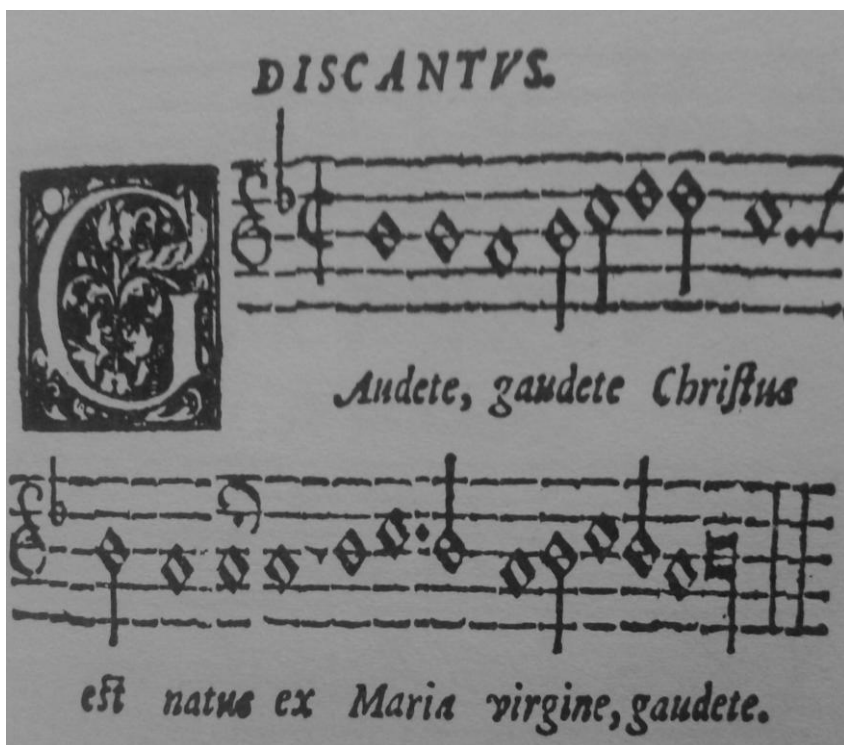


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete!



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey*

13 December, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

Prelude *Voluntary*

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 5 & 6)*

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5 O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant: Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

The Advent Candle is now lit.

Celebrant: Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response: **And grant us your salvation.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #67 *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

PSALM 42

**Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen.**

**Kyrie eleison S-96*

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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. *All: Amen.*

The Lesson

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Epistle

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

Deacon: 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Judith S. Krom

*The Nicene Creed

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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: Form III**

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(The people may stand or kneel)

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Falkland Islands: The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, Donald our President, and Joe our President-elect; We pray for all who govern

and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession - Minister and People

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.*

Absolution

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***The Peace** (*All stand*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

*Presentation of the Gifts *(All stand)*

All things come of thee O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Celebrant: 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 to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 (All)

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.

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: 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,

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

Celebrant: 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 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.

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Currently, our diocesan guidelines allow us to offer the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. The Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Stand or kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Hymn #68** *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (vs. 1&3)*

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***Dismissal**

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Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List - Week of December 13, 2020

If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 16th.

Barry	Beth C.	Bob
Cathy Bentivegna	Cathy, Claire	Theresa Bray
Marie Bregler	Rich & Rosemarie Catrano	Joan Connolly
Joan Cunningham	Judy Contreras	Joe Corbin
Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Reed Davis	Dcn. Judy
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Elizabeth Ann	Emma	Faye & Ed
Fran	Frank	Katy Gallaher
Hinderliter Family	Timothy Michael Hoit	Janet
Jeanne, John & Caitlyn	Jeannine	Warren Lamom

Larry	Diane Lee	Lily
Locke Family	Cecily Lovas	Maryann
Mary Jane	Kurt Martin	Scott Mitchell
Evelyn Nancy	Virginia Nicholas	Jeannette Peterson
Lucien Picard	Suzette Reese	Carol Ann Renzland
Kathy Rice	Ronnie & Harry	Rosemary
Gregory & Ray Schwartz	Lara Sparks	Jerry South
Robert Thomas	Javy Vargas	Colin Walker
Peter Wall	Ann White	Kate White
Ruth Wolf		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Andrew Wall, Brandan White, Joseph Alexander, Zachary Arlin, Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega

Birthdays: Francis W. Kleber, IV (12/13), Bruce Hillyer (12/14) Richard Cashel (12/15), Meg Neff (12/16), JoAnne Bray (12/17) Colette Southwick (12/17)

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Richard Cashel's birthday by Jeanne Cashel and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 13th – December 19th

13 – TODAY	New Jersey Chamber Singers on our YouTube	4:00 PM
14 – Monday	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
	Compline	9:00 PM
15 – Tuesday	Sung EP	6:00 PM
16 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	
17 – Thursday	Bible Study	2:00 PM
	Compline	9:00 PM
18 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner	7:00 PM
19 – Saturday	Praying through the Psalms	7:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to wipe down pews and items after the 9:30 service.

PASTORAL CARE - Please call Mother Caroline+ at 504-390-5331 and Deacon Judy Krom at (732) 330-4949

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports for all ministries will be due to the office by **December 17, 2020**. Please adjust your reports to reflect **all** activities during the pandemic.

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Each Sunday in Advent, please bring canned or boxed non-perishable items and/or personal products and deposit them into **Box A or Box B**. This drive will benefit St. Francis Community Center. Fresh hams, turkeys, or vegetables may be delivered to St. Francis on Tuesday, December 22nd between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM.

THE GIVING TREE

Please see Maggie Aftanis for details. Select your gift tag (in Martin Hall.)

The deadline is TODAY!

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly mail your donation to the church office, give to Lisa directly or use the office drop box. Form is available in today's service bulletin as well as next Sunday and the weekly E-Pistle.

Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note "Altar Guild-Christmas" in the check memo.

All donations must be in the office by Tuesday, December 22nd.

NEW JERSEY CHAMBER SINGERS

TODAY! at 4:00 PM on our YouTube Channel

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