

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

Advent 3
December 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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Prelude Partita on "Hark! The glad sound!" Robert Benson

Opening Hymn "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" Hymnal #76

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

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

Advent Wreath Lighting & Kyrie

A short reading introduces the candle lighting:

What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.
But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.
For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Matthew 11:7b-10

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.**

Psalmody: Isaiah 12:2-26 The First Song of Isaiah
The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
 for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.
³With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation. ***Antiphon***

And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on Gods name;
 make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the Lord, who has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *Antiphon*

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The Second Lesson

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)

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.**

Sequence Hymn

”Rejoice! Rejoice, believers”

Hymn #68

The Gospel

(Luke 3:7-18)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Eggert

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

**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.**

Prayers of the People

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world, praying "Come, O Lord, and save us".

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Matthew our own Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present, and to the staff, volunteers and guests of the Hospitality Center and Racine Vocational Ministries; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this

and every land, especially Joseph the President of the United States, Tony the Governor of Wisconsin, Cory the Mayor of Racine, and all those who have been elected to office, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

We give thanks to thee for all the blessings of our lives, [especially: _____]. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Luke, blessed James DeKoven, all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. We pray unto thee:

Come, O Lord, and save us.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Minister then says one the following sentence, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture

Worthy art thou, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and by thy will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

Offertory

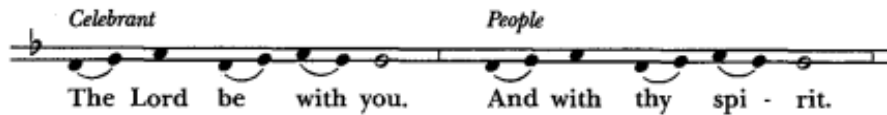
“Psalm 80”

Emma Lou Diemer

Inspired by a verse from the Psalms for Advent: “Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!” and an Advent hymn tune found at hymn 67.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant *People*



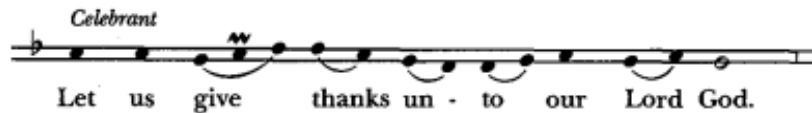
The Lord be with you, And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*



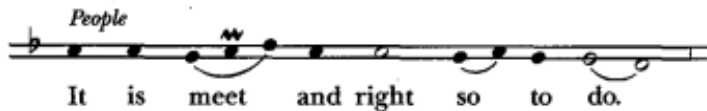
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People



It is meet and right so to do.


Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus


from "Missa Emmanuel"

Cantor, then all:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might.

Cantor:



Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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

All:




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

Cantor:



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.




Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the

All:



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



est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Missa Emmanuel*, Richard Proulx, © 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image . . .

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee,
O Father Almighty, world without end.

Cantor, then all:

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of a single melodic line with a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics 'A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.' are written below the notes.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb). It consists of a single melodic line with a repeat sign at the end. The lyrics are written below the notes.

from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Fraction Agnus Dei from “*Missa Emmanuel*”

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept

Cantor

1. Je - sus, wis - dom and might - y Lord:
2. Je - sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: you take a - way the sins of the world,
3. De - sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el:
1.2. *All* have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. 3. *All* grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

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.

In the Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the table of the Lord. If you have been baptized in any Christian tradition, you may receive communion. If you have not been baptized, you are welcome to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you would like to receive a blessing or to indicate that you do not want to receive the bread or wine.

Post-communion Prayer

Please kneel or stand

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant (Name), we send you out to share Communion this week with (Name).

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Celebrant May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn "Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes" Hymnal #72

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Toccata on "Hark! the glad sound " Paul Bouman

We welcome you in the name of the Risen Lord. Please join us for fellowship in Simpson Hall immediately following the service – coffee, juice, and snacks are available.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

ACOLYTE: Michelle and Sofia Reyes

ALTAR GUILD: Tricia Frost, Darice Griffin

FIRST READER: Cindy Ganzel

SECOND READER: Hazel Dickfoss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Becky Turk

CANTOR: Jim Cook

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY: Judy Panyk

USHERS: Becky Turk, Mike Dillon

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR HOST: Men of the Church

NEXT WEEK COFFEE HOUR HOST: Vestry

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

For those who are Sick or in Need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill,
Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele

Homebound Barbara, Jeanne

For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee

Hospitality Center

Racine Vocational Ministry

The DeKoven Center

For the Church: In the World

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti

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Special Offering

Cash or checks in the offering that are not designated for regular needs will be given to the following **Racine Vocational Ministries**. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.

Today's **Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God

We look forward to your presence at St. Luke's, Racine

December 15 – Haiti Partnership Bake and Craft Fair

December 24 - Christmas Eve service will be at 4pm

Salvation Army Angel Tags

The people of St. Luke's have participated in the Salvation Army Angel Tree program for close to 40 years. Local families are referred to the Salvation Army for help providing Christmas gifts. Angel tags are printed for each child and include age, gender, and desired Christmas gift.

· You can help by taking an Angel tag, purchasing a gift, and returning it to St. Luke's by Sunday, December 15, 2024.

· Suggested amount to spend is \$25. Please return all gifts unwrapped and place in the sacristy.

· If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, please contact Cindy Ganzel and she will gladly shop on your behalf

The gifts will be taken to the Salvation Army in Racine by the deadline for pickup by the Angel families.

Thank you for helping to brighten the life of a Racine child this Christmas!

The Haiti Partnership Bake Sale and Craft Fair is Back!

Date: Sunday, December 15

Time: Following the 10 am Worship Service

Place: Simpson Hall

The following will be available for sale:

- Baked goods
- Haiti Singing Rooster coffee
- Haitian metal art- including ornaments and Christmas items

All proceeds will go to the Haiti Partnership to support St. Marc's School in Jeanette, Haiti, which includes the school lunch program, health clinic, and clean water initiatives. You can help by providing baked goods to sell, purchasing baked goods, Haitian art or coffee, or donating to the cause as you are able. Thank you!!

Updating Directory

We are starting to update our Parish directory. Please call or e-mail Martha at the church office with any changes to your contact information. Thank you!

Christmas Flowers and Music

The gorgeous poinsettias on the altar at Christmas are only possible through the generosity of parishioners and parish groups. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones, please make out a check to St. Luke's and put "Christmas Flowers" on memo line. Envelopes are available, or you can mail your donation to the parish office. Please be sure to include the names of person(s) and/or the reason (thanksgiving or memorial) the flowers are being given. Donations towards the music program and Christmas singers are also welcome. Please indicate if the donation is for Christmas flowers, Christmas music, or to split between both. Thank you!

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