

**Order of Service December 12, 2021**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent ~ Gaudete Sunday**  
**St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR**  
**10 am The Lord's Supper Bishop Thornton, Presider**



**Prelude**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath - for Advent 3** *see the booklet in your pew rack*  
*Find the right verse of Hymn 56 (blue hymnal) "Oh come Emmanuel"*

**Procession: Opening Hymn 65** *(blue hymnal) "Prepare the Way O Zion" -all 4 verses*

**Presider:** Alleluia. Christ is Risen  
**Celebrants.** *The Lord is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia.*

**Collect for purity:** *(Presider and celebrants together)*

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.**

**The Collect for today** *(Presider and celebrants):* 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 Scriptures**

**The First Reading comes from Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People  
Thanks be to God

**Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah** *(let us chant together; note changes with underline)*

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy. \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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.

## **The Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, According to Luke 3:7-18**

Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

- **This is the gospel of the Lord**
- **Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Hymn 18 in LEV** (*Lift Every Voice Hymnal*)

*"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*

**Sermon**

**Bishop + John S. Thornton**

**Creed** (*say together*): **Jesus Christ is Lord**

**Prayers of the People, a special form for Advent III, the response is**

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, hear us.

**The Peace**

*(please stay in your pew)*

**The Peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*And also with you.*

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** (front cover of the red prayer book)

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music Interlude**

**The Liturgy of The Lord's Supper**

Eucharistic Prayer B p. 367 (in Red Book of Common Prayer)

Presider The Lord be with you.

**Celebrants** *And also with you.*

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God.

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:

Celebrant and People (*Let us sing together* to the **tune** Hymn # 304)

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,  
*Celebrant and People say together*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon this gift that it may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mary and Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and for ever, **AMEN.**

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

**Lord's Prayer** (*let us sing together*)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
Are yours now and forever. **Amen. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast.*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(Note: *We are not yet using the common cup; the bread alone is considered a full Eucharist.*)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

**Communion Music Hymn 707** (*blue hymnal*) "Take my life and let it be" (*both verses*)

**Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (BCP p. 365)** (*please say together*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessings**

**Concluding Hymn 66** (*blue hymnal*) "Come thou long expected Jesus" -all 4 verses

**Dismissal:**

**Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia*