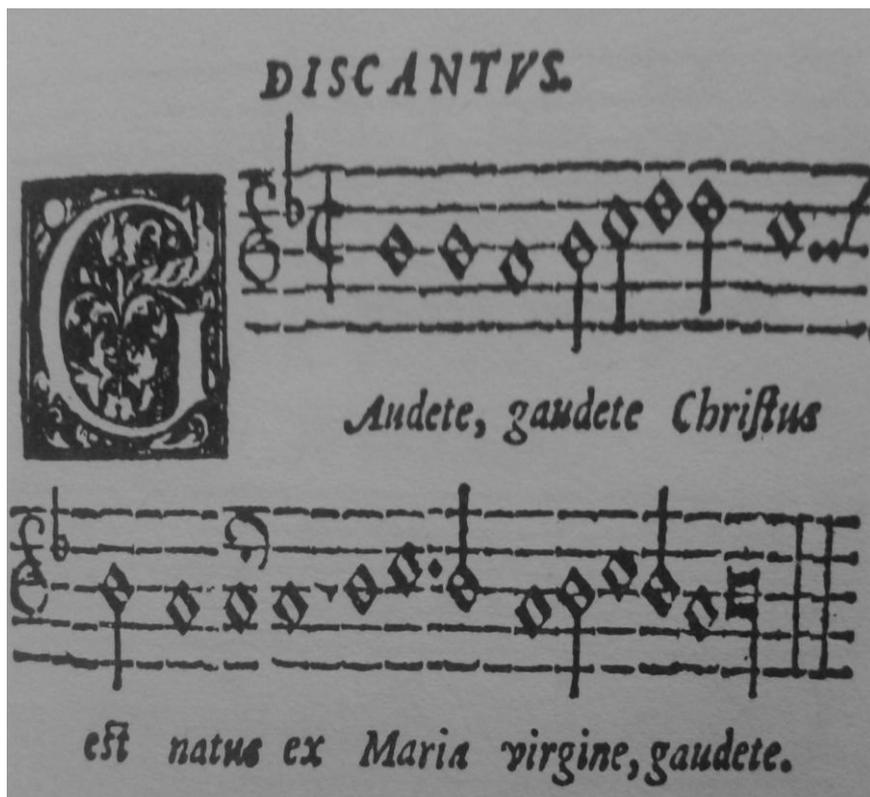


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
The Third Sunday of Advent  
*Gaudete!*



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

*12 December, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM*

**Welcome!** In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. **BCP** means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book).

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**Prelude**            *Voluntary*

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

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15<sup>th</sup> C

*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*     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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

**\*Hymn #59** *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

MERTON

*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.*

*Trisagion S-102* (All Sing) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

**The Collect of the Day:**

**BCP, p. 212**

*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**

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 9 / Hymn #679** (All sing) *Surely it is God Who Saves Me*  
Thomas Merton

**The Epistle**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sequence Hymn #76** *On Jordan's Bank*

WINCHESTER NEW

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 3:7-18**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

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.

*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**

**BCP, p. 358**

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 V**

**BCP, p. 389**

*(The people may stand or kneel)*

*Deacon:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

*Leader:* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada, For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, Judith our Deacon and Caroline our Rector; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For those in positions of public trust, especially Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended; for ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader:* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant:* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, The Holy Innocents, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People:* **To you, O Lord our God**

*Celebrant:* For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *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**

**\*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**

**Anthem** *The Choir of Holy Innocents'*

**\*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**

**BCP, p. 367**

*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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 S-130 (All sing)*

Franz Peter Schubert

*(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**

**BCP, p. 364**

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.***

**Fraction Anthem: S-164** (*all sing*)

Franz Peter Schubert

(*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*)

### **Postcommunion Prayer** (*Stand or kneel*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**\*Blessing**

**Hymn #68** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

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**Dismissal**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ *John Wall*    **Lectors** ~ *Kay DeCicco*

**Ushers** ~ *Bill Kehr, Mike Fahner*

**Parish Prayer List – December 12, 2021**

*PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**.*

Matt Adams	Beth C.	Diane Babbi
Bonnie Benoit	Beverlee	Eddie Boll
Bonnie	Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper
Mary Ann Crewdson	Marie Elena D.	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Faye
Katie Gallaher	Fred Harris	Shirley Hickey
Jan	Janet	Jeannine
Joan, Susan & Bob	Claire Johns	John Johnson, Jr.
Johnny	Julie Jones	Anne Joyce
Karen D.	Karen Grossman	Karen & DJ
Marie & Carl Keller	Mary Keough	Robin Koch
Chester Krom	Cyndi & Dave Lamon	Lauren L.
Dave L.	Alan Lee	Diane Lee
Arlene LeConey	Lindsey	Marilyn & Bob
Melody Long	Cecily Lovas	Lucas
Kurt Martin	Mary Ann	Mary Jane
Scott Mitchell	Marianne Muir	Virginia Nicholas
Matt O'Connell	Brian O'Sullivan	Maryanne O.
Sharon Osborn	Sherry	Shirley

TJ Patton	Lucien Picard	Marie R.
Rachel	Rick R.	Debbie & Joe Reising
Kathy Rice	Ron	Rick Rosenbaum
Lara Sparks Deitz	Marie Stasik	Ruth Snyder
Bill Todd	Robert Thomas	Colin Walker
Ann White	Charles A.	Anne J.
Karen D.	Sister Suzanne Elizabeth	

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

**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 Candles, Sanctuary Candle:** This weeks Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given in celebration of Richard Cashel's birthday and to the Glory of God.

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 12<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

12 – Sun	Coffee Hour/Tree Trimming	
13 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Advent Celebration & Carol Sing	6:00-9:00 PM
14 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
15 – Wed	Choir Caroling	3:00 PM
16 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
17 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner (FB)	5:00 PM
	<b>LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
18 – Sat	<b>Blue Christmas Service</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
	Psalms with Dcn. Judy (FB)	7:00 PM

**Advent Celebration and Carol Sing at the Parsonage**

Monday, December 13 from 6:00 PM until 9 PM.

**ANNUAL REPORTS** Annual Reports for all ministries due **Thursday, December 16, 2021.**

**ADVENT Food Drive** continues until **Sunday, December 19.** This annual drive will support the local St. Francis Food Pantry. Toiletry items are also welcomed.

**Winter Solstice Holy Hike** – Hosted by the Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee and Tom & Gail Jacobsen.  
**3:00 PM on December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**Flowers for Christmas**

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your clearly-designated donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. Please note "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**" on the outside of the envelope and "**Flower Guild-Christmas**" in the check memo. Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins through the 19th. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written. **All donations must be in the office no later than TUESDAY, DEC. 21st.**

**Did You Know?**

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Download the free **GivePlus+** app from the App Store or Google Play.

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Thank you to Marilyn Flagler for the wonderful tree donated in honor of her husband Philip Flagler.

It is a most beautiful gift to us and to the community.



# Blue Christmas Service

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 at 3:00 PM

*A quiet, contemplative service of healing,  
peace, and prayer with an emphasis on  
light, music, and silence.*



FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK OUR WEEKLY  
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ALL ARE WELCOMED!

# Christmas

## EVE & DAY

### **Christmas Eve**

~ 4:00 "Childrens service"

~ 7:30 Carols

~ 8:00 Holy Eucharist w/ special music

### **Christmas Day**

~ 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Call (609)492-7571 M-Th, 9-2  
for more information!



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