



DECEMBER 11, 2011

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. DUNSTAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling
(see insert for words)

Richard Shephard

Hymn 640

Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus S 124

Holy, holy, holy Lord

David Hurd

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

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 Communion of the People *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

Music at Communion

Prepare the way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé

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Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and
all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a 6/8 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The lyrics are: "Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre - pare the way of the Lord, and all peo-ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -".

(see Music Note, below)

Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession 72

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes

Richmond

The Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

The Prayers of the People for Advent were written by Priscilla Davis.

Music Note: In the religious community at Taizé, France, singing is an integral part of daily prayer services. The repetitive nature of the music functions like a mantra, helping to center the spirit and focus the attention. Worshipers often find that music and words used in this way become a path to prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dorothy Yates; Maggie Harney; Helen Branch; George Sutherlin; Christie, Colin and Mary Grace Brown; Wendy Darlow; Kevin Morgan, son of John and Shirley Morgan; Margaret Durbin, mother of Richard Stansbury; Mary Little-Vance, mother of Sibley Fleming; Kenneth Walker, father of Geoff Walker; Barbara Shealy, sister of Bill Hancock; Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Ben Hagood, Jr., cousin of Paul Cathcart; Keith Childers, father-in-law of Vincent Lafitte; Lindy Macfarland, friend of Susan Martz; Jacquie Adams, friend of Susan Martz; Michael Johnson, friend of Sallie Smith; Kate and Jim Brissette, friends of the Walkers; Alva See, friend of Sallie Smith; Bridgid Eversole, friend of the Taylors; Lynwood Bradley, friend of Sallie Smith; Glen Weber, friend of Sallie Smith; Dolores Galgo-Hernandez, friend of Sue Martz; Andrea Briggs, friend of Tricia Templeton; Mike and Jane DeBusschere, friends of the Cathcarts; Judi Young, friend of the Harrises; Brinda Moody, friend of Bob Longino; Salim Kargbo, fiancé of Jocelyn Bowman; Ty, Suzanne and Taylor Bassett, friends of Nancy Elliott; Sarah Drennen, friend of the Cathcarts; Susan Ahern, friend of Daria Jones and Bruce Lafitte; Dick Layton, friend of Tom Barnett; the Silva Family, friends of the Taylors; Annie Lipsitz, friend of Jeanne Taylor; Liz Thomasson, friend of Sallie Smith; Kim Murtaugh, friend of Priscilla Davis. For those who have died: Loretta Kelly, mother of Gwen Barnett. ✠



THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

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.

Psalms 126



When the Lord restored the fortunes of / Zion,
then were we like those who / dream.

Then was our mouth filled with / laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.

Then they said among the / nations,
"The Lord has done great things for / them."

The Lord has done great things for / us,
and we are glad in- / deed.

Restore our fortunes, O / Lord,
like the watercourses of the / Negev.

Those who sowed with / tears
will reap with songs of / joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

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.

Luke 1:5-25, 57-64

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people." The time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

Prayers of the People for Advent, 2011

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of your only begotten son, Jesus Christ, we turn to you, O God, in thanksgiving:

For your boundless love for us and all your creation; for changing seasons; for bountiful harvests; clean water and clear skies; for rain and snow and wind and sunshine:

We thank you for your gifts, O God. Remind us to share all that we have with those who have less.

For the industry, commitment, and creativity of people who work at jobs and professions, especially those who serve your church as deacons, priests, and bishops:

We thank you for your gifts, O God. Remind us to commend, when we can, those who work and to encourage and support those who are seeking work.

For families of all kinds, and especially for children all over the world:

We thank you for your gifts, O God. Remind us to care for and nurture our own children and families, and to try to improve the lives of children and families in need or at risk.

For those near and dear to this parish who may be in need of healing and care:

Bless them and keep them within your sheltering love.

Most of all, we thank you for the gift of your only son, Jesus Christ:

May his life and words guide us throughout our own lives as we seek the light of truth and turn away from the works of darkness.

Open our hearts to the messages you have sent us through the prophets:

May those words help us each day to repent and prepare to greet our Redeemer with joy.

Stir our souls to action, we pray, in the continuing struggle to do justice in this world:

May we work to soothe the suffering and pray that your love will transform the heart of the oppressors.

Look upon us with compassion, we pray, as we confess our sins against you and against our neighbors:

**THE LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH
for the
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT**

Leader Jesus said, "I am the light of the world:
They who follow me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."

People Why do we light three candles?

Leader The first candle reminds us of the hope of the prophets.
The second candle reminds us of the dark night
when Joseph and Mary found peace and warmth in the stable.
The third candle reminds us of the great light and joy
which surrounded the shepherds at the announcement
of Jesus' birth.

People O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Leader Dear God, we thank you for your gift of Jesus to the whole world.
Help us to find Jesus in the love and joy that we share together.
Help us, O God, to love one another.
Help us to do our share to bring happiness, goodness,
and peace to the world.
We pray in the name of Christ our Lord.

People Amen.



THE MUSIC

Offertory Anthem

Hark! A Herald Voice is Calling

Richard Shephard

Hark! A herald voice is calling: “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;
“Cast away the dreams of darkness, O ye children of the day!”

Wakened by the solemn warning, let our earthbound souls arise;
Christ, our Sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.

Lo! The Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav’n;
Let us haste with tears of sorrow, one and all to be forgiv’n.

So when next he comes in glory, wrapping all the earth in fear,
May he then as our defender on the clouds of heav’n appear,
And with words of love draw near.

(6th c., trans. Edward Caswall)

SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES

<u>December 11—Advent III</u>	<u>December 18—Advent IV</u>
Vestry Duty	Vestry Duty
Greeter	Greeter
Coffee	Coffee
Lay Reader 8:30 a.m.	Lay Reader 8:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Lector 1 st Lesson	Lector 1 st Lesson
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Lector 2 nd Lesson
Present the Elements	Present the Elements
Acolyte	Acolyte
Usher	Usher
Altar Guild	Altar Guild
Flower Guild	Flower Guild
Flower Donor	Flower Guild

Happy Birthday

Lou Taylor December 16

The altar flowers are given by Michele St. Peter in memory of her husband, Don Ogle.

Festival of Lessons and Music for Advent

Please plan to attend St. Dunstan's annual Festival of Lessons and Music for Advent on today at 4 p.m. Please bring items appropriate for the food pantry at Emmaus House.

Christmas Flowers and Music

Envelopes are available in the pews for special donations for Christmas flowers and music.

2011 - 2012 VESTRY MEMBERS: Reneé Kastanakis, Senior Warden; Wayne Hood, Junior Warden; Bill Hancock, Nancy Knight Latimore, Rick Beard, Sibley Fleming, Michelle Mundth, Steve Richardson, and Michele Smither. Dick Harris, Treasurer.