

#### Welcome

Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world.

### For more information

- Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail.
- Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.

The Third Sunday of Advent HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Voluntary

Wachet auf, ruft uns Stimme, BWV 645

Welcome & Announcements

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

December 15, 2024

10:30А.М.

## All stand. **Hymn 640**



Words: John Bowring (1792–1872) Music: Aberystwyth, Joseph Parry (1841–1903)

## THE WORD OF GOD

## **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins; People His mercy endures for ever.

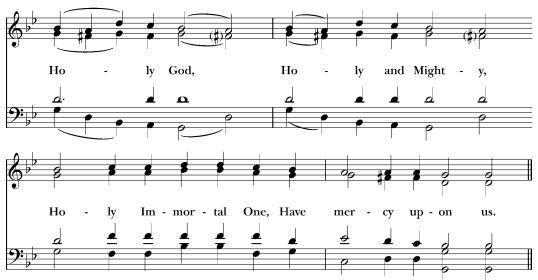
## The Collect for Purity

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

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### Trisagion

Sung three times



Setting: Ver. Hymnal 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

## The Collect of the Day

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.

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.** 

Children desiring to go to Children's Chapel may join the procession.

# The people are seated for the lessons. **The Lessons**

Zephaniah 3:14-20

**Bill Campbell** 

Tone VII

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by the Choir Canticle 9

Polyphonic alternatim after Leonhard Schroeter (c. 1532–1601); arr. Fred Goff (b. 1952)

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.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### All stand. Hymn 64 Ο Light, 1 heaven ly Word, e ter - nal be - got - ten -2 pour light and fire our up on us from а bove, 3 draw - est and when, as judge, thou nigh the se - crets 4 0 let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en \*5То God the Fa ther, God the Son, and God the ø 1 of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat days ter wast 2 hearts with dent love, that, truth ar \_ as we hear thy to -3 hid - den of our hearts try, rec om pense each to to --4 from thy face last, but with thy saints for at ev\_ er - $\mathbf{5}$ Spi praise, hon might, and glo -\_ rit, ev \_ er One, or. ry -6 0 1 born for bless - ing to world for lorn; а 2 day, all wrong de sires may burn way; а 3 sin and bid the saints their reign be gin; 4 more be - hold thee, love and dore. thee, а $\mathbf{5}$ be from age to ter nal ly. age e -

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. Hymnal 1982

Music: O Heiland, reiss, melody from Rheinfelsisches Deutsches Catholisches Gesangbuch, 1666

#### Luke 3:7-18

## GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. R. Lynn Hooks

## The Nicene Creed

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 - Form I

Leader With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People



*Leader* For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.*People* Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Leader For Sandy, Frank, Dean, Barbara, Harry, Karleen, and those on our prayer list, let us pray to the Lord. People



*Leader* For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Shirley LeBlanc, Jeffrey Samson, Sheila Feigley, Tricia, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

*Leader* In the communion of St. James, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People



## The Confession & Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

#### Celebrant and People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen. Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## All stand. **The Peace**

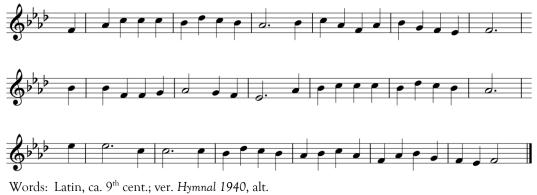
CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

## Offertory Anthem

Music: Otto Goldschmidt (1929-1907) Words: William Bartholomew (1793-1867)

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace, as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race: It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter, turning our darkness into light. This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring; the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing; our God of endless might gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

## Hymn at the Presentation



Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel, plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811–1890)

- 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. *Refrain*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

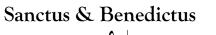
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

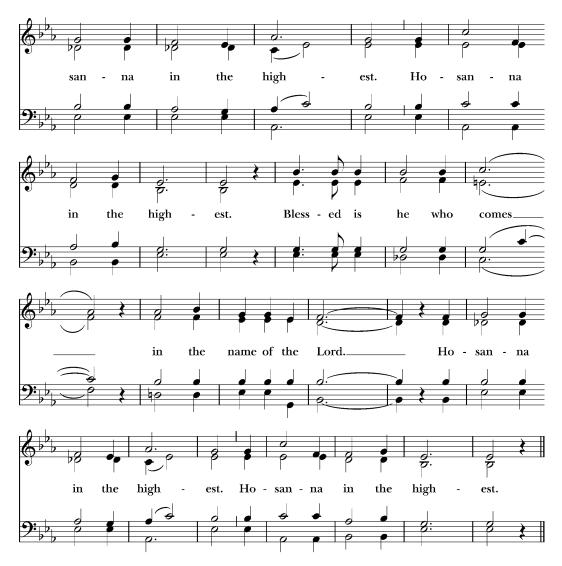
Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Setting: From Deutsche Messe, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

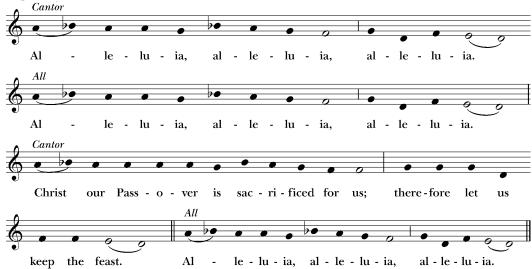
## The Lord's Prayer

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

#### Celebrant and People

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



Setting: From Missa orbis factor; Plainsong, Tonus Peregrinus; arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

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.]

Please notify an usher to have Eucharist brought to you.

## Hymn 69

What is the crying at Jordan?

## The people may stand or kneel The Postcommunion Prayer

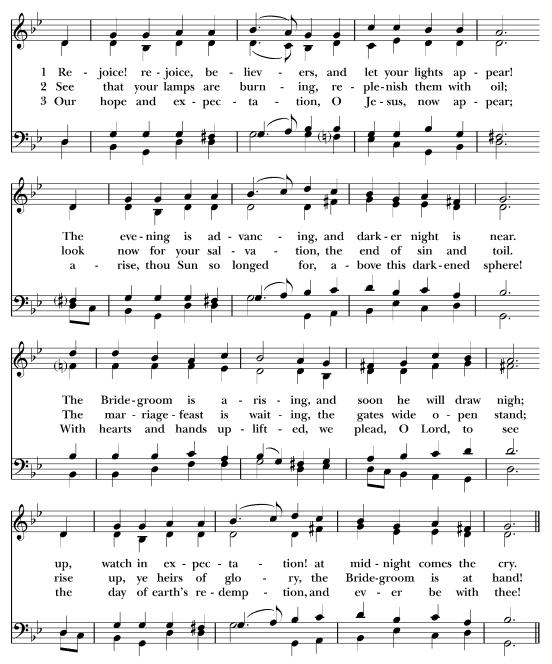
Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen. St. Mark's, Berkeley

## The Blessing

## Hymn 68



Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: Llangloffan, melody from , melody from Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Hghymru, 1865

## The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

## Voluntary

Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

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