

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)

December 11, 2022 ❖ 9:00 am

The Word of God

PRELUDE

Savior of the Nations, come

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Hymnal 72

Hark! the glad sound, the Savior comes

Richmond

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long: let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People **You come to your people and set them free.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting our Advent Wreath today are the Sheets and Palazzola families.

Reader Lord God, you inspired your messengers the prophets to speak your word of hope and to prepare for the coming of your Son. As we prepare for his coming, help us to share with those around us the good news of your love.

People **May we be obedient to your call, ready and watchful to receive your Son, a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hymnal 54

Savior of the nations, come!

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:1-10

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

⁸A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God’s people;
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
⁹No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand and join in singing Psalm 146 (metrical).

PSALM: Psalm 146:4-9

Hymnal 429

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath

Old 113th



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in
2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the
3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing
4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My
sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose
mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He
death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing
truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the
helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -
days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.
less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

SECOND READING: James 5:7-10

Reader A Reading from the letter of James.

7Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. 8You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. 9Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! 10As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

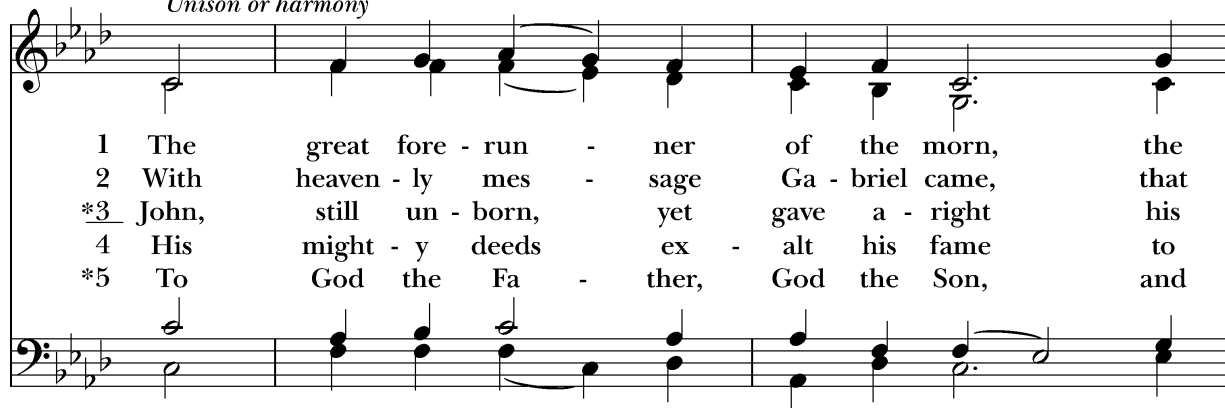
SEQUENCE

Hymnal 272

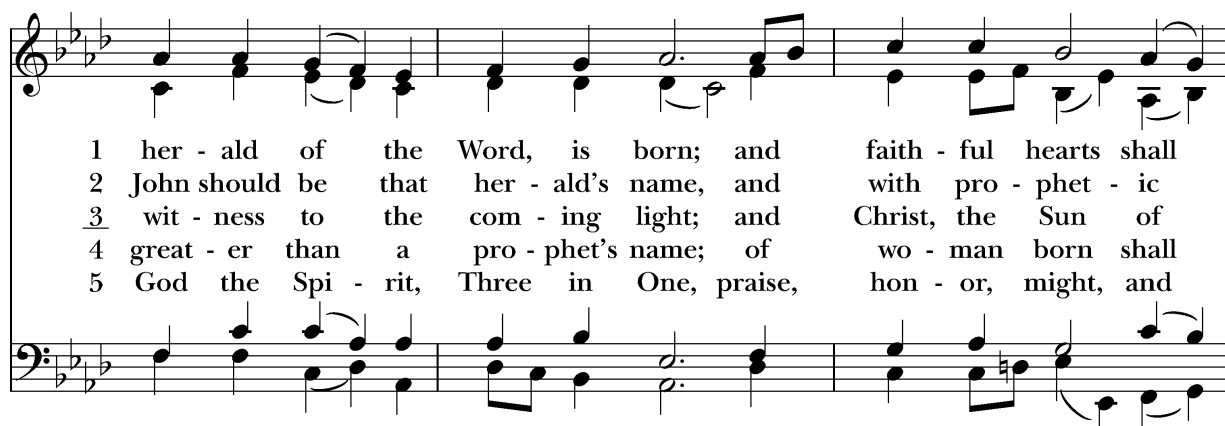
The great forerunner of the morn (vss. 1-4)

The Truth from Above

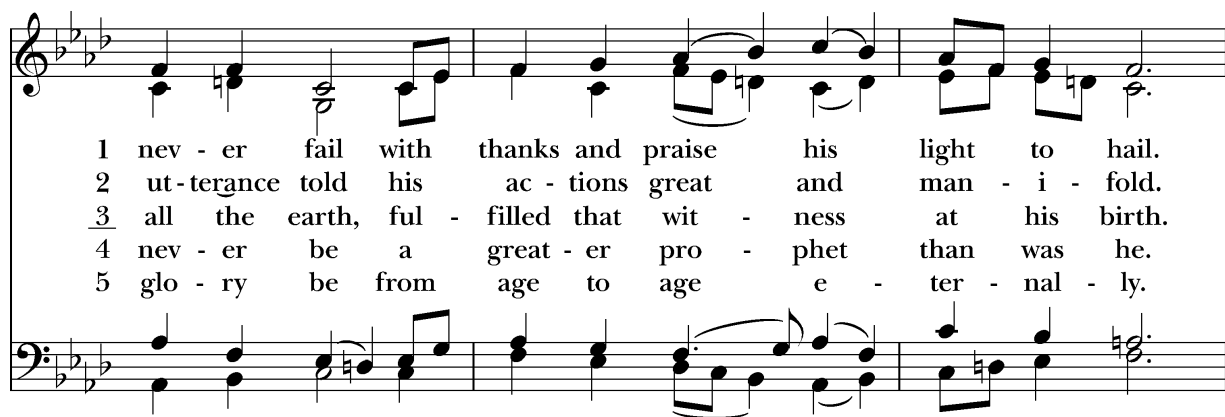
Unison or harmony



1 The great fore - run - ner of the morn, the
2 With heaven - ly mes - sage Ga - briel came, that
*3 John, still un - born, yet gave a - right his
4 His might - y deeds ex - alt his fame to
*5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and



1 her - ald of the Word, is born; and faith - ful hearts shall
2 John should be that her - ald's name, and with pro - phet - ic
3 wit - ness to the com - ing light; and Christ, the Sun of
4 great - er than a pro - phet's name; of wo - man born shall
5 God the Spi - rit, Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and



1 nev - er fail with thanks and praise his light to hail.
2 ut - terance told his ac - tions great and man - i - fold.
3 all the earth, ful - filled that wit - ness at his birth.
4 nev - er be a great - er pro - phet than was he.
5 glo - ry be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

Celebrant
People

✝ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see?

Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please join in singing the last verse of the hymn as the procession returns.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

A period of meditative silence follows the Reflection.

THE CREED

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

Intercessor “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.” (*Isaiah 9:2*)

You who dwell in darkness and light, in silence and sound, dwell in the hearts of your people. In hope, peace, and joy may we await with anticipation the coming of Christ, the Morning Star.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation, guide and strengthen your church, remembering especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, John, our Bishop, and all who serve you. Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who delivered your people from the misery of bondage in slavery to the land of promise, set us free from enslavement to division, disunity, and distrust in our public life and labor. Illumine those in authority with the light of vision. We pray for _____.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be reconciled and shaped into one common humanity.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of your compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering, especially _____. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife, and those whom we remember now _____. Shine the light of hope.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor You who delight in the complexity and splendor of creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth, our island home. Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Christ, be our light.

All **Shine in our hearts.**

Intercessor Let us pray for our parish as we seek a new rector.

All **Almighty God, giver of every good gift, grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new rector for Saint Michael and All Angels. Bless us with patience, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish family on this journey. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts, and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us. Raise up for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Celebrant May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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 Holy Communion

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary

17th c. Italian carol, arr. by Charles Wood (d. 1926)

*Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary!
For so when He did meet thee,
Spake mighty Gabriel,
And thus we greet thee.
Come weal, come woe,
Our hymn shall never vary:
Hail! Blessed virgin Mary!*

*Ave, ave Maria!
To gladden priest and people,
The angelus shall ring
from ev'-ry steeple,
To sound his Virgin birth,
Alleluia!
Ave, ave Maria!*

*Archangels chant Osanna,
And Holy, Holy, Holy,
Before the Infant born
of thee, thou lowly,
Aye, maiden child of Joachim and Anna,
Archangels chant Osanna.*

G. R. Woodward

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hymnal 60

Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
3 When this old world drew on toward night,
4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
* 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

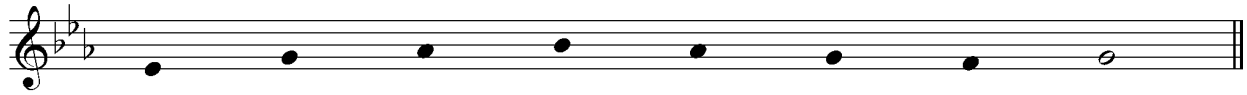


1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

(Hymn continues on next page.)



1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Hymnal S-129

Robert Powell



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and



might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Michael and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

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.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey you are welcome to come forward to receive the consecrated wine and wafers. Wine will be served by our chalice bearers from the common cup. In keeping with the pandemic safety guidelines from our bishop, the communicant may drink from the chalice or, in the alternative, the priest will dip the wafer into the wine and place it directly on the communicant's tongue. If you prefer not to have wine, simply cross your arms over your chest after receiving the wafer.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook Live may say the following:

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. *Amen.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Savior of the Nations, come (from the Leipzig 18 Chorales)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

Helmsey

Trumpet descant by Ray Urwin



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sleepers, wake! a Voice is calling

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

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We are delighted to welcome you this Sunday morning.

No matter your background, you are welcome to be part of our community as we gather in this sacred space to encounter the Mystery of God through beautiful liturgy and inspiring music. Please be assured that all children, no matter their ages, are invited to join us in worship as a powerful reminder that we are all beloved children of God. Again, welcome!

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

We publicly livestream our Sunday worship via Zoom and Facebook Live.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday> (Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Join on Facebook Live: <https://facebook.com/SMAACDM>

Important COVID Safety Reminder

All worshipers who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear masks at indoor gatherings. However, if you are not vaccinated, please wear a mask as required by the state COVID guidelines. Masks are available at the entrance to the church. Thank you all for your help in keeping our church a safe place for those most vulnerable.

Today's Worship Team

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart

Organist: Dr. Ray Urwin

Choir: Cecilia Rogers, (Interim Section Leader), Michele Dulson, Susan Zevnik, Mary Bailey (Section Leader), Pat Albers, The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart, Vincent Loza (Section Leader), Richard Zevnik, Scott Ziemann (Section Leader)

Sunday School

Godly Play (ages 3-10)

9:00 am in the Yellow Room

This week:

The Story of Advent.

Storyteller: Anne Conover.

(Children's Christmas Program rehearsal and prep follows the story.)

Contact: Anne Conover (annabanacaddie@aol.com)

Youth Group (ages 11-14)

Afternoon

Last Sunday, Youth Group enjoyed the harvesting and sharing of lemons from St. Mike's citrus trees. Today's fun will be assisting Beth Bianchi in the Gingerbread House event!

Contact: Susan Caldwell (scaldwell@stmikescdm.org)

Parish Prayer List

Dick	Tom	Mary Ann	Bob	Ron	Steve
Norris	Bob	Lucius	Kitty	Jeanine	Pat

Prayer requests remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.

To submit a name to the prayer list contact Brooke Pauley (kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917), or The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart (barbarastewart001@gmail.com).

Altar Flowers

Flowers on the altar are given by Colette Spence to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles and Corrine Spence.

Members of the congregation may sponsor altar flowers, chapel flowers, and the sanctuary light in thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are arranged by our Flower Guild with donors acknowledged in the Sunday bulletin.

Call the church office at (949) 644-0463 or make your donation via our website:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/>

Today at St. Mike's:

Music Notes from Ray Urwin

Today's Prelude and Communion music are settings by teacher and student of today's Hymn of Praise, a major Lutheran Advent hymn. Although Bach studied with at least one other major teacher, one of his major influences in both composing and performing was Dietrich Buxtehude, renowned organist (and church treasurer) at the Marienkirche in Lübeck, in northern Germany. This post, in a free Imperial city gave him considerable latitude in his musical career, and his autonomy there was a model for the careers of later Baroque masters such as Handel and Telemann. His series of evening performances known as *Abendmusik* attracted musicians from diverse places and remained a feature of the church from 1673 to 1810. In 1703, Handel traveled to Lübeck and met Buxtehude, who was by then elderly and ready to retire. He offered his position to Handel but stipulated that the organist who accepted it must also marry his eldest daughter (a common practice and tradition at that time, so not unreasonable). But both Handel and another composer turned the offer down and left the day after their arrival! Two years later, J.S. Bach, then a young man of twenty, walked to Lübeck, a distance of more than 400 kilometres (250 mi), and stayed nearly three months to hear the *Abendmusik*, meet the pre-eminent Lübeck organist, and hear him play. He overstayed his sabbatical leave time, and his employer threw him into jail when he returned late (they later reconciled)! Though he wrote other more extended music (often notated in lute tablature, but that's another story), Buxtehude's setting of this hymn (today's Prelude) is somewhat bare-bones and simple, with a florid, melismatic ornamentation of the hymn melody, and a basic accompaniment. Bach's setting (Communion), written in final form in the final decade of his life, is similar in format and texture, but much more florid and melismatic even in the accompaniment. Both settings end with a melismatic coda, or post-hymn extension. Buxtehude's setting is excellent; Bach's is one of his greatest pieces—a musical masterpiece and a sublime meditation on the coming of the Son of God to humanity.

The text of today's anthem is macaronic - in two languages. Many old European carols were macaronic—one language in the vernacular, the other in Latin, the lingua franca of the time. We also sing a metrical setting of today's psalm, Psalm 146.

St. Mike's Parish Life:

Rector Search | Update from the Senior Warden!

We're in the final stage of Saint Michael & All Angels search for a new rector.

This month, following meetings with the candidates, the Vestry will vote to decide on that special person who is a match for Saint Michael & All Angels. Upon approval by the Vestry, the Bishop and Canons of the diocese will be notified and the candidate issued a call to serve.

There will be a period (short, we hope) of negotiating an employment package and completing necessary paperwork. Once that's finished, the rector candidate and I will set a date when the call will be announced and we can at last share a name publicly.

Please continue to keep the Vestry in your prayers.

"More Than Enough" Pledge Campaign Update for 2023

After last week's Giving Sunday Service, Stacie Tibbetts, our Treasurer, and I updated our 2023 Pledge spreadsheet.

We are currently at \$229,944 (82%) of our goal for 2023 of \$280,000.

We have received 43 renewal pledges and have yet to hear from 25 who pledged in 2022.

If the 25 pledge the same amount as last year, we will reach our goal.

Thank you all for your careful consideration and generosity.

At any time, you may pledge online at <https://www.stmikescdm.org/give/> or call Maile Jansen in the church office at 949-644-0463.

Keith R Lumpkin

Stewardship

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Advent Wreath Making at St. Mike's

Each year at the start of Advent, St. Mike's celebrates with a parish wreath making party. Here are three photos from our Sunday, Dec. 4 wreath making event.



St. Mike's Youth Group Holiday Lemon Project

As part of our Youth Group's commitment to mission and outreach, last Sunday, Dec. 4, they harvested citrus fruit from the trees on our campus. Here are two photos from the event.



Worship with us:

Tuesday Morning Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays at 8:30 am

The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart celebrates and preaches each Tuesday. Featured saint for Dec. 13: Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304.



Prayer Vigil for Peace

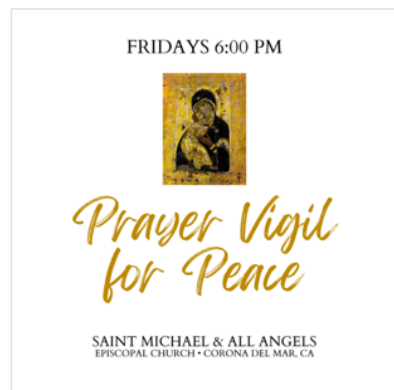
Fridays at 6:00 pm

Join us every Friday at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's sanctuary and on Zoom as we pray for peace in our community and around the world.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/stmikessunday>

(Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532 / Passcode: 080100)

Worship bulletins: <https://www.stmikescdm.org/worship-bulletins/>



A Time of Prayer

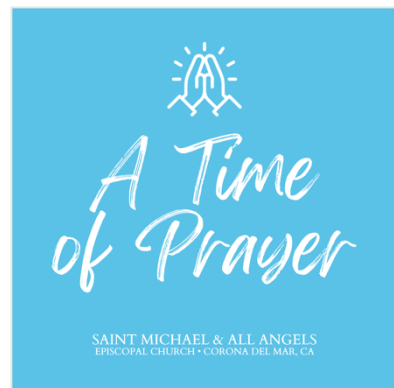
First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00 pm

Join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm for our service of worship and prayer to give thanks for our joys and express our concerns for ourselves and for those of our parish in need of prayer.

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Poinsettias for the Sanctuary



You are invited to sponsor this year's Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary. Please make your donation by the fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, to make sure your name is included in the worship bulletin. Sign-up to sponsor poinsettias via the worship link on our website <https://www.stmikescdm.org/altar-flower-and-sanctuary-light-donations/> or by using one of the envelopes in the back of the church. Questions? Contact, Melinda Rader, 949-230-3644.

At a Glance:

Advent and Christmas

**First Sunday of Advent
+ Wreath Making**
Sunday, November 27 at 9:00 am

Giving Sunday
Betsy Densmore, guest homilist
Giving Sunday Stewardship Celebration
Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am

Corona del Mar Christmas Walk
Sunday, December 4 at 12:00 noon

Gingerbread Lane
Sunday, December 11
(after 9:00 am worship)

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 18 at 4:00 pm

Christmas Eve Family Service
Saturday, December 24
Holy Eucharist at 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 24
Gift of Music at 7:30 pm
Holy Eucharist at 8:00 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 am

**Prayer Vigil for Peace
+ Epiphany Celebration**
Friday, January 6 at 6:00 pm

This Week at St. Mike's

Sunday, December 11
Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Holy Eucharist

Gingerbread Lane
(after 9:00 am worship)

Tuesday, December 13
8:30 am Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm Tuesday Night at Mike's

Wednesday, December 14
2:00 pm Embracing Evangelism

Thursday, December 15
8:30 am Men's Fellowship
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 16
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Vigil for Peace

Sunday, December 18
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 am Bible Challenge
9:00 am Holy Eucharist
4:00 pm Children's Christmas
Program

*Details on this week's events can be found elsewhere
in this bulletin.*

*For more information, contact the church office by
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church@stmikescdm.org.*

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Tuesday: 8 am to 3 pm
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Jim Palda, Junior Warden

Keith Lumpkin, Stewardship

Kim Montgomery, Christian Education

Louise Stover, Senior Warden

Mary Bailey, Mission

Stacie Tibbetts, Treasurer

Steve Morris, Ombudsman

Adult Christian Education and Small Discussion Groups

All are welcome to join one or more of the groups listed below. For more information, visit our website:
<https://www.stmikescdm.org>

St. Mike's Sunday Conversations

10:30 am in Michael's Room and on Zoom

No meeting on Dec. 11.

Sunday, Dec. 18: we will show the Menotti opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors*.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/sundaysat10>

Meeting ID: 966 632 5340 / Passcode: 221426

View our updated schedule:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/blog/sunday-conversations-1030-am/>

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Tuesday Nights at Mike's

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Currently studying *The Church Cracked Open* by Stephanie Spellers.

On Dec. 13, Chapter 9: *Walk in Love, Discipleship, Conclusion*

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/tuesdayatmikes>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754 / Passcode: none

Contact: **Beth Bianchi**

Bible Challenge

December 11 and 18 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room

All are welcome for this Advent devotional study,
O Wisdom: Advent Devotional for the Names of Jesus,
a Forward Movement Publication.

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/thirdsundaybiblechallenge>

Meeting ID: 958 1933 0475 / Passcode: 018474

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Inklings Book Group

Third Mondays at 10:30 am in the Davis Library and on Zoom
Monday, December 19

Join on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/inklingsbookgroup>

Meeting ID: 938 4250 5095 / Passcode: 573156

Contact: **Susan Caldwell**

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fridays at 10:00 am

Please join us as we knit or crochet and pray!

Contact: **Barbara Stewart+** at (949) 378-9780

Men's Fellowship Group

Thursdays at 8:30 am

Dedicated to studying the Bible and the works of Christian theologians. Open to all adult men of the parish.

Contact: **Kim Montgomery**

Visit our church calendar for more:

<https://www.stmikescdm.org/events>