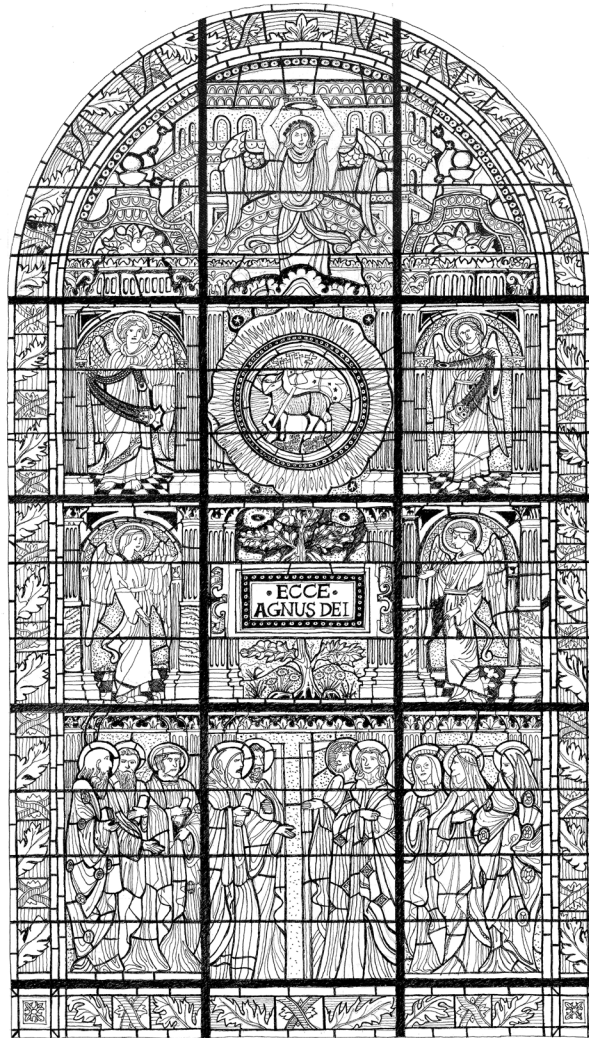


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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

DECEMBER 13, 2020 • 10:30 AM



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest,*
to all who mourn *and long for comfort,*
to all who struggle *and desire victory,*
to all who sin *and need a Savior,*
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship,*
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness,*
to all who have been blessed *and wish to give thanks,*
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

THE PRELUDE

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

THE INTROIT

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

arr. Martin Neary (b. 1940)

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain: O master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, and to love as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace: it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Words: Prayer of St. Francis

Music: Sebastian Temple, arr. Martin Neary (b. 1940) ©1967, 1997, OCP Publications

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING HYMN 10

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Winchester New

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every breast from sin: make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and decay.

To heal the sick, stretch out thine hand, and bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore earth's own true loveliness once more.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent dost thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Text: Charles Coffin (1676-1749) tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690

THE OPENING SENTENCES

All remain standing as the officiant begins the service with the opening sentences found on page 40 of the Book of Common Prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneeling, officiant and people together

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All standing, the officiant says

O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

All remain standing and sing the canticle

O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands:
 serve the Lord with gladness,
 and come before his | presence | with a | song.
 Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
 it is he that hath made us and not | we our-| selves;
 we are his people and the | sheep of his | pas-| ture.
 O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
 and into his | courts with | praise;
 be thankful unto him and speak | good of | **his** Name.
 For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is | ever- | lasting;
 and his truth endureth from gene-| ration to | ge-ne-| ration.
 Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son,
 and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
 As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be,
 world without | **end.** | **A-** men.

PSALM 126

All remain standing and read the psalm responsively by full verse.

¹ When the LORD overturned the captivity of Zion,
 then were we like those who dream.

² ***Then was our mouth filled with laughter
 and our tongue with shouts of joy.***

³ Then they said among the nations,
 “The LORD has done great things for them.”

⁴ ***Indeed, the LORD has done great things for us already,
 whereof we rejoice.***

⁵ Overturn our captivity, LORD,
 as when streams refresh the deserts of the south.

⁶ ***Those who sow in tears
 shall reap with songs of joy.***

⁷ He who goes on his way weeping and bears good seed
 shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

The people are seated for the reading of God’s word.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The people stand and sing the canticle.

CANTICLE, HYMN 4

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers!

Greenland

Rejoice, rejoice, believers! And let your lights appear; the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
 The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! At midnight comes the cry.
 See that your lamps are burning; replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the Bridegroom near; go meet him as he cometh, with alleluias clear.

O wise and holy virgins, now raise your voices higher, until in songs of triumph ye meet the angel choir.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory! The bridegroom is at hand.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption and every be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti, 1700. Tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1854, alt. Music: *Greenland*, Johann Michael Haydn, adapted 1819.

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

THE SECOND LESSON

John 3:22-30

²² Jesus and his disciples went into the Judean countryside, and he remained there with them and was baptizing. ²³ John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized ²⁴ (for John had not yet been put in prison). ²⁵ Now a discussion arose between some of John's disciples and a Jew over purification. ²⁶ And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, he who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you bore witness—look, he is baptizing, and all are going to him." ²⁷ John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. ²⁸ You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.' ²⁹ The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand and sing the sermon hymn.

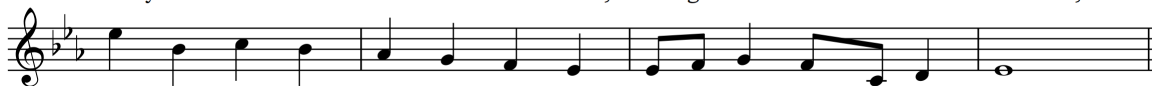
THE SERMON HYMN

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

St. Leonards



1. May the mind of Christ my Sa - vior, live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God, my Fa - ther, rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me, as the wa - ters fill the sea,
5. May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,



by his love and power con - trol - ling all I do and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his power.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing: this is vic - to - ry.
look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.

Text: Kate B. Wilkinson (1859-1928)
Tune: ST. LEONARDS, A. Cyril Barham-Gould (1891-1951)

THE SERMON

He Must Increase

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All standing, officiant and people say

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

All kneeling, officiant and people pray

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; *and grant us thy salvation.*
Endue thy ministers with righteousness; *and make thy chosen people joyful.*
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; *for only in thee can we live in safety.*
Lord, keep this nation under thy care; *and guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
Let thy way be known upon earth; *thy saving health among all nations.*
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; *nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
Create in us clean hearts, O God; *and sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The officiant leads the congregation in several brief prayers.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, in your holy Word you have taught us to offer prayers and requests, and to give thanks for all whom you have made. Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For Foley, our Archbishop; for Mark, our Bishop; for our clergy; for our diocese; and for this parish, that all may hunger for truth, may thirst for righteousness and be filled with your Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the President of the United States and for those in positions of public trust, that they may govern wisely, and striving for the welfare and peace of the whole world, may bring a spirit of respect and forbearance among all nations and peoples. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Mend whatever is broken by human sin; in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, knowledge of your will; and to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed, comfort from your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; give them courage; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Surround with kindness those who are bereaved. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Oh most loving Father, take from us all that hinders your access to our hearts. Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may love one another as you love us. Lord, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

A COLLECT IN TIME OF GREAT SICKNESS AND MORTALITY (1928 Book of Common Prayer)

O most mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

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

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL OFFERING

Creation Will Be At Peace

Anna Laura Page (b. 1943)

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;
In the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.

The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed,
Their young will play together; a little child will lead.

The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.
They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

Words: from Isaiah 11:6-9, adapted by J. Paul Williams.
Music: Anna Laura Page © 1992 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. ARR. Octavo # 4248

All stand and sing

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 1 (S. 1)

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Text: Charles Wesley. Music: *Stuttgart*, adapted from a melody by Christian Friedrich Witt

THE CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Priest Let us pray.

All kneel. After the closing prayers and blessing, all stand and sing the closing hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN 261

O Sion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

Tidings

O Sion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;
That he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above. *Refrain*

Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious; give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in pray'r victorious till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*

He comes again! O Sion, ere thou meet him, make known to every heart his saving grace;
Let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him, through thy neglect, unfit to see his face. *Refrain*

Text: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923) alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walsh (1837-1901)

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond:

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)



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