

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

10:30 am December 14, 2014—*The Third Sunday in Advent*



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To participate fully in our worship you will need this booklet and, for the hymns, *The Hymnal 1982* (blue and in the pew racks in front of you) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green and at the end of the pews). You will not need a copy of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) for this service.

There is welcome information in the announcement sheet.

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But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him *Habakkuk 2:20*

Please silence pagers and cell phones

Voluntary

Toccata avanti la Messa della Domenica

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1648)

Please stand for the

Hymn in Procession 73

St. Stephen

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant 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.**

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

The following is sung:

Bells: **Trisagion** *Bells:*

Sung Thrice: Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and might-y, Ho-ly Im-mor-tal One, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Music: Charles Rus 2008 after Claude Goudimel, Genevan Psalter, 1564

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray—*silence*—the Collect of the day—**Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

We 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 *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence—The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (respond): **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form III BCP p. 387

The Peace is then exchanged

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet each other in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn

Rejoice, rejoice



A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing.
To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a sing - ing,
In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the world is des - pair - ing,
Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though dark the win - ter and cheer - less



Sing out your joy, for soon he is born, be - hold the child of our long - ing.
His hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
As morn - ing light so qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing,
The ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er,
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing kind - ness,
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der,
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry;



He o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
The thund - er of his an - thems roll to shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
The weak be raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
May God fill ev - 'ry day we share and bring us at last in to glo - ry.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant: *People:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant: *People:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

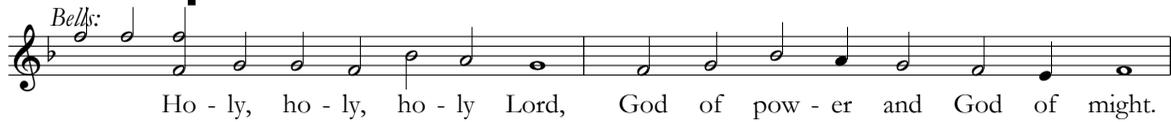


It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Bells:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and God of might.



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry: ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ho - san - na in the high - est!

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At the acclamation in the prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



A-men.

The Lord's Prayer S148 Ambrosian Chant

arr. Mason Martens

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil.
 For the king-dom, the power and the glo-ry are yours. Now and for ev-er. A-men

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S167 Fraction Anthem

Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verses.

Mode 6, adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

The altar in our church belongs to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. **To receive communion**, stand or kneel at the rail, stand against the plaster wall inside the rail, or notify an usher that you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat. After you receive Communion at (or inside) the rail, please remain in place until the Chalice says "Go in peace." The response after receiving each kind (Bread and Wine) is "Amen" or you may remain silent. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest before the Bread comes by. **Gluten-free wafers** are available; simply ask the person distributing the Bread. **We drink the wine** from the Common Cup. We do not practice "intinction," that is, dipping Bread in Wine. If you do not wish to drink from the Chalice, please cross your arms over your chest so the Chalice knows this. Receiving the Sacrament in either kind alone constitutes a full and valid Communion. Saint John's Church is committed to achieving the full inclusion of all people in Christ's Body, the Church. Please feel free to ask the Rector if you have any questions.

Please join in singing the Communion music:

Communion Hymn 601

St. Michael

O Day of God, draw nigh In beau-ty and in power;
 Bring to our troubl-ed minds, Un-cer-tain and a-fraid,
 Bring jus-tice to our land, That all may dwell se-cure,
 Bring to our world of strife Thy sov-'reign Word of peace,
 O Day of God, draw nigh As at cre-a-tion's birth;

Come with thy time-less judg-ment now To match our pres-ent hour.
 The qui-et of a stead-fast faith, Calm of a call o-beyed.
 And fine-ly build for days to come Found-a-tions that en-dure.
 That war may haunt the earth no more, And des-o-la-tion cease.
 Let there be light a-gain, and set Thy judg-ments in the earth.

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 Music: Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the Post-Communion rite.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

The Priest blesses the people. The people say: Amen.

At the Procession: **Hymn 65**

Bereden väg för Herren

Dismissal S174

