



The Advent  
of the Messiah

# Third Sunday in Advent

13 December 2020 AD

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST with Spiritual Communion

Prelude

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

*Leader:* “Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle — a pink candle — signifies JOY.”

*[Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit.]*

*Leader:* Let us pray: “Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.”

### Opening Hymn 76 “On Jordan’s Bank”

- 1 On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within,  
and let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.
- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;  
shine forth, and let thy light restore earth’s own true loveliness once more.

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*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People:* ***You come to your people and set them free.***

*Celebrant says the Collect for Purity*     ***Prayer Book page in blue brackets [355]***

### Hymn of Praise 56 (verses 5 and 6)

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

*[refrain]*

### The Collect of the Day

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*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Priest:* Let us pray.     *Celebrant says the Collect of the Day.*

## Lesson

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.* [Isaiah 64:1-9] *The Word of the Lord.*  
[*People: Thanks be to God.*]

## Gradual Psalm 126 *read in unison*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

## Epistle

*A Reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.* [1 Thessalonians 5:16-24] *The Word of the Lord.* [*People: Thanks be to God.*]

## Sequence Hymn 70 “Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement”

- 1 Herald, sound the note of judgment, warning us of right and wrong,  
turning us from sin and sadness till once more we sing the song.  
*Chorus: Sound the trumpet! Tell the message: Christ, the Savior king, is come!*
- 2 Herald, sound the note of gladness; tell the news that Christ is here;  
make a pathway through the desert for the one who brings God near.
- 3 Herald, sound the note of pardon--those repenting are forgiven;  
God receives his wayward children, and to them new life is given.
- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph; Christ has come to share our life,  
Bringing God’s own love and power, granting vict’ry in our strife.

## The Holy Gospel

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.* [*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*] [John 1:6-8,19-28] *The Gospel of the Lord.* [*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*]

**The Sermon** *silence follows the sermon*

## The Nicene Creed

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**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker  
of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

*Intercessor concludes each petition:* Great things have been done for us,  
*People respond:* **Holy is God's name!**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All:* 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 Priest says the Absolution.*

**The Peace**     *Reach out to someone today to share God's peace.*

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Anthem**     *Comfort Ye My People* - Claude Goudimel

**The Great Thanksgiving**     [Eucharist Prayer B - see Prayer Book]

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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*All pray the Lord's Prayer.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

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*Officiant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## The Invitation

*After the priest takes the Body and Blood of our Lord, a time of Spiritual Communion is offered. Please offer a Prayer during the devotional music.*

**The Blessing** reminds us that we are blessed to be a blessing.

## Closing Hymn 7 "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph over shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear!
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;  
as they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## Dismissal

*Priest* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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# CHRISTMAS EVE

The Holy Eucharist in the Back Lot at 4:30  
with Carols and Candlelighting

This will be a full service broadcast to your car radio.  
We will have a Brass Quartet to add joy to our hymns.

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