

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*The People kneel, and the Celebrant reads the Decalogue, the People responding*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. All saying,*

**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 Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,*

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.**

## **KYRIE** *Sung*

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## **THE 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.**

## **THE FIRST READING** *The People sit.*

## **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.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 15** *said by all*  
*The Song of Mary Magnificat*

**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.**

**THE SECOND READING**

**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.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN/SONG**

# THE HOLY GOSPEL *The People stand*

**JOHN 1:6-8,19-28**

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* **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.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

**FR. ROMAN ROLDAN**

## 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**

*The People respond to all the petitions with*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers conclude with*

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord Our God.**

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People* **And also with you.**

*At this time simply bow, wave, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

**YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE AT [WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**THE CONGREGATION CAN STILL TURN IN THEIR 2021 COMMITMENT CARD TO BE BLESSED.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SONG/HYMN**

### **THE DOXOLOGY** *The people stand*

*"On Jordon's bank the Baptist cry", verse 5*

**HYMNAL, 76**

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;  
whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **RITE II - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**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 unto our Lord God.**

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface, which concludes*

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:

# SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by The Praise Team*

**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.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People say*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

*Celebrant and People say* **AMEN**

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

*People and Celebrant, kneeling*

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

## THE INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The presider says the following prayer:*

Our Jesus,

We believe that you are truly present  
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

We love you above all things,  
and long for you in our souls.

Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into our hearts.

As though you have already come,  
We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you;  
never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## THE COMMUNION MUSIC

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

**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 AND DISMISSAL

*The Priest blesses the people, who respond*

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant, dismisses the people, who respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF MISSION

### **IN HIS STEPS**

You can still turn in 2021 commitment cards. If you need a card, there are some located at the back of the church. You can also send your commitment in via email to Laurie Riggs at [lriggs@saintdunstans.org](mailto:lriggs@saintdunstans.org).

### **HOLIDAY SERVICES – ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED RSVP IS OPEN**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4:00pm** Contemporary Family Service with The Praise Team

**8:00pm** Candlelight Traditional Service w/ The Parish Choir, Organist, & Strings

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**11:00am** with Organ Music

### **VESTRY NOMINATIONS**

The following candidates have been nominated by the vestry:

Cathy LeJeune

John Bergeron

Jerry Schattle

Betsy Sullivan

Deena Akinrinsola

If you would like to nominate a Parishioner who is a Confirmed Communicant in good standing, please email their name to Laurie Riggs by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC DONATIONS**

Remember your loved ones this Christmas through a donation to our Christmas Flower & Music fund.

A donation link can be found online at [www.saintdunstans.org/give](http://www.saintdunstans.org/give).

Forms are also available in the back of the church or at the church office.

Contact Katie Lamb with any questions.

Names of your loved ones will be listed in the livestream slide and digital leaflet.

### **THURSDAY NOON HOLY EUCHARIST IN THE CHURCH**

Join us at 12:00pm (Noon) for worship. No RSVP is needed