

The Cathedral Church of St. Luke

A Liturgy of Contemplation & Holy Eucharist

15 December 2024 at 5:15PM

Emmanuel Chapel

The Third Sunday in Advent

First reading

The Magnificat

To Be Read in Unison or antiphonally as directed

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.

Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,

for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;

indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

First Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Please see bulletin for music

Second reading

Gospel of Luke 3:7-18

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.

Second hymn

“Creator of the Stars of Night”

The Hymnal 1982

Hymn no. 60

Reflection

The Reverend Bryan Breault

Closing hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

The Hymnal 1982

Hymn no. 67

Service Participants

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Celestin Hategekimana

Reflector The Reverend Bryan Breault, *Pastor of State Street Church, UCC*

First Reader Stephanie Miller

Service Leader Lin Parsons

Music Leader Kevin Reams