



The Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2020

## The Service of the Word

### Temporary Safety Rules

- ✠ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- ✠ **Please wear mask** as much as possible and certainly anytime you are not seated.
- ✠ Bathroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.

**Opening Voluntary:** *Ryan Etheredge (guitar)*

### Advent Wreath

**Opening Hymn:** "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*O come, Desire of nations,  
Bind in one the hearts of all mankind  
Bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be thyself our King of Peace*

*Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Shall come to the, O Israel*

*O Come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear (Refrain)*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever! Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day** - *prayed by the Celebrant*

**The First Reading:** *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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 15:** The Song of Mary *Magnificat*  
(read responsively by whole verse)

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.*

**Sequence Hymn: “Behold the Lamb”**

*We come with thankfulness  
And love we rise to respond  
And to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim,  
“Christ will come again!”  
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.*

**The Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8,19-28**

*Reader* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.

*People* **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

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.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

The Rev. Rob Dixon

**The Apostles’ Creed (in unison)**

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*

**Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those  
who are alone. (Silence)*

For this community during this season of Advent, help us  
to prepare ourselves for your Son;  
*That he may dwell in us and us in him. (Silence)*

For the United States of America and for the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.  
(Silence)*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.  
(Silence)*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the  
needy. (Silence)*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.  
– *(Pray aloud or silently for your own needs and  
concerns).* We pray especially for all who have died and  
for those who miss them. – *Pause.* Comfort and sustain  
us. Help us to trust in you and in the never-ending life  
you eternally offer all people.

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

And now, Heavenly Father, we pray to you for the  
forgiveness of our sins.

**The Confession Altogether**

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your  
compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,  
things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your  
Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Peace: Welcome & Announcements**



# The Holy Communion

This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

**Offertory:** *Ryan Etheredge*

**The Doxology 380:** (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord.

*People* ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

**Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* ***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again..***

**Prayer for Grace and Blessing**

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen.*

**Communion Hymn:** “Reckless Love”

*Before I spoke a word,*

*You were singing over me*

*You have been so, so good to me*

*Before I took a breath,*

*You breathed Your life in me*

*You have been so, so kind to me*

*Refrain*

*Oh, the overwhelming,*

*Never-ending, reckless love of God*

*Oh, it chases me down,*

*Fights ‘til I’m found, leaves the ninety-nine*

*I couldn’t earn it, I don’t deserve it,*

*Still You give Yourself away*

*Oh, the overwhelming,*

*Never-ending, reckless love of God*

*When I was Your foe,*

*Still Your love fought for me*

*You have been so, so good to me*

*When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me*

*You have been so, so kind to me (Refrain)*

*There’s no shadow You won’t light up*

*Mountain You won’t climb up*

*Coming after me*

*There’s no wall You won’t kick down*

*Lie You won’t tear down*

*Coming after me (Refrain)*

**Post Communion Prayer**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** “Soon and Very Soon”

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King*

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King*

*Soon and very soon we are going to see the King*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are going to see the King!*

*No more crying there...*

*No more dying there...*

*Soon and very soon...*

**The Dismissal**

**Closing Voluntary:** *Ryan Etheredge (guitar)*

# Your Sermon Notes

## Prayer List

### Requested Prayer

Adam, Adam D., Aly & Baby Logan, Barbara, Betty J., Betty W., Bobbie, Bobby, Brenan, Brenda, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Christian, Christina, Christy Clark, Cindy, Dana, Darlene, David H., David I., Debrah, Drew, Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Emet, Erick, Faith, Fay, Fred, Grace, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jan, Jean, Jennifer W., Jessica, Jillian, Joey, John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Jude, Judy G., Karen, Kayla, Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Leola, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Max, Melissa, Neta, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Ralph, Sarah, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Stacie, Sue, Susan C., Susan K., Teresa K., Teresa L., Tif, Tom, Tony, The Family of Monica Oglesby, The O'Neill Family, The Youth, & Wendy, All those affected by Hurricane Sally & the Wildfires in the West

### Military

Adam Paris, Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Alexander Logan, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden,

Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman, Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, Jackie Neville, Jason Wine, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Stephen del Risco, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

### Repose of the Soul

Polly O'Neill  
Terry Burris  
Arlene Jordan  
John Rubio  
Natalie Gribble  
Diane Roberts  
William Koenig Adams, Jr.  
Bob Zimmerman  
Monica Oglesby  
Americans who have died from COVID-19

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