

# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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# THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

Merton

*Descant*

2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end-ing a - ges run.

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## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The people standing,, the Celebrant chants*

*Celebrant*

Bless-ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

*People*

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A-men.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

### *The Celebrant says*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

### *The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

### *Minister 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.

### *The Priest stands and says*

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.

*The following is sung, all standing or kneeling.*

## KYRIE

Schubert/Proulx

The musical score is for a Kyrie, set to the tune of Schubert/Proulx. It consists of three systems of music, each with a Soprano and Bass line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, Christ, have mer - cy." The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating long notes.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord,

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord,-

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let 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.*

## THE LESSONS

*The people sit.*

### FIRST READING

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

*Reader* 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.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     Thanks be to God.

## THE RESPONSE

## Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah

*Ecce, Deus*

*Remain seated.*

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.



*Reader* 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN

## Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

*Herald, Sound*


1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and  
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is  
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -  
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our

wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness  
 here; make a path - way through the des - ert  
 given; God re - ceives his way - ward child - ren,  
 life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,

*Refrain*  
 till once more we sing the song.  
 for the one who brings God near.  
 and to them new life is given. Sound the trum - pet!  
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.

Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

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## THE GOSPEL

## Luke 3:7-18

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of Our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People* Glory 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.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

Mother Mindy Valentine Davis

## THE NICENE CREED

*Said in unison.*

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

*All remain standing.*

*Leader* Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Surely, it is God who saves us; therefore, we joyfully pray to the Lord, "God our salvation: thank you."

Though hindered by our sins and in need of your bountiful grace and mercy, you never leave us. You are ever in our midst. Renew your Church in love. God our salvation: *Thank you.*

Make your deeds known among the people, O God. Save the lame; gather the outcast. May the exiles know home and all people know your peace. Silence  
God our salvation: *Thank you.*

May your springs of salvation renew the earth. Heal our planet and restore in us a sense of responsibility and gratitude. Silence  
God our salvation: *Thank you.*

Merciful God, in this month of great excess and consumerism, call the financial and business communities to act justly and generously. Grant that those without coats be clothed and those without food be fed. Silence  
God our salvation: *Thank you.*

O God, you have done great things. With thankful hearts we pray to you for those burdened by shame, grief, or weakness. Be for them a stronghold and a sure defense. We especially pray for .... *Add your intercessions silently or aloud.*  
God our salvation: *Thank you.*

God our salvation, gather us, with all those who have died, into your sacred heart. Grant us to sing your praises for all eternity. Silence  
God our salvation: *Thank you.*

### CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## THE PEACE

*All stand.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Lord, I Want You to Touch Me

Martha E. Banks

Lord, I want you to touch me, Touch me with

Thy ho - ly love. Lord, come down and

touch me. Come down from heav - en a - bove.

Lord, reach out and touch me.

Reach out and touch me with - in, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord,

let good-ness touch me, Thy touch will cleanse me from

**Fine**

sin. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Some folks want trea - sures of sil - ver and  
2. Teach me to love \_\_\_\_\_ and teach me to

1. gold, Some want to reign \_\_\_\_\_ with pow - ers un - told;  
2. pray, Grant me a light \_\_\_\_\_ to shine day by day;

1. But in my life, \_\_\_\_\_ all that I can say,  
2. Just to a - bide \_\_\_\_\_ where joys nev - er cease

**D.C.**

1. Lord, be my guide \_\_\_\_\_ and have thine own way.  
2. Will be great joy, \_\_\_\_\_ such com - fort and ease.

## DOXOLOGY

\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer A

### SURSUM CORDA

*The People stand.*

*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, ——— Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, ——— hea - ven and earth are

full, ——— full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The People stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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...



**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People and Celebrant*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*A period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



## AGNUS DEI

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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*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.

*The Bread is given to communicants with these words:*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. Amen.

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,  
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn  
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,  
 and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;  
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place  
 and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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.

### ADVENT BLESSING

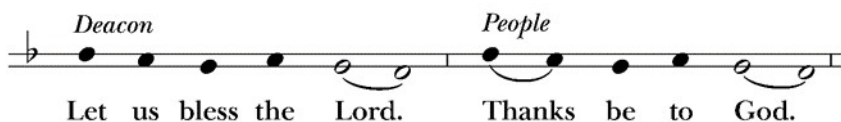
May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. *Amen.*

### DISMISSAL



### RECESSIONAL HYMN

(See Page 18)

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach— us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

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*Our worship has concluded. Your Service Begins.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PLEDGE CARDS**—Please return your pledge card as soon as possible. Even if you do not plan on pledging, it helps us to have a pledge card on file for each family. If you did not receive a pledge card, or if you have any questions, please contact Mother Mindy or one of the Stewardship Committee: Cole Jones, Terrie Knox, or Breck McHenry. Thank you in advance for being generous of your time, talent, and treasure.

**FOOD PANTRY**—St. Peter's is serving at the Fort Atkinson Food Pantry all month. If you can help on Mondays and/or Thursdays from 3:00–5:30, please contact Laurie McHenry.

**ADVENT STUDY**—There is one last Advent Class this Tuesday, December 14. We will have an in person session here at the church at 11:00 AM and a Zoom session at 6:30PM. One does not have to have read the accompanying book in order to take part in the book study.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**—The final day to return Christmas flower envelopes to have the memorial noted in Christmas Bulletins is next Sunday, December 19. We will still gladly accept Christmas flower donations, but the memorials will not be noted if received after December 19.

**VESTRY MEETING**—Vestry meetings are open to all parishioners. If you would like the Zoom link for this Wednesday's vestry meeting, please let the office or Mother Mindy know.



**THANK YOU!!**—A huge thank you to the St. Peter's community that made the Cookie Cupboard so successful!! Thank you to all who planned, baked, packaged, bought, and told others about the sale.

## PRAYERS

Parishioner Cycle of prayer: Brad and Liz Collins

Ministry Rotation of Prayer: Meals on Wheels

Happy Birthday:

Happy Anniversary:

For those who are sick: Kitty, Bob, Jerry, Jack, Gary, Vickie, Joleen,  
Christine, Charlie, Cynthia, Kristin,



## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### Monday, December 13–Friday, December 17

8:00 AM—Morning Prayer in the Gathering Room

### Tuesday, December 14—Ecumenical Advent Study

11:00 AM—In-Person Advent Study at St. Peter's

6:30 PM—Advent Study via Zoom

6:00 PM Wednesday, December 15—Vestry Meeting  
On Zoom

### Sunday, December 19

10:00 AM Sunday In-Person Eucharist and Virtual Service

5:00 PM Evening Prayer Premieres on YouTube

**Last Day to Turn in Christmas Flower Envelopes  
for Memorials to be noted in Christmas bulletins**

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT ST. PETER'S



### Friday, December 24

9:00 PM Carol Sing

9:30 PM Christmas Eve Service

### Saturday, December 25

9:00 AM Christmas Day Service

### Sunday, December 26

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist



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