

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Service of Antecommunion**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Ithaca, NY 14850**

**December 13, 2020 Year B**

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude** *Nun kom, der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come) - Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

**Hymn:** Blest be the King (Valet will ich dir geben)

**Hymnal # 74**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Kyrie**

**Hymnal # S-91**

**Collect of the Day**

**BCP**

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.*

**First Lesson**

**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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*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.*

**Epistle****1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn Savior of the nations, come (Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland)****Hymnal # 54 vs. 1-2****Gospel****John 1:6-8,19-28**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Sermon****The Rev. Megan Castellan****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****Prayers of the People: Form III****BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Richard	Kathleen	Skip	Mary	Jeanne
Wes	Dhara	Theodore	Virginia	Clare	Josephine
Jean	Julee	Paul	John	Joell	
Susan	Lorraine	Louis	Mary	Linda	
Joan	Edith	Kay	Jimmy	Mary	
CeCe	Libby	Joyce	Ruth	Shella	
Elizabeth	John	Sue	June	Alana	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: David Faulkner, Beverly Beer, Susan Shell.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn** On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry (Winchester New)

**Hymnal # 76**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Nun kom, der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come), BWV 599 - J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Descant*

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of  
 3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him  
 God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly  
 God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All  
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in  
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who  
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all  
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the  
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the  
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!  
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.  
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

Words: Frederico J. Pagura (b. 1923); tr. F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.  
 Music: Valet will ich dir geben, melody Melchior Teschner (1584-1635) alt.;  
 harm. and desc. Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

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## The Holy Eucharist I

Lord, have mercy upon us *Kyrie*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

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## Advent

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1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397);  
tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)  
Music: *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*, melody from *Erfurt Enchiridia*, 1524

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1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944),  
 after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690;  
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

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**IN PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING IN JANUARY 2021** please take note that qualified voters are defined by NYS law and the canons of the Diocese as follows: persons of full age belonging to the parish, who have been baptized and are in regular attendance at its worship and contributors to its support for at least twelve months prior (i.e., since January 2020).

If you have any question about your membership at St. John's, please contact AnnMarie in the office for clarification. If you are new to St John's since February 2020, and have not yet transferred your membership in writing, please contact the office so that you will be eligible to vote in 2021. If you have not been a regular contributor (i.e. made and fulfilled a pledge or been a regular contributor of record), please contact the Treasurer (Mary Arlin) to rectify this before December 31.

Anyone standing for election as a vestry member must meet these same qualifications. Wardens and delegates must also be confirmed members of The Episcopal Church.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS** time is here! Please donate in memory of a loved one- just drop a note to the office. You can also [donate on-line](#), and mark your donation "Christmas Flowers". Please e-mail names to [office@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:office@stjohnsithaca.org). The names will be published in the Christmas bulletins.

**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS** - Sunday, December 20, at 10:30, our Cyber Choirs and parish musicians offer an online service blending scripture and song in worship as we prepare for the Birth of Jesus.

**IMAGES** needed — digital photos of local scenes, seasonal artwork, historic sites, natural beauty — to accompany the instrumental music in our worship! If you have graphics that our Director of Music could use, please forward them to the church office; thank you!

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**All services will be online at [stjohnsithaca.org](http://stjohnsithaca.org).**

**Christmas Eve**

5 pm live stream

7 pm with music

**Christmas Day**

10:30 am live streamed

**First & Second Sundays After Christmas**

10:30 am live stream



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Matthew Sanaker, Jr. Warden

Chuck Merrill, Weekday Sexton

Crawford R. Thoburn, Assisting Conductor

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Although the office has limited hours\* for the duration of the pandemic, e-mail, regular mail and phone messages will be monitored. If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail [mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org).

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may [make a secure donation here](#). Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

**Please Join Us**

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

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