

## Third Sunday of Advent

Morning Prayer	December 14, 2025	10:00 AM
Prelude	Pastorale	By: Bonis
Processional		Hymnal 76
Opening Acclamation		BCP 75
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Psalm 146:4-9 *Lauda, anima mea*

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;  
the LORD cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!

First Reading A reading from Isaiah 35:1-10

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 traveler, 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.

The Word of the Lord

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Canticle #11

The Third Song of Isaiah

BCP 87

Second Reading

A reading from James 5:7-10

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.

*The Word of the Lord*

People: ***Thanks be to God***

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary

BCP 91

Celebrant:

The Gospel Lesson according to Matthew 11:2-11

People:

***Glory to you, Lord 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 offense 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."

Juan, que estaba en la cárcel, tuvo noticias de lo que Cristo estaba haciendo. Entonces envió algunos de sus seguidores a que le preguntaran si él era de veras el que había de venir, o si debían esperar a otro.

Jesús les contestó: «Vayan y díganle a Juan lo que están viendo y oyendo. Cuéntenle que los ciegos ven, los cojos andan, los leprosos quedan limpios de su enfermedad, los sordos oyen, los muertos vuelven a la vida y a los pobres se les anuncia la buena noticia. ¡Y dichoso aquel que no encuentre en mí motivo de tropiezo!»

Cuando ellos se fueron, Jesús comenzó a hablar a la gente acerca de Juan, diciendo: «¿Qué salieron ustedes a ver al desierto? ¿Una caña sacudida por el viento? Y si no, ¿qué salieron a ver? ¿Un hombre vestido lujosamente? Ustedes saben que los que se visten lujosamente están en las casas de los reyes. En fin, ¿a qué salieron? ¿A ver a un profeta? Sí, de veras, y a uno que es mucho más que profeta. Juan es aquel de quien dice la Escritura:

»"Yo envió mi mensajero delante de ti,  
para que te prepare el camino."

Les aseguro que, entre todos los hombres, ninguno ha sido más grande que Juan el Bautista; y, sin embargo, el más pequeño en el reino de los cielos es más grande que él.»

*Celebrant:* Here Ends the Gospel Lesson

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

The Apostles' Creed BCP 96

The Peace

Announcements & Reminders

Offertory Hymn Hymnal 67

Presentation of Alms The Doxology

### **The Prayers**

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Suffrage B BCP 98

Collect of the Day

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.*

Collect for Sundays BCP 98

Collect for Peace BCP 99

The Collect for Guidance BCP 100

Mission 3 BCP 101

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Worship Leader: Let us now pray the parish prayer:

O compassionate Jesus, may the light of your love shine in our hearts each day. Teach us to care for one another. Teach us to be patient with one another. Teach us to forgive and to seek forgiveness and teach us to hold to what is good. May we always be a good example of the family of God. May we always echo your love, healing and hope. Be with us as we come and go, so that our hearts may always be centered on you. In Christ's holy name we pray. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

Dismissal BCP 102

Recessional Hymnal 65

Postlude Blest Be the God of Israel By Burkhardt