

St. John's Episcopal Church
A Parish of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan
Third Sunday of Advent, Year B
December 13, 2020
Morning Prayer: Rite II

Worship Leader: Becky Foster

Lector: Kathy Wagester Music Director: Kitty Underwood

Lighting of the Advent Wreath
 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" vs 5, 6

Insert
 Hymnal H-56

Opening Hymn: "The King Shall Come"

Hymnal H-73

Opening Sentence

BCP 78

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

The Invitatory and Psalter:

BCP 80

Antiphon

BCP 81

The Invitatory: "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"

P-180

Canticle 15-The Song of Mary

Insert

The Lessons:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Insert

The First Song of Isaiah (sung, seated)

Hymnal H-679

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Insert

"Glorify thy Name"

Insert

The Third Lesson: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Insert

Sermon/Sermon Reflection:

Becky Foster

The Apostles' Creed (standing)

BCP 96

The Prayers (kneeling or standing)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 97

Suffrage A or B

BCP 97 or 98

Collect of the Day: BCP 211

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.

Collects and Prayers BCP 98

The Prayers of the People Form I BCP 383

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

The Peace BCP 360

Announcements, Birthdays, and Anniversaries
Prayers are found in the back of the Book of Common Prayer

Offertory Sentence BCP 376-7

Offertory "Celtic Advent Carol" Choir
 Arr. Michael Barrett

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Grace BCP 102

Closing Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" Hymnal H-76

The Dismissal
The Peoples' Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

FYI – BCP Book of Common Prayer (red book). H – Hymnal 1982 (blue book). HS – service music (first section) Hymnal 1982 (blue) P – Praise (green spiral bound). LEVAS – Lift Every Voice and Sing (red & black).

Readings for next Sunday, December 20: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38

Literary Notes: The famous poem *The Night Before Christmas* (1823), was written by Clement C. Moore, who was a theology professor at General Theological Seminary in New York. Founded in 1817, GTS is the oldest seminary of the Episcopal Church. The poem's actual title is *A Visit from St. Nicholas*.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
“Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!”

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Home Visitations: 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month – afternoons

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Acolytes – Sherry Wagner

Altar Care (Guild/Flowers) – Kitty Underwood

Card Ministry – Kathy Wagester

Linked Hearts – Mary Cameron

Teen Outreach – Russ Underwood

Prayer Circle – Yvonne Malinich

Prayer Shawls – Dianne Bishop

Ushers – John Malinich

Third Sunday of Advent

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of **HOPE** and the candle of **PEACE**.

Now we light the third candle of Advent.

This is the candle of **JOY**. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth.

From the Book of Isaiah, we read the words of our Lord:

“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.”

-Isaiah 65:18

Let us pray together:

We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit.

Amen



The Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Canticle 15-The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his
Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for
ever. *Amen.*

This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."

December 2020
Prayer List: Family, Friends, and Members
12/13/2020

Derek & Maria Ames-Caretakers for Evelyn Sunich-Covid 19
Nancy Bade-Friend of Margaret Smith-Successful knee surgery
Dianne Bishop-Prayers for a good diagnosis and for healing
Kyle Bishop - grandson of Dave Bishop - for healing
Isaac-7-year-old grandson of a friend of the Buszek Family, for a
Critical brain injury.
Kathleen and Richard Buszek - for healing and care giving.
Joe Childers-Friend of the Malinich's, For healing.
Connie-Friend of Linda Neros-for continued good health
Robin Daugherty-Prayers for healing
Jonah Debusk-Heart murmur
Danny DeLisa-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Recovering from Brain Tumor
Bob & Sharon Deriemaecker-for comfort over the loss of their son
Jace
Rita Downing-Friend of Dianne Bishop- Liver Cancer
Dzingle Family-Friends of Sherry Wagner-House fire
C. Fay-Recovering from Brain Surgery
Blake Ellen-from Wes Wagester; infant with cardiac problems
Melissa Fettig - (Eleana's daughter), her lifetime partner
Robert, and their daughter Harper - for peace.
Steve & Karen Globowski-Friends of Margaret Smith-Strength and
comfort as they deal with Steve's Dementia.
Sally Granger - for healing and relief from pain.
Judy Gray - for successful treatment of skin cancer.
Mary Halfpenny - dear friend of the Miller's - cancer.
Jane Harlow-For healing
Leann Hessel-friend of Mary Cameron; Breast Cancer
Bob Hollis-Friend of Sherry Wagner-Healing from diabetic infection
Herman Houser-Friend of Dianne Bishop: Stomach Cancer
Beth Huffman-Friend of Kitty Underwood; Brain Tumor
Joe Janiga-friend of Wes Wagester, Entering Marine Boot Camp
Rick Kerner-Friend of Wes- Recovering from Stroke
Rich Kirsh-Friend of Sherry Petrie
Chris Landis-Nephew John & Yvonne Malinich-for healing
Justus Lengemann-Friend of Rev Tom-recovery from open heart
surgery
Gary Malhado - brother of Sue Thornton - for healing, strength,
and peace.
Kathy Navarro - sister of Eleana Fettig - for peace & healing.
Rev. Ann Norton-for healing and strength
Jerry Parka-Friend of Corinne Fry-Pancreatic Cancer

Sarah Parks-Rector, Grace Lapeer-fighting cancer
Ronnie Rappuhn-Friend of John & Yvonne for healing
Austin Reed-friend of Connie Ogg, recovery from surgery &
staph infection
Anne Shenck-Friend of Corrine-for healing
Julia Shenck-Friend of Corrine Fry for healing
Cindy Shimp-Becky Foster's sister-in-law-Healing of Cancer
Kathy Shipp-for healing from cancer. Sherry Boyden's sister
Jerry Spoonmore-Friend of Sherry Petrie
Kari Stark - stepsister of Kitty Underwood - Comfort for MS.
Elizabeth Colavincenzo Swan-Priest in Davison; Comfort over her loss.
Rev. Nancy Steele-For healings from Skin Cancer
Sally Thiede-Friend of Sherry Boyden-for strength & healing
Sue Thornton - for peace.
Kitty Underwood-for healing and strength
Chris Volvero - nephew of the Millers - cancer is in remission.
Wes Wagester- For healing.
Mark Wagner-Successful Surgery
James Walker-PTSD from 2 tours in Iraq
Carl "Pete" Weidner - friend of Wagester's - for healing.
Melanie White-Liver transplant
Michaela Wolford-friends of the Wagester
family as she recovers from an accident
Tim Wright - Continued healing
Our home parishioners: Eleana Fettig and Harvey Taylor, Donna Lou
Haynes, Evelyn Sunich, Helen Thiemkey,
Those in Service to our country: Dylan Anderson, Devin Black, John
Hodgeman, John McNary, Glenn Miller, Jennifer Tedlie, John Eric
Watson, Kyle Goodman, Ray Nairn, Jacquelyn Focarelli, Michael
Focarelli, Jared Turnipseed, their families, Dr. Derrick Willsey, and all
military chaplains.
The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Grace Church, Traverse City and St.
Barnabas, Portage
The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
Offerings for 12/06/2020: \$1604 including \$70.00 for Gift Baskets for
Linked Hearts
THIS WEEK:
Tuesday and Friday-Office open 10:00-2:00
Tuesdays at 4pm through 12/22,-*Advent Class*
Wednesdays, 4pm-Bible Study
Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. - AA in the parish hall
Upcoming-Christmas Cookie Exchange, Dec 19,
Virtual Longest Night Worship Service-Monday, Dec. 21, 7 pm
Lesser Feasts & Fasts, Dec. 13th, Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304