

## Third Sunday of Advent

Sung Eucharist Book of Alternative Services (p. 185)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BLESSING AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The first verse will be sung by the Celebrant alone, if possible.*

#### INVOCATION

##### INTROIT SENTENCE

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. ISAIAH 61:1

THE GRACE (STAND)

#### THE CALL TO CONFESSION

*Silence is kept.*

KYRIE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (KNEEL OR SIT)

*Please say or sing the KYRIE ELEISON after each of the three petitions.*

**Kyrie Eleison. Christe Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.** (MERBECKE: CP 678/HB C177)  
*or*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT (STAND)

*Silence is kept.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD (SIT)

*After each reading, except the psalm, the reader says "The Word of the Lord" and all respond: **Thanks be to God.***

#### FIRST READING – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

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 traveller, 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. ISAIAH 35:1-10

#### CANTICLE – 1<sup>ST</sup> READER

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; for he has looked with favour 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.**

CANTICLE 18, BAS (LUKE 1:46b-55)

#### SECOND READING – 2<sup>ND</sup> READER

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.

JAMES 5:7-10

GOSPEL (STAND)

Gospeller: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (CP: 708)

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ISAIAH 40:3-5

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Gospeller: The Lord be with you. (TONE - BAS P.920 OR CP: 718)

**All: And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 offence 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." MATTHEW 11:2-11

Gospeller: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

SERMON (SIT)

THE NICENE CREED – BAS p.188 (STAND)

Celebrant: We believe in one God,

**All: 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped 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 (KNEEL OR SIT)

*The response will be announced.*

THE PEACE (STAND)

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Eucharistic Prayer III – BAS p.198 (REMAIN STANDING)

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SURSUM CORDA (MUSIC - BAS P.921)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### THE PREFACE

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (MERBECKE: CP 683/HB C177)

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord:**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON (KNEEL OR STAND)

*Response to: "Therefore, Father, according to his command" is: **we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory; & at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer: Amen.***

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray. Our Father in heaven,

**All: hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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 for ever. Amen**

### FRACTION SENTENCE

*Silence is kept.*

Celebrant: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**All: Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

AGNUS DEI (MERBECKE: CP 685/HB C177)

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION SENTENCE (KNEEL OR SIT)

Celebrant: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION

### COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (KNEEL OR SIT)

*Silence is kept.*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen**

SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT (KNEEL)

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

DISMISSAL (REMAIN STANDING)