



Christ Church Cathedral
Catedral Iglesia de Cristo
Springfield, Massachusetts



**THE HOLY EUCHARIST FOR
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY
December 15, 2024, 8 & 10 a.m.**



“If we wish to serve God and love our neighbour well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.”

-Saint Katherine Drexel

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During the week, please pray for those whom Christ’s healing power has been requested:

Karen and Bob Soderstrom, Jim McBride, The Reverend Jerry True, Monique Ray Burwell, The Reverend Tom A. Callard, Milagros Lopez, Ramon Rodgers, Charlie Murrin and his family, Robert Jewell, Sr. and his family, Charlotte Carrington, Anne Westcott, Todd Shepard, Beverly Rourke, Ann Lincoln, Joyce Howard, David and Kathy Johnston, Karen and Rich Authier, Louise Amerman, Eleanor Parke, Blaise and her family.

Please note that the Prayer List will be reset every 4 weeks, unless otherwise requested in the Main Office!

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY – "People Get Ready" – Curtis Mayfield

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Presenter A Today is the Third Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of Hope, the candle of Peace and today the candle of Joy.

Presenter B Isaiah says: “Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!”

Presenter A Jesus said, “I have spoken these things to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.”

Presenter B We thank you, God, for the joy you give us in your creation. We thank you for the wonder of the universe and the majesty of our lives. We thank you for completing us in you.

Presenter A We thank you, God, for this Cathedral as place to be able to come and share our joy with others and give some of this joy to the world around us. And we pray that our community will be a place of joy forever.

Presenter B As we prepare for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, give us joyful hearts to know the true meaning of Christmas in the small joys of our life.

Presenter A May the joy of Christmas carry us throughout the year. And may it touch others, especially those suffering and those with no joy.

Presenter B And may the God of hope fill us with all Joy and Peace as we trust in him, so that we may overflow with hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit. --Romans 15:13.

LIGHT THE CANDLE -

Katherine Benfer & Elizabeth Neil

SUNG RESPONSE – Prepare the Way of the Lord

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre - God.

The musical notation is written on two staves in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains a repeat sign followed by the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, including first and second endings. The lyrics are: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. — Pre - God."

THE OPENING HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 - #59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, alt. Music: *Merton*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)
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THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing

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

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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 OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Canticle: The Hymnal 1982 - #679 Surely it is God Who Saves Me



The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first two lines of lyrics are numbered 1 and 2, indicating two different vocal parts or a call-and-response structure.

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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THE SECOND READING

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.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN - The Hymnal 1982 – #640 Watchman, tell us of the night

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to

are. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry -
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch - man, does its beau - teous ray
 course por - tends. Watch - man, will its beams a - lone
 are with - drawn. Watch - man, let thy wan - derings cease;

aught of joy or that hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges
 hie thee to thy qui - et home. Trav - eler, lo! the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.

John Bowring (1792-1872)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Jane Beebe

THE NICENE CREED

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form V

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Douglas, our Diocesan Bishop and for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust especially, Joseph our President, Donald our President-Elect, the Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. For those celebrating birthdays this week, including: Adrian Olivera, Carina Reyes, Caren Foisie, Ilene Erskine, B.J. Jackson, & Jacob Gregg-Jackson. We pray for those celebrating anniversaries.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church especially those who died in the History of Christ Church Cathedral the week of December 15th: Gertrude C. Hayward, Donald B. Sistare, Robert Sanbourn, Grace Ellen Vigliano, May E. Johnston, Gardner Davis, May Wilson Weake, Keith Aubin, William H. Hamborg, Harold Morrison, Helen M. Granger, Joseph J. Maher, Mildred Clough, Donald O. Reichert, Emily Climo, Alden Knapp, & Gertrude St. Clair. For those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for the flowers on the altar today, given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Shirley Climo by the Climo and MacMunn families.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

Let us pray for the election of a new Dean:

All **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a dean for this Cathedral, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

All **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM - *“There Shall be a Star”* – Mendelssohn



During the Offertory, the Altar is prepared. People may place pledges and donations in the collection basket during the offertory. You may also donate, and pledge online, just point your phone at the QR code to the left

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

When all is in place, the Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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:

THE SANCTUS – Veni Emmanuel

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might,
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The people may stand, sit or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

The Celebrant says: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE FRACTION ANTHEM- Veni Emmanuel

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, Have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
Grant us your peace.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is invited to receive the Holy Communion. Our practice is to stand or kneel at the altar rail in front, where the clergy will give you the host and then will give you the chalice. If you desire only a blessing and not the Communion, please indicate by crossing your arms before you. If you prefer Gluten-Free wafers or non-alcoholic grape juice, please tell the eucharistic ministers.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM - "Adam Lay Ybounden" – Boris Ord

MEDITATION HYMN – Wait for the Lord (Taize)

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 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 and Blood.
 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.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN – ELW – Awake, Awake, and Greet the new Morn



1. A - wake! a - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing, — sing
2. To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, — whose
3. In deep - est night Christ's com - ing shall be, when all the world is de - spair - ing, — as
4. Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though win - ter's sha - dows are cheer - less, — the



out your joy, for Christ shall be born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
hum - ble song is qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing.
mor - ning light so qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
ris - ing sun shall crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less;



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens wide the
Mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing kind - ness, the thun - der of the
Voic - es long si - lent join in song, and all shall leap in won - der, the weak be raised a -
Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our end - less sto - ry, may God fill ev - ery



heaven - ly door, and lives now in - side us for ev - er. _____
an - thems roll to shat - ter all hate and in - jus - tice. _____
bove the strong, and weap - ons are bro - ken a - sun - der. _____
day we share, and bring us at last in - to glo - ry. _____

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people with these words

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!!

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY- "Ring of Fire" - Johnny Cash

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Participants in today's service

Officiant 8AM	Mark Giddings
Celebrant / Preacher 10AM	The Reverend Jane Beebe
Deacon	The Reverend Kate Derose
Music Director	Dr. Colin Britt
Verger	Oswald Howard
Acolytes	Savannah Riley, Mark Betsher, Mark Giddings, & June Watson
Lectors	Richard DeCusati, & Juliet Hansen
Intercessor	Richard Baker
Altar Guild 8A	Mark Giddings
Altar Guild 10A	Mark Giddings, & Sarah Betsher
Eucharistic Minister 8A	Mark Giddings
Eucharistic Ministers 10A	Mark Giddings, Oswald Howard, & Megan Gallagher
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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” – Matthew 6:21