

**ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY
December 15, 2024
8:00 AM (spoken) 10:15 AM (with music)**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II



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Prelude

Introit:

Rejóice ye in the Lórd, and agáin I say, rejóice; let your moderátion be knówn unto áll mén, the Lórd is at hánd: be cáreful for nóthing, nor tróubled; but in áll things, by práyer and supplicátion, with thanksgíving; let your requésts be made knówn to Gód. Ps. And the péace of Gód, with pásseth all understanding: shall kéeep your hearts and mínds. Glory be... Rejóice ye in the Lórd... [Ruairi O'Neill, conductor]

*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.
Please stand as you are able.*

Procession #68 Rejoice, rejoice believers

Llangloffan

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Joel Raney

THIRD SUNDAY - *Hope for God's Joy*

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we celebrate with joyful hearts.

Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

We count our blessings, and give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

We strive to search for the good in neighbors near and far.

Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

We remember that God has promised us full and joyful lives.

Christ is our light and the source of our joy.

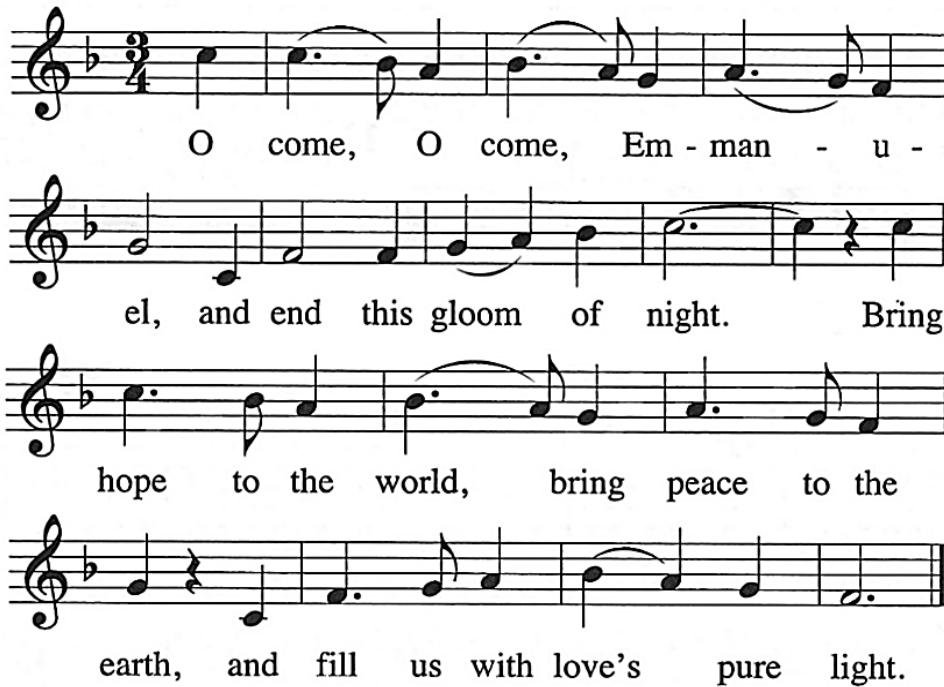
Candle

Lighting

This morning we light 3 candles of hope, peace, and today, joy. This candle reminds us that we have reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ's birth as "Good news of great joy, to all people." We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

"Gesù Bambino"
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

Wreath Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we ask that you open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and the source of all joy, and that we are here to serve you and to spread that joy to others.

Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

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The Collect of the Day

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.

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

Isaiah 12:2-6

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. Amen.

A Reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Barbara Tuzio

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Orthodox Alleluia 5th Century, A.D.



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 3:7-18

People: 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat the Alleluia

Sermon

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People are found in your bulletin.

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, "O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our joy and our salvation."

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love. Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come, Emmanuel: **Be our joy and our salvation.**

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come, Emmanuel; **Be our joy and our salvation.**

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust you. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our joy and our salvation.**

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored; bring the people of this town and this country together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come Emmanuel; **Be our joy and our salvation.**

We join in thanksgiving with those celebrating birthdays especially, Les Bird, Rick Hager, Nicholas King, and Melissa Pavacic. O come, o come, Emmanuel; **Be our joy and our salvation.**

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We remember those we hold in our hearts and those on our parish prayer list especially Greta, Edward H., Jason, Florence, Barbs, Dominic, Hannah, Jen T., Sharon, Greg, Laurie, Joyce, Leslie B., Jim W., Martha H., Sarah, Laura, Alfredo, Linda R., Ian, Megan, Paula, Katherine C., Jorgy, Les, Pete, Pat, Yolande, Jen, Jim, Priscilla, Patti, Sabina, Rich and Lindsay Coda. O come, o come, Emmanuel; **Be our joy and our salvation.**

The Altar flowers are given in honor of the 71st wedding anniversary of Carolyn & James Wilson by those who love them.

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come, Emmanuel; **Be our joy and our salvation.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.***

The Peace

Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.

Offertory Anthem: Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter

Doxology

Old Hundredth

**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.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving: During Advent we will be using Eucharistic Prayer 3 from Enriching our Worship. It can be found on the leaflet in your pew rack.

Sanctus #S130

Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction #S164

Franz Peter Schubert



The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion standing during Advent. Please follow the direction of the ushers. You may receive the host and then choose to either dip the host into the shallow bowl or drink from the chalice.

St. Lucy Procession

Solo by Shea Bicking

***Night comes with heavy steps through our land, calling.
Sunlight, the earth forgets; shadows are falling.
However dark the night, rising with candles bright,
Santa Lucia! Santa Lucia!***

***Though long may be the night, hope, she is bringing,
Hear now, the maid in white, silently winging,
Hushed wonder in the air, Lights glowing in her hair,
Santa Lucia! Santa Lucia!***

***"The darkness soon shall flee valleys in shadow,
Sunlight I can foresee, over over the meadows,
The sun will come again! Rise in the sky to reign!"
Santa Lucia! Santa Lucia!***



The Final Blessing

Announcements

Closing Hymn #481 - "Rejoice the Lord is King"

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Postlude - *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Johann Gottfried Walther



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Meet and greet in Bristol Hall following the service to share St. Lucy's sweet bread!

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King
Verger: Clayton Smith
Ushers: Joe DeAmicis, Frank Mulligan
Lectors: 8:00 AM Katharine Benziger
10:15 AM Jeremy Lees, Barbara Tuzio
Eucharistic Minister: Dick Hewson, Rick Hager, Edwin Griffin
Organist: Richard Ludlow
Altar Guild: Mary Peters, Laurie Doran
Hospitality: Mary Ellen Finn, Kelly Bicking, Lily Bicking, Shea Bicking



Support those impacted by Hurricane Helene through
the Hurricane Relief Fund

Two ways to help:

1. Check payable to All Saints Church; in Memo write, ERD – Hurricane Helene. We will collect and send them along with all church donations.
2. Donate directly to ERD and list All Saints, Bay Head as your congregation.
Copy Link for donations - <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

St. Gregory's Pantry

We help those in need locally through St. Gregory's Pantry. These items are especially needed in December.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!!

Women's Guild Christmas Party - Tuesday, December 17

The Women's Guild will hold its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 17 at noon in Bristol Hall. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share at the luncheon and a \$10 or more donation for the Guild's Tree. There will also be a gift exchange for grab bags. All are welcome.



Christmas Eve through Epiphany at All Saints

December 24th, 5 PM Family Holy Eucharist

9 PM Festal Holy Eucharist

*Both services include choir, instrumentalists,
pre-service carols and candlelight Silent Night*

5 PM includes children's pageant. Walk-on parts available!

December 25th Festal Holy Eucharist with carols at 10:15 AM

December 29th First Sunday after Christmas at 10:15 AM

Friday, January 3rd Epiphany Concert and Reception 7 PM

Sunday, January 5th The Feast of the Epiphany 10:15 AM

Please Bring Your Friends and Join Together

2nd Annual Epiphany Concert and Reception

Friday, January 3rd, 2025, Beginning at 6:30 PM

Come together for a fun and festive evening of carols, choral music, multimedia storytelling, audience participation singing all followed by a festive reception! It was such great fun last year we are going to do it again! Sign up to bring finger food or a dessert to share.



You Are Invited Epiphany Open House at the Rectory

Sunday, January 5th,

4:30 – 7 pm

Carving Station provided

Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts

Welcome but not Expected

Please sign up on bulletin board to help with planning