



Sunday, December 13, 2020  
The Third Sunday of Advent

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Morning Prayer Rite 2  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2019

Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave  
The Entrance Rite

Opening Hymn

Lighting of the Advent Candles: Week of 3 Advent  
As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (Luke 3:15-16)

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 75  
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. *Isaiah 40:5*

The Gathering Prayer

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.  
(A Disciple's Prayer Book)

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.*

Psalms 126 *In covertendo* BCP 782  
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.  
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 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me;  
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,  
to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and release to the prisoners;  
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a garland instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.  
They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.  
They shall build up the ancient ruins,  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.  
For I the LORD love justice,  
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.  
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,  
and their offspring among the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge  
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.  
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring  
up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary

BCP 91

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy  
is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all  
circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for  
you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words  
of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is  
good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

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 John 1:16-24

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Officiant: The word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God

Sermon The Rev Dan Buchin

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96  
*Officiant and People together*

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

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.*

#### Prayer for the Third Sunday in Advent during Covid-19

God in heaven,

May the flame of an Advent candle

Remind us of John the Baptist,

Who pointed people to your Son, Jesus.

Enable us through word, action, and prayer

To prepare the way for you this Christmas;

So that your love can strengthen those people

For whom the time of pandemic has felt like being in a  
Wilderness.

This we ask through Jesus, our Lord. *Amen.*  
*Canon Robert Townsend, Church of Wales*

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.*

*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*

THANKS TO ALL WHO ASSIST with everything it takes to  
provide community worship on Sunday mornings!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

12/20 Morning Prayer, Fr Dan Buchin officiating

12/24 Christmas Eve service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday

12/20 Vestry meeting, following the Liturgy

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS THIS WEEK  
FOR:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob Welke; Bobbie; Sue Burke; Ed &  
Audrey Johnson; Joyce Johnson; Bob Bird; Donna Tomecek-  
Schiller; Jamie & Marvin; Jill Holden; Julie Wilkins; John;  
Donna Hanes; Kevin Cuyler; Chris Smith; Nancy Buchin;  
Harriet Woodby; Scott Johnson; Melissa Berger; Kristin &  
Matthew; Carol & Patrick Cathey; Sam & Cam; Jordan; a

woman with cancer; Sharon & family; Steven Stemkowski; Darren Baker; Frank Leahey; Lloyd, suffering from lung cancer; Katy Smith; Jim Barancin; 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; Bud Leafdale; Jessica's aunt; John Martin; Margaret Grose; our community; job recovery; Darrien Baker; Baby D; Randy Gilchrist; Joyce Matthews' husband, Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda Hesselink; Terry Johnson; Carrie Cook; Lily & Violet; Margaret; Al Ellerholz; Vicki Hesse; Beth Rowley; Eric Travis; Kim Pratt; the family of Catherine Pelham; Andy; the family of DJ Martin; the family of Gordon Stites

PRAYERS FOR the unemployed, homeless & disenfranchised  
IN HARM'S WAY our service men & women suffering from PTSD

CYCLE OF PRAYER: Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop; Bonnie Perry, our Bishop; 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 Thomas', Trenton; Christ Church, Detroit; St Paul & St Luke's, San Isidro, DR

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for worship & fellowship when the pandemic crisis is over!

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