



The Third Sunday of Advent

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us with thy coming nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Come! Let us see God's Sunrise!
Shine over and upon us
who fear the shadow of death,
and let us see the world in your light.

Once the Prelude begins, please refrain from further visiting and conversation as we prepare our hearts and thoughts for worship. Prayers before worship can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, p. 833-35.

Prelude

The Word of God

Please stand.

Processional

Lift High the Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make known the power of his grace, the beauty of his peace.
Remember how his mercy reached and we cried out to him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

Oh sing my soul
and tell all he's done
'til the earth and heavens
are filled with his glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
that all who see him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest he has grown.
We labor in his fields of grace as he leads sinners home.

Remain Standing.

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Song of Praise and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

O come, O come, Emmanuel

#56 (*Hymnal 1982*)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.**

Be seated.

Children's Sermon

The Scriptures: 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.⁸ You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.⁹ Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors!¹⁰ As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle of Zechariah

Read in unison.

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

**You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**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.**

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn

The People join in singing the refrains.

Wait for the Lord [refrain - verse - refrain]

COMMUNAUTÉ DE TAIZÉ



Wait for the Lord, His day is near. Wait for the Lord, be strong take heart!

Remain standing.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

The Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?”⁴ Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see:⁵ 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.⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷ 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?⁸ What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

¹⁰ 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.’

¹¹ “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.”

After the Gospel, the Reader will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Be seated.

Sermon

The Rev. Logan Hurst

Please stand.

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.

Prayers of the People

My brothers and sisters, may God fill our hearts with joy. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**”

God our joy, make your Church increase and abound in love for one another. Restore our fortunes before our eyes, that we may rejoice and exalt with all our heart.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

God our joy, send your Spirit among the ministries of St. Andrew's, especially the Worship Team Leaders, Altar Guild and Baggie Brigade. Let not our hands grow weak as we do your work.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

God our joy, deal mightily with oppressors, enemies and disasters. Lift up the innocent and the brokenhearted, and remove the world's judgments against the poor, outcast, and needy.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

God our joy, give us grace to bear fruits worthy of repentance in our everyday lives and to know the peace and freedom of your forgiveness.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

God our joy, guard the hearts and minds of the people of this country and guide our leaders, especially our president Donald, our governor Greg, and our mayor Bill.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

God our joy, may we, and all who have died ☥, rise to life immortal in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints.

Silence

O come, o come, Emmanuel; **be our joy and salvation.**

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect.

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or a Priest says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 says the Absolution.

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.**

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

Be seated.

Offertory

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Offering Music

Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)

All things bright
and beautiful you are.
All things wise
and wonderful you are.
In my darkest night,
you brighten up the skies.
A song will rise.

*Sing a song of hope; sing along.
God of heaven, come down,
heaven come down.
Just to know that you are near is enough.
God of heaven, come down,
heaven come down.*

All things new;
I can start again.
Creator God,
calling me your friend.
Sing praise, my soul
to the Maker of the skies.
A song will rise.

Hallelujah, sing.
Hallelujah, sing, sing.
Oh, hallelujah, sing.

*Sing a song of hope; sing along.
God of heaven, come down,
heaven come down.
Just to know you and be loved is enough.
God of heaven, come down,
heaven come down.*

Please stand.

Doxology *Old 100th*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 him 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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord (Schubert)

#S130 (*Hymnal 1982*)

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.

Please kneel or remain standing. 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.

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:

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.**

Please stand and, as you are comfortable, join hands with those around you.

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Invitation

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

I Wait

O restless heart, do not grow weary,
hold on to faith and wait;
the God of love he will not tarry,
no, he is never late.

*So I wait in the promise,
I wait in the hope
yes, I wait in the power
of God's unending love.*

Be still and rest secure, my soul,
he knows what's best for me;
here in my patience lies the goal:
to wait and trust in thee.

Even through my imperfections
his light is shining through;
though dim I am still a reflection
of his mercy and his truth.

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty,
all who are weak,
come to the fountain.
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow
be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep,
we sing

*Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Holy Spirit, come.
Holy Spirit, come.*

As deep cries out to deep,
as deep cries out to deep,
as deep cries out to deep,
we sing

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Wonderful, merciful, Savior,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the should of men.

*You are the One that we praise,
you are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving your own;
Here in our weakness you find us
falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

Closing Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving 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.

Prayer for Lay Eucharistic Visitor

The Celebrant commissions the Lay Eucharistic Visitor, saying

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that *those to whom you go* may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.

Blessing

Celebrant ... and the blessing of God Almighty, ☧ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Come, thou long-expected Jesus
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art:
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Dismissal

The Deacon or a Priest dismisses with these words

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome

Have questions about our worship or St. Andrew's? Feel free to contact Father Andrew or Father Logan at the contact information listed below.

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