

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year B December 17, 2023, 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. Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

> We are honored to welcome the The Rev. John Mitchell as our presider, as he celebrates his 20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of John Charles Coulson by The Rev. Asa David Coulson.

> Children begin in service with their families, and will be invited to Sunday School by Miss Kathryn in Nieman Hall.

ENTRANCE RITE

Prelude		"Aberystwyth"	Paul Lindsey Thomas				
The people stand.							
PROCESSIONAL HYMN		"Watchman Tell Us" (Aberystwyth)	Hymnal 640				
OPENING A	BCP, p. 355						
CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.							
COLLECT I	Collect for Purity						
The Celebra	ant prays the Colle	ct, after which all respond Amer	1.				
Please remain standing as the Song of Praise is offered by the choir on behalf of the entire congregation.							
SONG OF PRAISE		"Rejoice" School Choirs	Richard Gieseke				
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 Communion. Nursery care is available for children through age 4.							
The people remain standing.							
THE COLL	ECT OF THE DA	Y	BCP, p. 212				
Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you. The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen .							
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD							
The people are seated for the readings.							
THE FIRST LESSON			Isaiah 61:1 -4, 8-11				
Lector	The Word of the	ne Lord.					

People Thanks be to God.

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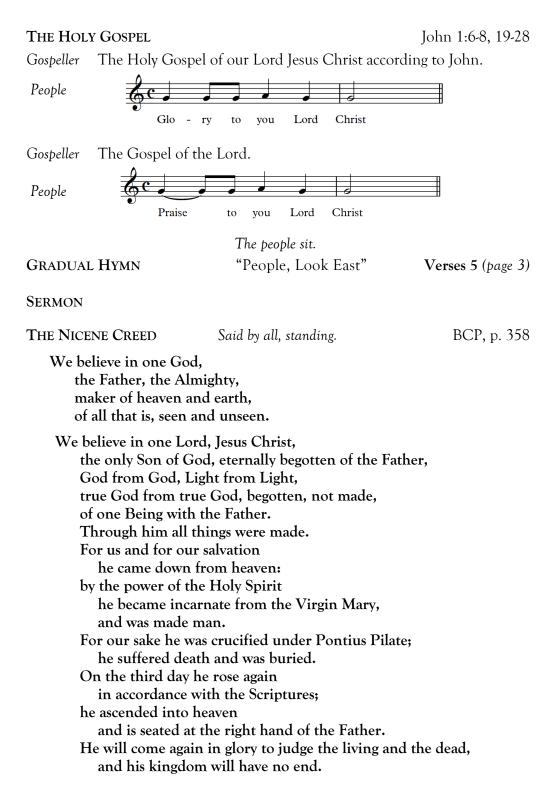
"Magnificat" Adult Choir

Orlando Gibbons

THE SECOND LESSON

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.





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 Hear our petition Lord, People respond And accept the earnest prayers of your people. Leader "...to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord." Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION	The people sit or kneel.	BCP, p. 360
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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

> The Peace will be exchanged with your neighbor verbally. The Sunday School children return to the sanctuary.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

"This is the Record of John" Jackie Lauria, alto; Adult Choir Orlando Gibbons



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

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	Hymnal 56
	(Veni Emmanuel)	Verses 5 & 6

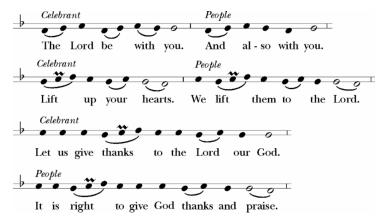
5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

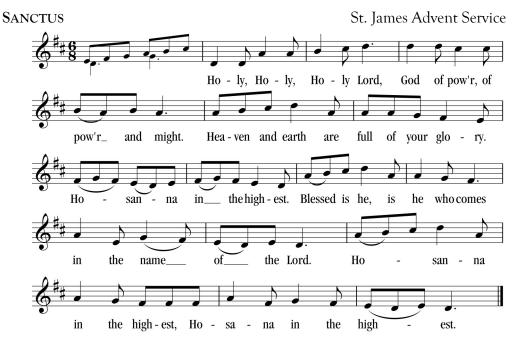
6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B Hymnal S-120, BCP, p. 367



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



Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God...

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise...

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

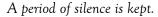


THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD





Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 permitted at this time. 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.

FRACTION ANTHEM	"Cherry Tree Carol " The Gargoyles	R. Vaughan Williams
COMMUNION MUSIC	"Magnificat" organ	J. P. Dandrieu

COMMUNION HYMN	"What is the Crying at Jordan?" (St. Mark's Berkely)	Hymnal 69				
The people stand.						
POST-COMMUNION PH	BCP, p. 365					
Celebrant Let us pray.						
Celebrant 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 Celebrant invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond Amen.						
RECESSIONAL HYMN	"Hark! a Thrilling Voice" (Merton)	Hymnal 59				
DISMISSAL The people are dismissed in the name of Christ. Response Thanks be to God.						
Postlude	"Hark! a Thrilling Voice" organ	Malcolm Archer				
Children (and others) are always welcome to watch at the organ console during the Postlude.						
Today's Prayers of The People were authored by Geoff Brooks.						

Thank you to those who have pledged to Grace in 2024.

received as of 12/13/23

Lauren Ackland Nancy Adamczyk Cynthia & Joe Barilla Dan & Madeline Baulig Curt & Mayan Beaudouin Ruth Bennet Bruce & Diane Bensley David & Wendy Berg Sue Bien Andy & Leigh Bolt Anne Bolt Nancy Boucher Linda Bowden Suzanne Bowles Geoff & Crary Brooks Betsy Brown Michael & Lou Ann Bugg Mark & Laura Burgess Gene Carpenter Chris & Melissa Ciolino Ken & Rosemarie Cole Ted & Tish Corvino Asa Coulson Mike & Chris Cullen Jennifer & Aaron Daley Bruce & Wendy Davies Nicole& Ellen Dean Philip & Ruth Deane The DelaCruz Family Georgeann DiGiovanni Erik & Cindy Donough Mary Doody Diane Du Brule John & Angela Finlay Rob & Heather Fraser Phillip Gaffnev & Linda Cameron John & Allison Garde David & Nancy Gates Megan Gates & Bill Whelan Patrick & Heidi Griffee Scot & Nancy Guempel Doug & Katie Harter Christopher Hauck Steve Hauge Melissa Honohan Tom & Judy Honohan Marie Hopkins Mark & Beth Hopkins Maria & Nathaniel Horton Han Huang & Patricia Northrop Timothy Hussey Susan Ironside & Andrew Moore Don Post & Jackie Lauria Ted & Karen Jamer Thomas Judd Charlie & Judy Jurgensen Helen King The King Family Wade & Linda Kirby Michael Kostial Robert & Mary Frances Leamer Paul & Laura Lemaire Norman & Martha Lewis Mike & Francine Ling Maureen Link David & Mary Royer Lloyd Larry & Teddy Love Ginger Maione Donald & Alberta Marcy Robert & Karen Martin Jonathan & Susan Massey Anne Matlack & Jabez Van Cleef Kevin & Joanne McCarthy Judith McClellan Beth & Tucker McKeever Marthe & Michael McLinden John & Dot Mitchell Barb & Monty Montague Mike & Anne Marie Muldoon

Kathleen Hower & Peter Munter Marilyn Musielski Kirk & Sue Nixon Joan Nolan Ed & Wendy Nunn Kirk & Peggy Oakes Peter & Kelly Ostberg Sam & Heather Partridge Ken & Jolanta Peacock Michael & Elizabeth Petite Paul & Sandra Petrell Ruth Portela Peggy Potter Crary Reynolds Bill & Carol Rice Elven & Diane Riley Nancy Roddy Mary & Al Rooney Janet Ross Bruce Rudin Patty Ruggles Mark Sacher Bruce & Patti Sanford Doug & Mary Schaenen Suzanne & Jonathan Shelby Rich & Cindy Steffens Jeffery & Christa Stewart Ethne Swartz Hugh Symonds & Jane Jermyn Doug & Hilary Tabish John & Christina Tonzola James & Ruth Tranberg Evangeline & Scott Tross Stephan & Raia Wielandy Chris & Stacy Wilde Miller Wood Andy & Cali Yost Marco & Susan Zarbin Brian & Megan Zietsman

Grace Calendar Highlights

See www.gracemadison.org for more details.

Tuesday, December 19 Pageant Rehearsal 5PM Dinner, 6PM Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 20 10:30-11:30AM, Adult Bible Study 11:30AM Spoken Eucharist, Chapel 7PM Blue Christmas, Church

Thursday, December 21 7:15PM Chori Rehearsal

Friday, December 22 3:30PM Combined Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 24

10AM Advent 4, Choral Mass (one morning service) 4:30PM Christmas Eve Music, 5PM Nativity Pageant 8:30PM Christmas Eve Music, 9PM Choral Mass

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 10AM Choral Mass (one service)

OUTREACH

Angel Tree Wrapped gifts need to be delivered to the church by Friday, Dec. 22. Recipients of gifts are clients of the Center for Evaluation and Counseling. Thank you for your generosity!



Undies for Advent— we are collecting undergarments for both men and women: underwear, tee shirts and sports bras, size L-2XL. Donations need to be delivered to Nieman Annex by Christmas Eve. Thank you!



Read about the music in our service today on Dr. Anne's blog www.annematlack.wordpress.com

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Holy Eucharist Services Sunday 8AM & 10AM Wednesday 11:30AM

Morning Prayer Wednesday & Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

Clergy

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector* The Rev. Asa David Coulson, *Associate*

Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, Organist & Director of Choirs Camille Bourland, Children's Choirs Linda Bowden, Chapel Choir Matthew North, The Gargoyles Director William Marinovic, Meredith McKeever, Henri Wielandy, Head Choristers

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