

Sunday December 17, 2023 10:00 A.M.
Third of Advent
A Service of Joy

We're so pleased that you've come to worship with us this morning. While this bulletin is a guide to the service, if you are unfamiliar with the ritual customs of the Anglican Church, simply relax with the liturgy and let the rest of the congregation carry you in worship. After the service please join us downstairs for coffee, tea, and juice.

(Congregational participation in **BOLD**)

GREETING:

HYMN # O God of Every Longing
(See Insert)

We light this candle for all
who seek joy in a troubled world.
Holy One, as we wait for your promise,
Give light, give joy

Hope is a Star
vs 1, 2, 3, 4 (See Insert)

The Collect
God of light, who sent the Baptist
to offer hope and to face the world's scorn:
open our ears to hear the cries from the margins,
exposing our fears, sharpening our vision and calling us to faith;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen**.
Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
Reader: Barbie Hames
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading: Luke 1:46b-55 (The Magnificat)
Reader: Barbie Hames
My soul proclaims your greatness, O God!
My heart rejoices in you, my Savior,
because you have showered your servant with blessing!
From now to the end of time, all generations will know the great things you have done for me.
Mighty One! Your name is holy!
In every age, your compassion flows to those who reverence you!
But all who seek to exalt themselves in arrogance will be leveled by your power.
You have deposed the mighty from their seats of power, and have raised the lowly to high places.
Those who suffer hunger,
you have filled with good things.
Those who are privileged,
you have turned away empty-handed.
You have come to the aid of your people,
in fulfillment of the promise you made to our ancestors—
when you spoke blessing to Sarah and Hagar
and all their descendants, to the utmost generation!

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

HYMN # 362 Tell Out My Soul
(Blue Book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: John 1: 6-8, 19-28
Reader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland
The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon –*The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland*

The Prayers of the People – *Al Millar*

Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 117 Lo, How a Rose 'Ere Blooming *(Blue Book)*

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant: May God be with you.
People: And also with you
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts
People: We lift them to the Holy One.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our loving God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise

Celebrant: You are worthy of blessing and praise, ….
… join their unending hymn.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest x2

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord; God of pow'r and might;
Heav'n and earth of your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Celebrant: On the night before his suffering and death…
…One God, now and forever.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father in heaven,
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.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God

Hymn # 47 Born in Human Likeness
(Red Book)

THE COMMUNION

Hymn # 20 God of Still Waiting
(Red Book)

The Prayer after Communion

Glory to God,
whose power working in us
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

HYMN # 95 O Come Divine Messiah
(Blue Book)

The Dismissal

