



December 11, 2022 -
Second Sunday in Advent - Year A
St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR 97355
10 am **THE HOLY EUCHARIST - Rite II**
Rev. Tom Moehl, Presider & Preacher

Advent III -- 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.

Prelude -

Susan Bevington

"Vom Himmel Hoch" arranged by Wilber Held

Processional Hymn #65

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

Lighting the Advent Wreath

(Or use the Advent Wreath Candle Lighting Booklet in the Pew)

Leader: Last Sunday we lit the candle of Peace, and we will light it and the candle of Hope again as we remember that Jesus, born in Bethlehem, will come again to fulfill all of God's promises and bring us everlasting peace and joy.

A person lights the first and then the second purple candles as the Leader continues.

Today we light the third Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Just as the birth of Jesus gave great joy to his mother, so his presence in the world gave joy to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and peace when they believed in him. From hope and peace grows joy. We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

A person lights the pink candle as the Leader continues.

Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. *Amen.*

All sing Verse 3 of 'O come, o come, Emmanuel' **Hymn 56**

Opening Acclamation

❖ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

❖ **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Collect for Purity *(in unison)* [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 (in unison) S-102

- ❖ 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 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm *Lauda, anima mea* (sung using modified Anglican chant – S415) **Psalm 146:4-9**

**⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;**

**⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;**

**⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.**

- ⁷ The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- ⁸ The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- ⁹ The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

The Letter to 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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Hymn #76

“On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's cry”

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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

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.”

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

Sermon

The Rev. Tom Moehl

The Nicene Creed *(Let us say together)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People – A Special Form for Advent 3 Year A

Leader: O Come, O come, Emmanuel,

People: be our hope and our salvation.

Jesus said that the signs of God's dominion were to be seen in the healing of the sick, the raising of the dead to new life, and the preaching of good news to the poor. Let us pray that our lives may be the instruments of God's work in the world, saying: O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you, God, for the gift of creation. Grant that we who bear your image may be faithful stewards of your gift and administer its bounty with wisdom for the good of all your creatures.

O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you that you have called us to be your people. Give us patience as we await your coming, and grant us wisdom to discern your will in our daily lives, that each of us may serve others for the building up of our common life.

O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

*We thank you for the community of faith throughout the world. Strengthen your church as it witnesses to your love **and hear our prayers for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our bishop; for +John, Tom, AJ, Wally, Deb, Carol, and Wes, our clergy, and Sara, Wendy, Bill, the Kitchen Crew, office volunteers and property helpers, our staff.** Guide us in the fulfillment of your mission, that all may be one.*

O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the privilege of ministering to others. We remember before you all who are sick or in need *especially* _____.

We pray for those who have died *especially* _____.

Grant us the grace to accept suffering with patience and to be strengthened by our common life in the body of Christ. O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those to whom we take Communion today: _____

O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for your countless gifts. [*We praise you for ...*]. Above all, we thank you for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, and for our unity in him through baptism.

O God, most worthy of praise,

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

We offer our thanksgiving and prayers to you, the one God and the source of light and life, now and forever. Amen.

Confession of Sin & Absolution [BCP p. 360]

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

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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.

the Priest, stands and says

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 [BCP p. 360]

Offertory

Susan Bevington

"Lo, How a Rose" arr by David Maddux

(Please stand while elements are brought to the Altar)

Hymn of Presentation for Advent – Hymn 56 v. 7

O come, Desire of nations, 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!

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 (sing together) [#585 WLP]*

**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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.**

The Celebrant continues

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 sing:
The 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

Fraction Anthem

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

"Jesus, Lamb of God" (*Sing Together*) S-164

Communion of the People

Healing Prayers -- *During Communion, people desiring healing prayer should go, after receiving the sacrament, 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 them for the laying on of hands.*

Communion Hymn #67

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

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.

Announcements

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

Seasonal Blessing

Closing Hymn #437 "Tell Out, My Soul the Greatness of the Lord"

Dismissal [BCP p. 366]

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Postlude:

"The Shepherds' Farewell" Hector Berlioz

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