

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES

Mary Kay Payne

My soul magnifies the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Luke 1:46-47

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
As the Lord has promised, in days to come...

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
The desert shall rejoice and blossom;
Like the crocus is shall blossom abundantly,
And rejoice with joy and singing.

GATHERING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence will end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN No. 113 "Angels We Have Heard On High"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Surely God is our salvation. Have faith, and do not be afraid. (Isaiah 12:2)

With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (with the Lord's Prayer)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

Let us return to God the offerings of our life and the gifts of the earth...

OFFERING MUSIC

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING

HYMN No. 123 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

BLESSING AND CHARGE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace On Earth"

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we, let me walk with my brothers in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now, with every step I take, let this be my solemn vow, to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally, let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

POSTLUDE

