

**WELCOME! OUR THEME FOR ADVENT IS A LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS**

*During the season of Advent, our worship begins with a prayer and the lighting of the Advent wreath.*

**Third Sunday of Advent: Joy**

God, as we light these candles, we thank you for all the blessings in our lives. You have done great things for us. In you we find faith, hope and great joy. We thank you especially for the gift of our family and the joy we share. **Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

Those Who See Light (Osuna & Elze)

**OPENING HYMN**

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate” The Hymnal 632

*The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening*



1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,  
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.  
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant*

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

*People*

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

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. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

*People*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*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. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*The People Sit*

### A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

#### 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

#### PSALM 126

*Typically, we read the Psalms responsively. Online, we will read the Psalms in unison as a symbol of our enduring connection.*

- 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.**

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

### 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.

*Lector*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

“The King Shall Come when the Morning Dawns”

## 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.**

## THE SERMON

Brian Nystrom

*The People may be seated*

*A moment of silence will be observed for reflection after the sermon*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The People stand as able and say together*

**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:**

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Falkland Islands

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Our Father's House, Ethete

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Eva Free  
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Robin Koop  
Edna Larson  
Anne Marie Letko  
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Sue Mertz  
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Sue Salzman  
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Nikki Thompson  
Kim Tsamoutales  
Tim Turner  
Larry  
Fr. Ubald  
Chandler Vreeland  
Cindy Windfield

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS**

Rachel Ablondi  
Debbie Barker  
Alyssa Beck  
Melissa Cassutt  
Derek Collins  
Lynne Davis  
Lisa Driewer  
Annie Estes  
Lurette Keegan  
Oscar Jaubert  
Emilie Johnson  
Nicole Johnson  
Kip MacMillan  
Mark Masid  
Julie Obering  
Marcus Olson  
Finley Peightal  
Olivia Ryan  
Myles Still  
James Wilcox

**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**

*The Deacon and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Falkland Islands; for our partner parishes, the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hastings, England and Santa Maria Magdalena in Favorito, Cuba; and in our own Diocese of Wyoming we pray for Our Father's House, Ethete.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially for those on our parish prayer list and those we now name.

*People may add their petitions silently or aloud at this time.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

In thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries:

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, \_and those we now name, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*         **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The People sit. See the Revelations e-Newsletter for what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.*

## **ANTHEM**

“Christ, Be Our Light! (Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Many the gift, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The People remain standing*

*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 God 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.

*Proper Preface* 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:

*Celebrant & People*

**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 kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant & People*

**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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*As the Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, a period of silence is kept*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*In the Anglican tradition, the sacrament of Holy Communion takes place in a gathering of the whole people of God together, remembering together, and sharing together in a meal. We look forward to resuming this practice once the present constraints are relaxed. Witness this holy sacrament as a visible sign of God's love for us, and our love for one another. Let us welcome God, Father Son and Holy Spirit into our hearts, with faith and thanksgiving.*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*The People kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People* **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**

*The Priest blesses the people*

## **CLOSING HYMN**

“We are Marching in the Light of God” Wonder, Love, and Praise 787

We are marching\* in the light of God

[\*Alternate text: singing, praying]

## **THE DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

“O Come, Divine Messiah” (French Traditional)



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