



The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021

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Holy Eucharist Rite I  
December 12, 2021  
Christ Church (Episcopal), Adrian 720 Riverside Ave

The Entrance Rite

Processional Hymn                      Hymnal 65

The Word of God                      BCP 323  
Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People: His mercy endureth forever. AMEN.*

Officiant:  
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all  
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration  
of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee,  
and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ  
our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,  
and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the  
first and great commandment. And the second is like  
unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On  
these two commandments hang all the Law and the  
Prophets.

Kyrie Eleison                              BCP 324  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Let us pray

Collect of the Day BCP 160  
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 reading from Zehaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The LORD has taken away the judgments against  
you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah BCP 86  
*Ecce Deus* *Isaiah 12:2-6*  
Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure  
defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his

Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is  
exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done  
great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,\*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the  
Holy One of Israel.

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 letter to the Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.  
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord  
is near. Do not worry about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with  
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all  
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 67 v1

The Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

*The Officiant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke.

The people respond: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*  
John said to the crowds that came out to be  
baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who  
warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear  
fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to  
yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor';  
for I tell you, God is able from these stones to  
raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is  
lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore  
that does not bear good fruit is cut down and  
thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we  
do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two  
coats must share with anyone who has none; and  
whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax  
collectors came to be baptized, and they asked  
him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to  
them, "Collect no more than the amount  
prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And  
we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not  
extort money from anyone by threats or false  
accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

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. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord

The people respond: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Dan Buchin

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

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 of the People

BCP 328

*Deacon or other leader*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Bonnie, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all who on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be offered here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*Silence*

*The Priest offers a concluding collect*

Confession of Sin

BCP 330

*The Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Passing of the Peace

BCP 332

*All stand.*

*The Celebrant says to the People:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: And with thy Spirit.

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS 121

(sung to the tune of "Morning has broken")

The Bread and the Wine

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP 333

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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.*

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Preface*

*The Celebrant continues:*

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 BCP 334

*Celebrant and People*

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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is

my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all

other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

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.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 337

Officiant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People: Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The following anthem is said:*

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,

*have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*grant us thy peace.*

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

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.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(All baptized persons are welcome at the altar. If you'd rather receive a blessing, come to the altar and cross your arms.)*

Communion Hymn                      LEVAS 14

Post-Communion Prayer              BCP 339  
*After Communion, the Celebrant says* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

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.*

Blessing                                      BCP 339  
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn                      Hymnal 71

Announcements

Dismissal

UPCOMING SERVICES:  
12/19 Holy Eucharist Rite 1  
12/20 Blue Christmas, 6 PM  
12/24 Christmas Eve, 7 PM  
12/26 Morning Prayer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/19 Ted Wilkins' birthday

12/26 Sam & Mary Abraham's anniversary

12/27 Sarah Abraham's birthday

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK:

None

COMMON PRAYERS WITH UNCOMMON RESULTS:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Bob; Bobbie; Sue; Ed & Audrey; Joyce; Bob & Donna; Jamie & Marvin; Jill; Julie; John; Nancy; Harriet; John; Margaret; Arnold; Paul Barth; Linda; Carrie; Lily & Violet; Al; Vickie; Lonnie; Corky; Sarah; Todd; Lonnie; JoAnn; Ted; Sherri; Helen; Dan's sisters & brother-in-law

BEREAVEMENT: Debbie Waddington & family, sister of Joyce Holden

PRAYERS FOR those who are suffering the effects of the pandemic.

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; Emmaus, Novi/Walled Lake; Church of the Annunciation, Santiago, DR

DONATIONS TO THE FOOD PANTRY BEGIN!

This third week we ask that you donate personal care products and baby diapers (any size)

We welcome you to Christ Church, and look forward to meeting together in person for fellowship after the Liturgy!

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