

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12, 2021

8:00 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Prayer Book

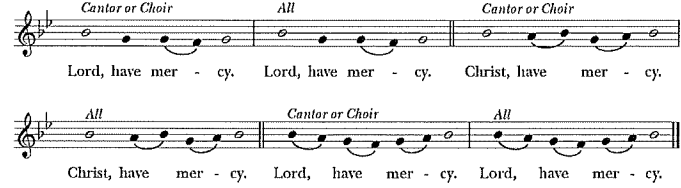
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New Testament Reading: Philippians 4:4-7	
The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18	
Before the Gospel the people respond: <i>Glory be to thee, O Lord.</i>	
After the Gospel the people respond: <i>Praise be to thee, O Christ.</i>	
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10:30 A.M. THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Hymnal

Prayer Book

	Voluntary: <i>Veni, Emmanuel</i> ; Flor Peeters; <i>Veni Emmanuel</i> ; Philip Moore	
	Introit: Advent Wreath Prayer No. 3; Malcolm Archer	
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	The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18	
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	The Dismissal (The people respond: <i>Thanks be to God.</i>)	
	Voluntary: <i>La Réjoissance</i> ; from <i>Music from Royal Fireworks</i> , HWV351; G. F. Handel	

Celebrants: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth; The Rev. Lisa Frost-Phillips
Preacher: The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth
Acting Director of Music & Organist: Dr. Jason Wright
Guest Musicians: Alissa Roca, *soprano*; Ann Emery, *violin*
Readers: Kate Wisz (8:00); David McDuffie, Kate Wisz (10:30)
Ushers: the Tiani family (8:00); Sam & Maria Costello (10:30)
Nursery Attendant: Jane Fischer; Nursery Volunteer: Carolyn Parsley (10:30)
Coffee Hour Host: Sonja Tilley (8:00); Diane Fitzpatrick (10:30)
Altar Guild: Ellen McRae, Phyllis Wright
IT Guild: Video: Sam Bush; Zoom Master: Bob Shelton; Zoom Host: Mary Rocap

This Week's Schedule (More Information is on the "This Week at St. Matthew's" weekly e-mail)

Sunday (12/12): Advent Three

- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite I (church); 8:00am followed by Coffee Hour
- Education Hour: Sunday Forum, Godly Play, Growing in Christ, Youth
- Choir; 9:15am
- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II (church AND linked with Worship Zoom); 10:30am
- Advent Lessons & Carols (church); 4:00pm
- Youth Devotional Writing; 4:00pm

Monday (12/13):

- Education for Ministry; 6:30pm
- Bereavement Workshop; 6:30pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (12/14):

- Morning Silence (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- Vestry; 6:00pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (12/15):

- Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- Holy Eucharist (church); Noon
- Newsletter deadline; 5:00pm
- Choir; 7:00pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (12/16):

- Monthly Breakfast Group (Meeting Zoom); 8:30pm
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (12/17):

- Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom); 8:00am
- Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Sunday (12/19): Advent Four

- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite I (church); 8:00am followed by Coffee Hour
- Education Hour: Sunday Forum, Godly Play, Growing in Christ, Youth
- Choir; 9:15am
- In-Person Holy Eucharist, Rite II (church AND linked with Worship Zoom); 10:30am
- Pageant Rehearsal; 1:00pm
- Youth Group Christmas Party; 5:00pm

Please remain fully masked for the duration of the church service. You may sit with your family or with friends (if all are vaccinated), otherwise please maintain social distancing.

FEEDING GOD'S PEOPLE FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Welcome to St. Matthew's. We hope while you are here you will be nourished, welcomed, and sustained. We consider St. Matthew's a place of hospitality, peace, and renewal, where people can come to be fed through worship and the sacraments; through the care and compassion of our members; through our welcome of the stranger in our midst; through our service to the larger community of Hillsborough and the world. We invite you to be part of the feast.

TODAY

Nursery Care for children five and under is provided from 7:55-11:45am in the Nursery on the top floor of the Hayden Building.

The flowers on the altar are given by Glenn Sumner to the glory of God and in memory of her parents, Eugene & Rhona Geddings.

Advent Wreath Prayer Text: *Blessed are you, Sovereign, Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory forever! Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Savior and King of the ages. Blessed by God forever.*

Anthem Text: *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion: shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee. He is the righteous Saviour, and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.*

Advent Lessons & Carols, this afternoon at 4:00pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN GENERAL

Poinsettia Distribution throughout the Parish: This year, we are going to send 35 of the poinsettias used to decorate the church to parishioners unable to attend service because of COVID. Please sign up to be a St. Matthew's Poinsettia Deliverer. It will be a blessing for so many in the parish. Sign up outside Mary's office. We will assign you a delivery the week before Christmas.

Help for the Holiday's: A Bereavement Workshop Offered by Jehanne Gheith: Jehanne, a trained bereavement counselor, will lead two workshops that offer grief education through interactive activities and some co-creation of strategies for the holidays and some— what she thinks of as— containers for the pain of missing someone you love who has died. These workshops will be Monday, December 13 and Tuesday, January 11, 6:30-8:00pm. You may come to both (they will be different from one another), or just to one (they don't depend on each other). To sign up, or if you have questions, please email Jehanne at gheith7@me.com. The workshops will be hybrid: please let her know if you will be coming in person or on Zoom.

Advent Devotional Booklet created by St. Matthew's Youth: This year in their online youth small groups, they learned about devotional writing from Amy Peterson and spent some time reflecting on the Advent gospel readings. Out of this small group series they created an Advent Devotional for St. Matthew's to use during Advent! Gospel reflections and artwork submitted by four of our youth (Ada Catherine, Emmaline Phillips, Tea Jones, and Madi Swain) as well as two youth friends Kate Wisz and Yvonne Petitmaire. Thank you to all who submitted to make this amazing Advent resource. Pick up a copy of this devotional outside Mary's office!

Christmas Poinsettia Donations: We welcome financial contributions in any amount to help with the cost of decorating the church for Christmas. If you wish to make the donation in memory or honor of someone, please provide that information with your donation by Monday, December 20 to the church office. The Flower Donation Binder is on the credenza in the Parish House foyer.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and help. Please let Mary Ann Plambeck or Kathy von St. Paul know if you are coming. Contributions of greenery are much appreciated! And it helps to bring clippers as well. Thank you.

Orange Congregations in Mission: Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. We have collected 50 cans so far this month; 125 to go. You can bring your donated cans to the church anytime.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant & Festival Holy Eucharist

9:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with Prelude beginning at 8:30 (plus Zoom)

This service includes choral anthems, congregational hymns, and works for strings and organ.

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite One *(with music)*

First Sunday after Christmas, December 26

10:00 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols

No Education Programs at 9:15

ST. MATTHEW'S PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Mildred Pruessing, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Ludie White, Robert Locke, Carol Parrent, Janice Stratton, Kathy Coward, Suzanne Powers, Sandy McBride, Ed & Mary Ann Southern, Jim Burton, Rich Harris, Nancy & Don Harris, Jackie Weatherspoon, and Glenn Sumner.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Betsy Zaragoza, Harry Dula, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Chip Joyner, John Logan, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Bob, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Jeannine Beardslee, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, Karl & Janice Eicher, Coleman Sale, Boardman Lloyd, Bill, Andy, Drew, Sean Turnell, Sally Weaver, Joe Barnes, Millie Hinkle, Benny Whitted, Jayne Jackson, the Burdette family: Mary Beth, Joel, & Amy, Sandra Marks, Melanie Maupin, the Tuckers and Spurlocks, Doug and Robbie Harnish, Vi Rancer, Judy Hogberg, Kenan Wright, Will Griffin, Mike Morris, Reece, Harlon, Jim Hill, Donna, Anita Salazar and her family, Janet Case, and Pastor Donald Holman.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord will come and will not keep silent, gathering us into the kingdom of his love. In confidence that the turmoil of the present age will usher in the new order of God's reign and dominion, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Channel our vision, Holy God, that the perplexities of this age may call forth our creative response as we await the age to come; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, O God, and put on the armor of light, that we may be signs of hope to the hungry, the homeless, and all who live with anxiety about their future; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Eternal Wisdom, pour upon the leaders of this nation and every nation wise judgment needed and awaken them to the truth and power of your word; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God of Hope, bless those who are sick and suffering with your healing and wholeness, especially Mildred, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Laura, Sandra, Ludie, Robert, Joseph, Carol, Janice, Kathy, Suzanne, Sandy, Ed & Mary Ann, Jim, Rich, Nancy & Don, Jackie, and Glenn; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Be with those who have died, Gracious God, especially Eugene & Rhona in whose memory the flowers are given; Janet Bridges, the mother of George Bridges; and Joe Wisz, the father-in-law of Kate Wisz. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort all who grieve; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God-with-us, your presence in our lives continues to bless us abundantly and we offer to you our prayers of thanksgiving. May we ever be grateful and bless others as we have received; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

God of earthly rhythms, arouse us to the movements of the natural order and to the spiritual voices of this Advent season, instilling within us a deep longing for the birth of Christ within our hearts; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

We invite your personal prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings, either silently, or out loud . . .

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.