;

Suffer me not to be separated from thee;

From the malicious enemy defend me;

In the hour of my death call me,

And bid me come to thee.

That with thy Saints I may praise thee

For ever and ever. Amen.

Anthem

French Carol, arr. Stephen Cleobury (1948–2019)

LET all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanquish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as will ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Lord most high.

from the Liturgy of St. James

CONCLUDING RITES

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and gives the blessing.

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Organ Voluntary

Fugue in G minor ('Little'), BWV 578

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

Altar Arrangements

Are given to the glory of God...

In loving memory of Nancy Wright Small

Choral Evensong

Webcast and in-person at 5 pm | This evening's music will be:

Voluntary: *Rorate celi (Choral orné)*, Jeanne Demessieux

Responses: Richard Ayleward

Psalm 103: H. W. Davies

Canticles: *Short Service*, Thomas Tallis

Motet: *Audivi vocem*, Thomas Tallis

Voluntary: *Praeludium in G minor, BuxWV 149*, Dietrich Buxtehude

Uptown worship

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM

T-SHIRTS AND CDS FOR SALE IN THE NORTH PARKING LOT

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Lessons

&

Carols

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Christmas Eve & Day Services

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

12 NOON

Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with the Incarnation Choir*

2 PM

Church in the Lot Family Service: A 30-minute Holy Eucharist in the North Lot with Carols designed especially for kids and their families

2 PM & 5 PM

Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with the Incarnation Choir followed by Outdoor Carol Singing at the Cloister Christmas Tree*

Contemporary Holy Eucharist in Ascension Chapel with the Uptown Worship Band followed by Outdoor Carol Singing at the Cloister Christmas Tree*

5 PM

Outdoor Holy Eucharist in the North Parking Lot with Carols

Traditional Holy Eucharist Online with Carols and the Incarnation Choir via Facebook Live at 5 pm

Contemporary Holy Eucharist Online with Carols and the Uptown Worship Band via Facebook Live at 5 pm

10:30 PM

Traditional Holy Eucharist in the Church with Incense & the Incarnation Choir* and Online via Facebook Live

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

11 AM

Traditional Holy Eucharist with Organ in the Church on Christmas Day*

**Indoor Christmas Eve services require ticketing, which will be available soon. Those without tickets will wait outside in a designated area to see if seats become available. Please see information about COVID-19 precautions and requirements (including masking) on our website. If inclement weather requires cancellation of the outdoor Christmas Eve services, then a notice will be posted on the website and social media pages by 10 am on Thursday, December 24. More details:*

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WEEKLY ENEWS

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WEEKLY READINGS

This week's readings may be found in the Book of Common Prayer, pg. 936, Week of 2 Advent.

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CIRCLE ONE: MR. MRS. MS. DR. OTHER

NAME(S) _____

CHILDREN NAMES & AGES _____

NEW *or* NEED TO UPDATE US?

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