

Sunday December 15, 2024 10:00 A.M.

Advent 3 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# 120 Canticle of the Turning
Vs 1,2&3 (Red book)

No matter what troubles overwhelm us today, Isaiah reminds us that in all of our preparation and passionate pursuit of God's coming kin-dom, we must not forget that God's salvation has come and is coming. "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). With joy you will remember that God's salvation is already present among us.

Faced with the troubles and the suffering of the world, we choose to live in joyful presence to God and one another. We will not turn away from the pain and the hurt in our world, and we will not stop rejoicing in God, whose salvation fills us to overflowing that God's love might flow through us and flood our troubled world with hope, peace, and joy.

Light the third (pink/rose) candle of the Advent wreath.

We light this candle of joy as a sign of our commitment to be present to ourselves, our friends, our families, and our neighbors that in sharing our vulnerable lives we might share in the glorious joy of God's salvation together.

Collect of the Day
God of joy,
you call us home from the exile of selfish oppression
to the freedom of justice,
the balm of healing,
and the joy of sharing.
Make us strong to join you in your holy work,
as friends of strangers and victims,
companions of those whom others shun,
and as the happiness of those whose hearts are broken.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7
Reader: Susan Himann
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Second Reading:
Canticle: The Song of thanksgiving
Isaiah 12:2-6
Reader: Susan Himann
Surely God is my deliverer;
I will trust and will not be afraid,
for God is my strength and my might;
God has become my deliverer.
With joy you will draw water from
the wells of salvation.
And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the LORD; call on God's Holy Name;
make known among all the people what God has done;
proclaim God's exalted Name!
Sing praises to God, who has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

Psalm Hymn # 361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me
(Blue book)

The Gospel Reading: (*standing*)
God be with you
And also with you
The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ
The Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 7-18
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 – *Spencer Stevens*
Invitation and Peace

OFFERTORY HYMN # 88 Come Thou Long Expected Jesus *(Tune is Blue book 374***)** (*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: It is indeed right, ….
… join in 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: Holy One, the beginning and the end,… 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

Chant: In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful
(See insert)

THE COMMUNION

Hymn # 572 Let There Be Light
(Blue 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 Blessing and Dismissal

