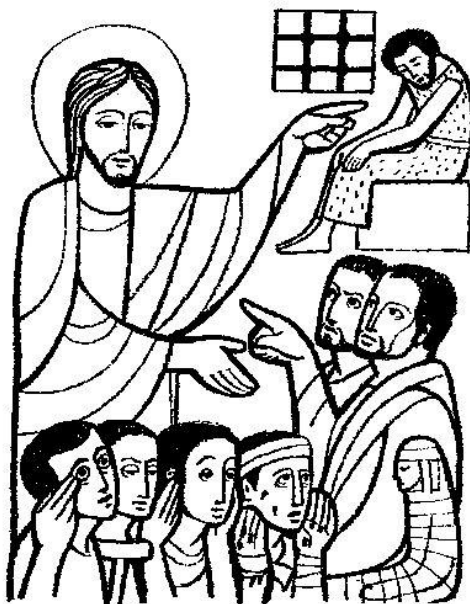




# Holy Eucharist

**The Lessons Appointed for the Third Sunday of Advent  
Year A**

**Sunday December 14, 2025**



*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for you are in the house of the Lord.  
Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to  
you; after the service, speak to one another.*

*At the sound of the bell, all stand for the Entrance of the Ministers into the church.*

**AT THE PROCESSION** *The King of love my shepherd is*  
*(v 1-3)*

Hymnal 645

## **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

Jesus spoke to the people again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me won’t walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

As we light the first third candles of the Advent Wreath, we give thanks for your great love in Jesus, your Son. Open our hearts to receive your love and show us the way to give that love to others. **Amen.**

## **Service Begins**

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*The following is said, all standing*

## **Kyrie**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy on us.

*People* Christ, have mercy on us.

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy on us.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THE FIRST READING***All sit.*

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader:* The word of the Lord*People:* Thanks be to God**Canticle 15***Remain seated.*

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**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.*

## **THE EPISTLE**

## **James 5:7-10**

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See,

the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader*                The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                Thanks be to God.

*All stand.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*  
(vs 1&2)

Hymnal 66

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 3:1-12**

*Priest*                The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*                Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen  
greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is  
greater than he.”

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*           Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **HOMILY**

The Rev Keith Fallis

*All stand.*

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Prayers of the People**

Be strong, do not fear! Our God is coming. Confidence that our waiting is  
not in vain, let us offer our prayers as we respond, "**O come, O come,  
Emmanuel.**"

O come Emmanuel, free us from the bondage of our sins, our pride and  
hypocrisy, our greed and self-serving interests, that we may know your  
redeeming love and reveal its liberating joy; let us pray.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

O Wisdom from on high, sho us the path of the Holy Way, and set our feet  
upon its joy; let us pray.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

O Lord of Might, who gives sight to the blind and opens the ears of those  
who cannot hear, who heals the sick, raises the dead, and brings good

news to the poor, give us a share of your power that we may do the works you do; let us pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

O Branch of Jesse's tree, we give thanks for your spiritual ancestors, by whose faith the lamp of truth illumines the disciples of every age; let us pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

O Key of David, unlock the doors of oppression and violence that imprison humankind, and set us free those living in the bondage of slavery, the victims of abusive relationships, and those chained by poverty; let us pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

O Dayspring from on high, may the dawn overcome every darkness, as your messengers plant the barren land with the seeds of hope; let us pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

O Desire of Nations, free us from the division that separates nations and peoples, and fill the leaders of the world with a passion for peace; let us pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

O Come, Emmanuel, lift up those who are lowly, and raise from the dead those how have fallen asleep; let up pray.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel.***

May we continue to proclaim our trust in the Lord's constant watch, as we add to these prayers and petitions.

**Confession of Sin**     *All kneel.*

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**PEACE**      *All stand.*

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

**Announcements**

**THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

“Be patient therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.” (James)

**OFFERTORY** *On Jordan’s bank, the Baptist’s cry*      Hymnal 76

*Old Hundredth, v 3*      Hymnal 380

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B**      BCP p. 367

**SANCTUS**      S129

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**      BCP p. 364

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you need to receive Holy Communion in your pew, remain seated.*

Former parishioners have cross-stitched the altar cushions at the handrails. Out of respect for the women who made these, and for the safety of your children when they come to receive a blessing or communion, please push the cushion forward so the children can safely stand on the step as they receive their blessing or communion.

**COMMUNION HYMN** *Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes*      Hymnal 72

**Postcommunion Prayer**      *All kneel*      BCP p. 365

**BLESSING**



*Celebrant:*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. ***Amen***

*All stand.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** *Hosanna to the living Lord*

Hymnal 486

**DISMISSAL**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sun Dec 14 3rd Sunday of Advent** (Bill, Rynd, Kathy, Beth)

### **Volunteers**

**Greeter:** John Algeo

**Crucifier:** Jeremy Sullilvan

**Torch Bearers:**

**Eucharistic:** Eric Goodwin

**Lectors:** Marty Means, Gloria Wiley

**Psalms:** Kari Barr

**Oblationer:** Shanna Means

8am Softly Spoken Eucharist

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

Gift Card Money is due

**Sun Dec 21 4th Sunday of Advent** (Gloria, Shawn)

### **UNITY SUNDAY**

### **Volunteers**

**Greeter:** Lisa Shaw

**Crucifier:** Lesa Nelson

**Torch Bearers:**

**Eucharistic:** Beth South

**Lectors:** Naj Faulkner, John Algeo

**Psalms:** Charles Betzler

**Oblationer:** Chad Crook

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour -

6pm Blue Mass

*Happy Birthday Davyd Gourd*

Tues Dec 23 *Happy Anniversary Marty & Shanna Means*

Wed Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

10pm Carols with Holy Eucharist

*Happy Birthday Jim Shaw*

Thur Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

**Sun Dec 28 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas** (Gloria, Shawn)

**Volunteers**

**Greeter:**

**Crucifier: Craig Sullivan**

**Torch Bearers:**

**Eucharistic: Lesa Nelson**

**Lectors: Ted Garvin, Jan Garvin**

**Psalms: Alana Herron**

**Oblationer: Liam Sullivan**

8am Softly Spoken Eucharist

9:15am Formation

10:30am Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour -

Mon Dec 29 *Happy Birthday Roman Shelton*

Tue Dec 30 *Happy Birthday Julie Evans & Sam Naifeh III*

Thurs Dec 31 NEW YEARS EVE

Fri Jan 1, 2026 HAPPY NEW YEAR

**GIFTS AND MEMORIALS**

Remember altar flowers are provided on Sundays only if they are given as a gift. Signup sheet is in the office hallway on bulletin board if you would like to sign up. (No flowers during Advent)

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**Adult Formation:** Sunday, 9:15am

**Holy Eucharist:** Sunday, 8am and 10:30am

**Unity Sunday:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month