



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A
December 14, 2025, 10AM

Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer (the red book) and
also uses texts from *Enriching Our Worship*, a collection of supplemental
resources approved for use in The Episcopal Church.

Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*Children begin in service with their families, and will be invited
to Sunday School in Nieman Hall by Miss Kathryn.
The children will rejoin the service at the Peace.*

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

“Rorate Coeli”
organ

Melissa Dunphy

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers”
(Llangloffan)

Hymnal 68

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

“Magnificat”
Sung by the Choir Trebles

Erik Meyer

The people remain standing.

*Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School
in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace.*

Nursery care is available for children through age 4.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 212

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond **Amen.**

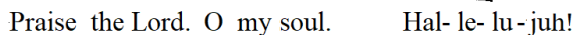
The people are seated for the readings.

Isaiah 35:1-10

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

*Sung first by the choir,
and repeated by all as indicated*



- 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; **ANTIPHON**
- 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; **ANTIPHON**
- 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!
ANTIPHON

The people sit.

James 5:7-10

People Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Wonder, Love & Praise

Verses 1—4



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



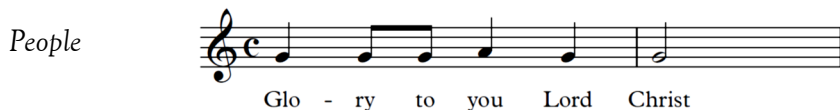
1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com-ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.



GRADUAL HYMN

“People, Look East”

Verse 5

The people sit.

SERMON

The people stand.

THE NICENE CREED

BCP, p. 358

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Each petition concludes ...in hope and expectation we pray,
People respond **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader "...and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in glory everlasting " **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP, p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel or sit

Presider and People

**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.**

After the Absolution is said, the people respond **Amen.**

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Sunday School children join their families in church at this time..

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ee’n So Lord Jesus”

Paul Manz

Sung by the Choir.



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

A collection is taken and carried in procession to the Lord’s Table.

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*)

Hymnal 56
Verses 5 & 6

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death’s dark shadow put to flight.
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

Presider *People*

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

Presider *People*

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

Presider

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right and a good and joyful thing...
 ... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

St. James Advent Series

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of
 pow'r_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes
 in the name_ of_ the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

The people remain standing.

Presider
 We give thanks to you, O God...
 Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise...
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



BCP, p. 364

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

All 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.

A period of silence is kept.



Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

“Matin Responsory”
Sung by the Choir.

G. P. Palestrina

All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.

Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.

*To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.
If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.*

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Es ist ein Ros”

Johannes Brahms

organ

COMMUNION HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose”

Hymnal 81

(Es ist ein Ros)

The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**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

*The Presider invokes God’s blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.***

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark! a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

Hymnal 59

(Merton)

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Hark! a Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

Malcolm Archer

organ

Thank you to those who have pledged to Grace in 2026

received as of 12/10/25

Lauren Ackland
Nancy Adamczyk
Scott & Randi Albiston
Joe & Cynthia Barilla
Dan & Madeline Baulig
John & Mayan Beaudouin
Michel Belt
Diane Bensley
Leigh & Andy Bolt
Dean & Talar Boorujy
Mariam Bora
Nancy Boucher
Linda Bowden
Suzanne Bowles
Linda Bronco
Geoff & Crary Brooks
Elizabeth Brown
Michael & Lou Ann Bugg
Laura & Mark Burgess
Bob & Judy Burks
Dennis & Evelyn Callahan
Chris & Melissa Ciolino
Ken Cole & Rosemary
Collingwood-Cole
Emily & Kyle Colwell
Ted & Tish Corvino
Mike & Chris Cullen
Jennifer & Aaron Daley
Therese & Chris Dalton
Nicole & Ellen Dean
Philip & Ruth Deane
Gale Nono DeGuzman &
Peter Owen
Georgeann DiGiovanni
Erik & Cindy Donough
Mary Doody
Diane DuBrule
Rob & Heather Fraser
John & Allison Garde
David & Nancy Gates
Megan Gates &
William Whelan
Patrick & Heidi Griffiee
Robert Griner
Scot & Nancy Guempel
Paul Hackett
Doug & Katie Harter

Chris Hauck
H. Friedrich & Sally
Holzapfel
Melissa Honohan
Tom & Judy Honohan
Marie Hopkins
Mark & Beth Hopkins
Kathleen Hower &
Peter Munter
Han Huang &
Patricia Northrop
Jim & Barbara Hughes
Susan Ironside &
Andrew Moore
Ted & Karen Jamer
Charlie & Judy Jurgensen
Cheryl & Baldwin King
Wade & Linda Kirby
Michael Kostial
Steven Lane
David & Kelly Leach
Paul & Laura Lemaire
Norman & Martha Lewis
Maureen Link
David Lloyd & Mary Royer
Larry & Teddy Love
Jordan & Andrea Lynch
Ginger Maione
Donald & Alberta Marcy
Robert & Karen Martin
Jonathan & Susan Massey
Anne Matlack &
Jabez Van Cleef
Sherri Mayans
Judith McClellan
Beth & Tucker McKeever
Marthe & Michael McLinden
John & Mary McManus
Kathryn McManus
Barbara Million
John & Dot Mitchell
Anne Marie & Mike
Muldoon
Marilyn Musielski
Kirk & Sue Nixon
Joan Nolan
Nancy Nubel

Kirk & Peggy Oakes
Ken & Jolanta Peacock
Michael & Elizabeth Petite
Ruth Portela
Don Post & Jackie Lauria
Doris Purdy &
Ronald DeGroot
Eleanor Rawitz
Elven & Diane Riley
Franklin Ritt
Nancy Roddy
Kate & Anthony Rogers
Mary & Al Rooney
Janet Ross
Bruce Rudin
Patty Ruggles
Katherine & Robert Rummel
Mark Sacher
Doug & Mary Schaenen
Suzanne & Jonathan Shelby
Rick & Julie Sheppard
Mary Clair & Chris
Sonneman
Rich & Cindy Steffens
Jeffrey & Christa Stewart
Susan Strong
Sarah & Christopher Sullivan
Ethne Swartz
Hugh Symonds & Jane
Jermyn
Doug & Hilary Tabish
James & Ashely Thomas
Elizabeth Towle
James & Ruth Tranberg
Joanna Trimble
Scott & Evangeline Tross
Han-Hsien Tuan
John & Beverly Wand
Scott & Melissa Waterstredt
Theresa Wertheimer
Stephan & Raia Wielandy
Chris & Stacy Wilde
Elizabeth Williams
Miller Wood
Andy & Cali Yost
Marco & Susan Zarbin

Grace Prayer List

We pray for all who are in need, especially Monty, Stuart, Allen, David, Joan, Pam, Brian, Margaret, Robert, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Susan, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Brian, Dennis, Sue.

Grace Calendar Highlights

TODAY at 3PM Harmonium's *A Season of Blessings*, Morristown Presb. Tickets at door

Mon, Dec 15, Last day to submit names to office for *Tree of Light*

7PM, **Women's Book Group**, Library—*The Ride of Her Life*

Tues, Dec 16, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, *Bad Company*

Wed, Dec 17, 7PM, **Blue Christmas service**, Church. Reception in Grace Hall

Fri, Dec 19, 9:30AM, **AA Meeting**, Library

11AM, **Bible Study**, Library

Sat, Dec 20, 2:15PM, **5PM Service Bells Rehearsal**, Nieman Hall

3PM, **9PM Service Bells Rehearsal**, Nieman Hall

Sun, Dec 21, 4PM, **Advent Evensong**, followed by *Tree of Light*, Church

Mon, Dec 22, 6:30PM, **9PM Service Bells Rehearsal**, Nieman Hall

Tue, Dec 23, 4:30PM, **5PM Service Bells Rehearsal**, Nieman Hall

5PM, **Pageant Rehearsal**, Church

7:15PM, **Adult Choir Rehearsal**, Choir Room

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30PM, **Carols & Bells Prelude**, Church

5PM, **Festival Holy Eucharist with Nativity Pageant and Carols**, Church

8:30PM, **Carols & Bells Prelude**, Church

9PM, **Festival Holy Eucharist by Candlelight**, Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

10AM, **Festival Holy Eucharist with Carols**, Church

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