

Morning Prayer Rite 2
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave
The Entrance Rite

The Passing of the Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Sentence of Scripture (Third Sunday Advent) BCP 73

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

Confession of Sin BCP 79

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Officiant:

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.*

Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.
People: *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*
All: 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.

Antiphon (in Advent) BCP 80

Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.
People: *Come let us adore him.*

Jubilate 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.

Antiphon BCP 80

Officiant: Our Lord and Savior now draws near.

People: Come let us adore him.

Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea* BCP 803

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A reading from 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, 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.

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.

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.

A reading from 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.

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.

A reading from 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 offense 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.”

Sermon Joyce Holden, Lay Worship Leader

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.

Offertory

The Prayers

Officiant: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 97

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.

Suffrage A BCP 97

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.

Collect of the Day (Third Sunday of Advent) 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 the Renewal of Life BCP 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 while it was day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace BCP 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace BCP 100

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Mission BCP 101

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Victims of Addiction

O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. *Amen.*

The people may offer their own prayers and thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or in their hearts.

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

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.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 102

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
or 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.*

Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 102

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. Ephesians 3:20,21*

ASSISTING WITH TODAY'S SERVICE:

Lector: Sam Abraham

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/22 Morning Prayer Rite I, Todd Johnson officiating
12/24 Hymn Sing & Christmas Eve service, 7:00 PM
12/29 Morning Prayer Rite II, Joyce Holden officiating
1/5 Holy Eucharist Rite II, The Rev Dan Buchin officiating

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/18 Blue Christmas Service, 7 PM
12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday
12/22 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy & Fellowship
12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary
12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

12/21 Saint Thomas the Apostle

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK
FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed
Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Matthew Linden; Bob Bird; Jamie &
Marvin; Ridge; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John; Donna Hanes;
Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin; Harriet Woodby;
Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Carol Rodriguez; Kristin &
Matthew; Kathy Hunter; Carol Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a
woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski;
Darren Baker; Juan Perez; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from
lung cancer; Caty Smith; Dan Buchin; Jim Barancin, suffering
from prostate cancer; Antony Scioly; Single mom with health
issues, whose boyfriend is in the Army; Jon; Patricia Stricker;

Lisa Hinskey's family; Jennifer; Sabrina & Kalee; Ms. Butler;
total surrender

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised

IN HARM'S WAY: our service men & women, especially those
suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury;
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Wendell Gibbs, our Bishop;
Bonnie Perry, our Bishop-Elect; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop
of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton,
ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE
Michigan Synod; Craig A Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower
Michigan Synod; our Diocesan retired community household;
Our Diocesan household; St Mary's in-the-Hills, Lake Orion;
Church of the Redeemer, Barahone, DR

PRAYERS FOR: refugees from all countries, especially the
children

TIME TO STOCK THE PANTRY! Donations distributed to local
charities...

PRAYERS FOR THOSE ORDAINED YESTERDAY: George Lane
(Chip) Dischinger, III; Christine Fentress-Gannon; Annette
Marie Mileski; Jean-Pierre Martin Seguin

We welcome you to Christ Church and invite you to join us for refreshments in the parish hall immediately following the service.

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