

# **The Third Sunday of Advent**

## **Morning Prayer Rite II**

Sunday, December 13, 2020



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**Welcome & Announcements**

## **The Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

### **Opening Hymn      O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

**Sung by all**

O come, O come Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile

Here until the Son of God appear.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, thou Wisdom from on high

Who orderest all things mightily;

To us the path of knowledge show,

And teach us in her ways to go.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nation

Bind in one the hearts of humankind

Bid thou our sad divisions cease,

And be thyself our King of Peace.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

### **Opening Sentence**

*Presider*      Watch, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning, lest he come suddenly and find you asleep.

### **Confession of Sin**

*Presider*      Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*All*            **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.**

**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,  
even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,  
Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* 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 Invitatory & Psalter**

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*All* **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. Alleluia!**

*Presider* Our King and Savior now draws near: Come let us adore him.

**Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines Within Us**

**Sung by all**

**Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your Light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love. (sung 3x)**

**Psalms 126**

**Led by Karan Merry**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, \*  
"The Lord has done great things for them."  
The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
and we are glad indeed.  
Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.  
Those who sowed with tears \*  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

*All* **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 Lessons**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**Read by Laura Tsyzka**

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.

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn**

**The Magnificat**

**Sung by Motomi Tanaka**

A reading from the Gospel of Mark

**Read by Deacon John Musco**

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

The word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Sarah Kooperkamp**

**The Apostles Creed**

**Said in unison**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## The Offertory

*We give thanks to God for all we have and all we are. You can give securely online here:*

<https://onrealm.org/holyapostles/give/website>

## Doxology

**Sung by all**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## The Prayers

**Led by Carol Oliver**

*Intercessor* As we wait with pregnant expectation for the coming of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who sends his Son in the womb of Mary.

*Pause for a moment of silence*

*Intercessor* God of many names, God beyond all names; the beginning and the end of every story, the meaning of every life; infinite Mystery both hidden and revealed:

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* Blessed are You who joins us together in the communion of Christ's Body. Renew and energize your holy Church, in this parish and throughout the world, that we may be a resurrection people, manifesting Your steadfast love in our common life of praise and service.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O perfect Wisdom, direct and rule the hearts of the leaders and shapers of society, raise up prophets of justice and peace, and empower your people for the holy vocation of repairing the world. May we entrust all our labors to the work of Providence.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O Deliverer, You unlock every door and make a way where there is no way. Set free all who are afflicted or distressed in body, mind or spirit. Resurrect their hope, grant them peace and refreshment, and restore their joy.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O compassionate One, hold us in Your mercy: heal the sick, mend the broken, protect the vulnerable, shelter the refugee, strengthen the weary, rescue the lost, and give courage to all who struggle.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O Morning Star, bright splendor of the light eternal, illumining all things with Your radiance: Come, enlighten all who sit in darkness, and those who dwell in the shadow of violence and death. Grant us Your peace, and teach us to live in the dawn of Your unfailing promise.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O Lover of souls, when we wander far away, lead us back to You; when we refuse Your embrace, do not give up on us; when we forget You, do not forget us.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* O Desire of every heart, the answer to every longing: You are the strong force that draws us into the mystery of love divine. Forgive us those things which distract and delay us, and lead us ever deeper into the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

*Intercessor* God who has come, God who does come, God who is yet to come: Make us an Advent people, ready and alert to welcome and receive You in the stranger's face, the loving act, the moment of grace, the presence of healing, the birth of possibility, the gift of wonder. Let every heart prepare Your room.

**Come, O Lord: renew your creation, restore us all in Christ.**

Dear people of God, what else, and who else, should we pray for?

*\*\* All are welcome to offer their prayers of intercession or thanksgiving at this time either aloud or through the chat.*

*Presider* And now as our Savior Jesus has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**The Lord's Prayer LEVAS-264**

**Sung by all**

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed by 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* 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.*

**Closing Prayers**  
**Advent Prayer**

**Said by All**  
From Henri Nouwen

**Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.**

**We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,**

**We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.**

**We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.**

**We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.**

**We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.**

**To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"**

**Amen.**

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Benediction**

*Presider*      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.

**Closing Hymn: Tell out my soul**

**Sung by all**

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice

Tender to me the promise of his word

In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make know his might, the deeds his arm has done

His mercy sure, from age to age the same

The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his word!

For his promise, and his mercy sure

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

To children's children and forever more!



## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

*All* **Thanks be to God!**

## Christmas Sing-a-long

## Passing of the Peace

## Time for Check-In

# Parish Announcements

## Advent

- This Advent and Christmas seasons will be unlike any others we have experienced. For the **four Sundays in Advent**, we will plan on Sunday morning Zoom services, and then, at 4:30pm, we will gather outside of the church, masked and socially distanced, for a 25-minute candlelight service of communion with music from a soloist. We will be sending emails weekly as RSVPs will be necessary due to COVID tracing. RSVP at [info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com](mailto:info@holypostlesbrooklyn.com)

## Christmas

- Our Christmas Eve service will be at 9pm this year, and will include special music by the choir, visiting musicians - and you! All are invited to participate in our Silent Night project. Questions? Email Saya

## Advent Outreach Project

This year, we are not asking for funds for greens or music for Christmas. We hope instead you will contribute to one or both of our Advent Outreach Projects below. These donations benefit families who have been economically impacted by COVID.

*There are 2 ways to participate in our annual Advent Outreach:*

- *Continued support for families at PS 15. The money collected will go to humanitarian needs (thus far we have had requests for sheets, blankets, kitchen supplies, household items.) Donate here: <https://onrealm.org/holypostles/give/discretionary>*
- *The Purple Pantry - there are Purple Pantries being put up all over Brooklyn thanks to parishioner Lindsay Manolukas and a group of volunteers! Money goes toward supplies to build more pantries and for food to replenish supplies. Donate here: <https://onrealm.org/holypostles/give/purplepantry>*