



December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday in Advent – Year B  
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR 97355  
10 am -- **The Holy Eucharist**  
Rev Karen Tiegs Celebrant

**Prelude** (Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)

**Advent II -- JOY**

*It is our hope that our service may have a deep and abiding meaning for all who worship here. Please join us in the Parish Hall following the service for coffee and fellowship.*

**Reminder:** We welcome you to this second Sunday in Advent celebration of the Eucharist. No "Alleluias" are used during Advent, so be careful of those automatic responses-- "Thanks be to God! Al. . . oops" at the end of the service.

**Processional Hymn # 59** *'Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding'*

**Lighting the Advent Wreath** (Use the Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Booklet in the Pew)

Verse 3 of 'O come, o come, Emmanuel' Hymn 56 (in Unison)

*O come, O come, thou lord of might,  
who to the tribes on Sinai's height;  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, in majesty, and awe.*

*Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

**Opening Acclamation**

- ❖ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity** [BCP p. 355]

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Trisagion (sung in unison)**

- ❖ Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy Upon Us
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**Collect for the Day** (in unison)

*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.*

**Liturgy of The Word**

**First Lesson from the Shared Hebrew Scriptures**

**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.

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

### **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.***

## Second Lesson

## 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Paul to the 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.

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

Gospel Hymn #437 (vs 1 & 4)

“Tell Out My Soul”

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

*Gospeller:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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.

*Gospeller:* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

Rev Karen Tiegs

The Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** *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.*

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: 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.**

*Presider:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Presider:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

**Prayers of the People – A Special Form for Advent** (See card in Pews)

**Confession of Sin & Absolution** [BCP p. 360]

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.***

***We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.***

***For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

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 Peace**

**Hymn of Presentation – Say Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise God all creatures here below.***

***Praise God above you heavenly host,***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

**Liturgy of the Table**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer A** (BCP p. 361)

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus**                      *Presider and People (say together)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

## The Lord's Prayer *(say together)*

***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 Breaking of the Bread

### Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

**"Agnus Dei"** *(Say Together)*

***Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.***

## Communion of the People

The Body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

**Healing Prayers** -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer, after receiving the sacrament, should go to the kneeler behind the table for laying on of hands. Kneel if you are able, or stand. Others who wish to support those being blessed may join in the laying on of hands.*

## Communion Music

Instrumental Music -- Tim Janis

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

[BCP p. 366]

***Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.***

***And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.***

***To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** *front cover of BCP (Red Prayer Book)*

## Announcements

## Seasonal Blessing

**Closing Hymn #539** *(vs 1, 2, & 4)*

"O Zion Haste"

## Dismissal

[BCP p. 366]

**Celebrant** Let us bless the Lord.

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

## Postlude

*(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)*