

December 17, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite I
10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST Rite II
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
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8:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)
THE WORD OF GOD

The Call to Worship

Presider I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People ***Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's path.***

Presider Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

People ***Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!***

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity &

Summary of the Law BCP page 323

Lord have mercy upon us

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The Collect of the Day (3rd Advent)

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The Lessons (last pages)

The Advent wreath is lit during reading of the Psalms

The Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession of Sin

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Communion

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Prelude: “Ave Maria”

M. Enrico Bossi

10:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

The Congregation joins the choir in singing the following Advent introit as a prelude to our worship.

Hymn #56 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ”

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

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.
Refrain: 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.
Refrain

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Opening Hymn: #68 “Rejoice, rejoice, believers”

Llangloffen

The Opening Acclamation, The Collect for Purity

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Lord have mercy (Kyrie eleison) #S-96

Proulx

The Collect of the Day (3rd Advent)

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The Lessons (last pages)

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Sequence Anthem: “Prepare ye”

Shovic

The Sermon

The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form III

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The Confession

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The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn: #437 “Tell out my soul”

Birmingham

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sursum corda: #S-120

Sanctus: #S-130

Proulx

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem #S-164 “Jesus, Lamb of God”

Gerald R. Near

The Communion

Communion Music: “Prayer”

Rene Vierne

Post Communion Prayer (*said in unison*)

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #76 “On Jordan’s Bank”

Winchester New

The Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Winchester New”

Christopher Tambling

Parish Family Remembrances and Thanksgivings

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for all bishops, priests and deacons; for our priest Fr. Ron;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all our parish family and especially for those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Amy Stone (12/18), Liz Cyr (12/19), John Gerke (12/19), Allison Bradley (12/18), Cathy Gerke (12/23). Chris Gerke (12/23)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Stephen's, Bloomfield; St. George's, Bolton; Trinity, Branford; Those who advocate at the local, state, national, or global level for the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed.

Parish Prayer List

Prayers added the week of December 17: Patricia, Barb; Sienna Roper; Denise B., Jessica Starkey; Wendy; Linda, Margie; June & Bill;

Prayers added the week of December 10: Kim F., Frank Sloan; Joan, Melissa; Barbara Potterton; Natalie Perry; Sam & Grace Downey; Henry Jones; Emil Caron; The Conrad families, Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Florence Coulombe, Mike Duval, Luther Gibson, Liz Farnham & Priscilla Bronke; Irene, Jeni, Mary Jo, Gloria; Lianie; Kyle;

Prayers added the week of December 3: Eleanor Barron, Andrew Nolette; Cathie McAlistar, Chin Osmond, V.F., R. Bettancourt, S.F., C. Farren, T. Jeter, N. Vidal, S. Hicks;

We pray for the deceased, remembering especially Mary Mead Emerizan.

Prayer List: Our Prayer Ministry will confidentially and faithfully pray for those on our prayer list. While individuals will continue to be included on our prayer list for a month, we will publish only the most recent additions in the bulletin.

Advent & Christmas Services

Services of Holy Eucharist for the *Four Sundays of Advent* (12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24) will be our usual services at 8:00 (Rite 1) & 10:00 (Rite 2).

The *Christmas Pageant* will be held on December 24th at the 10 a.m. service.

On Christmas Eve there will be the regular 8 & 10 o'clock services.

The traditional *Christmas Eve service with choir* will be held at 5:00 p.m.

On *Christmas Day* there will be one service of Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.

On the 1st Sunday after Christmas there will be a service of *Lessons & Carols* at 9 a.m.



++Fr. Ron will be out of the office during the week following Christmas++

Announcements

Henry Jones new address is:

Brookdale Mountain Laurel SLC

1177 Hebron Ave, Room 17

Glastonbury, CT 06033

Telephone: 860-659-5178

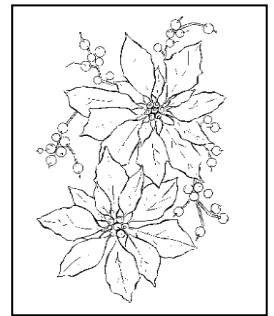
He would love cards, calls and visits.

Christmas Cookies – Our annual cookie baking for Christmas Giving will provide **195 dozen cookies** to families who are clients of HIHS (Hebron Interfaith Human Services) this Christmas. Please bake some if you can and bring them this Sunday (December 17) when St. Peter's parishioners will be putting together the platters after the 10 o'clock service. For any questions please call Judi Babin.

The Christmas Mail Boxes are out and waiting for your Christmas cards. For those who aren't familiar with this annual mailbox, you can save a stamp by putting your Christmas card for a parishioner in the box behind the appropriate letter, and your card is delivered on a Sunday! Don't forget to check to see if you received a card!

The American Red Cross will be holding a **blood drive** at Phelps Hall on Friday, December 22nd. This is an invaluable Christmas gift that you can give to three people by donating your blood. It takes about an hour start to finish.

Poinsettias and Nativity Scenes (crèches) to decorate the church on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day are available for ordering. There is a sheet at the back of the church for sign-up. \$12 per plant. The deadline for ordering is Monday, December 18th. Also, don't forget to bring a nativity scene from your home to decorate as well. Many hands make light the joyous work!



Christmas Pageant December 24th

Hello everyone!

It's that time of year again. The Christmas pageant is only three Sundays away. It will be held on Sunday, December 24th at the 10 am service. Please contact Allison Forrest if you have children who would like to be part of the pageant. Narrators and costumed "actors" are needed. Please let Allison know ASAP so she can assign roles. Any parents who are interested in helping **are more than welcome**, even if it's just standing in the back of the church and "entertaining" little sheep during the performance.



Thanks so much, I look forward to hearing from you. Allison

Blue Christmas Service - **Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.** at Gilead Congregational Church. This is a service of comfort, healing and hope in recognition that the holidays are not always an easy time for everyone especially those experiencing losses of all kinds. Come as you are and bring a friend!

Stewardship - Thank you for your 2018 pledge. We are very near our goal set for this year's budget. There is still time to get your pledge in if you have not done so.

Women's Club- It's almost time for our **Christmas party!** Joan Churney is hosting the party again this year at her home. She's providing the whole dinner and a nonalcoholic punch. She already has a number of volunteers who will bring dessert so we only need to bring wine and a wrapped ornament for the Yankee Swap. The party will be held on **Monday, December 18th** starting at 5:30. We'll eat at 6:00. Her address is 110 Cone Road, Andover, CT 06232. **Please let Joan know by Friday, December 15th** if you are planning to attend. You can call or text her at 860-202-2440. Everyone is welcome to attend even if you've never been to a meeting before. We had an absolutely wonderful time last year so we're all looking forward to the party.

Episcopal Church Young Adult Service Corps: Applications accepted for 2018-2019 placements

December 11, 2017 - Young adults (21-30 years old) have an opportunity to transform their own lives while engaging mission and ministry in the Anglican Communion by joining the Young Adult Service Corps. Now, applications are available for 2018-2019 placements in the Young Adult Service Corps, commonly known as [YASC](#).

Currently YASCers are serving throughout the Anglican Communion, working alongside partners in administration, agriculture, communication, development, and education. They are serving in Brazil, Costa Rica, England, New Zealand, the Philippines, South Africa and Tanzania.

The application for a 2018-2019 placement with additional information and instructions is available [here](#). The application deadline is Friday, January 12, 2018.

The Rev. David Copley, Director of Global Partnerships and Mission Personnel, noted, "YASC builds on the foundation of faith, knowledge, education, and experience that young adults bring with them when they serve and offers opportunities to be challenged and transformed by being fully present in another part of God's world. Missionary service is first and foremost an act of faith and a way of being Church."

For more information contact Boe at eboe@episcopalchurch.org.

DECEMBER 2017/JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 17 ADVENT 3 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 10 am	December 18 Women's Club 5:30 p.m. @ Churney's	December 19 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 20	December 21 Vestry 7 pm	December 22 Decorating the Church for Christmas 9:30 a.m. BLOOD DRIVE 1-6	December 23
December 24 ADVENT 4 Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Christmas Pageant 10 a.m. Traditional Christmas Eve service 5:00 p.m.	December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCARIST 9:00 A.M.	December 26 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	December 27	December 28 No Prayer Ministry mtg	December 29	December 30
December 31 1st Sunday after Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols 9:00 a.m.	January 1 New Year's Day Office closed	January 2 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	January 3 B & G	January 4	January 5	January 6 EPIPHANY
January 7 Epiphany Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10	January 8 Prayer Ministry 1:00 pm	January 9 Choir practice 6:30 p.m.	January 10	January 11	January 12	January 13

The Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

The Collect

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.*

Old Testament: 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.

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary (*Magnificat*)

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

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.

The Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

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.