



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

ADVENT III

December 12, 2021

10:00 AM

VISION STATEMENT

We seek to form Beloved Community, which is welcoming and diverse,
with Christian worship and service at the heart.

MISSION STATEMENT

We feed people in body, mind and spirit with the love of God, in the name of Jesus,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

CORE VALUES

Beloved Community + Loving Service + Sacred Space + Spirit Filled + Sustainability

THE GATHERING RITE

HYMN *standing*

People, Look East

ELW #248



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

ENTRANCE RITE

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy, and living One.

People You come to your people and set them free.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Lauren, Spiro, Sigg

The Innkeeper's Candle

Reader 1: Here we light this lamp of liberation--the innkeeper's candle-- as we remember that the innkeeper who turned the Holy Family away that night was human, imperfect, and more than their mistake.

Reader 2: May the forgiving light of the innkeeper's lamp remind us not to villainize, but to humanize.

Reader 1: By the light of this lamp of liberation...

Reader 2: Free us from the tendency to put people in categories of "good" or "bad".

Reader 1: Teach us to think beyond binaries and boxes.

Reader 2: Soften our hearts and open our minds to make room for all.

All: **Amen.**

Silence is kept as the candle is lit.

(Candle Lighting from Unlikely Prophets: An Advent Devotional from Behind Bars from Hagar's Community Church)

ADVENT CANDLE HYMN

We are Waiting



HYMN OF PRAISE

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es that the Lord is nigh;
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the way for God with - in;
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge and our great re - ward;
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us rise to fall no more;
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent has our free - dom won,



a - wake and heark - en for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 and let us all our hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 with - out your grace we waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.—
 oh, let your face up - on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 whom with the Fa - ther we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, ev - er - more.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider

God be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray

People

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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON *seated*

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

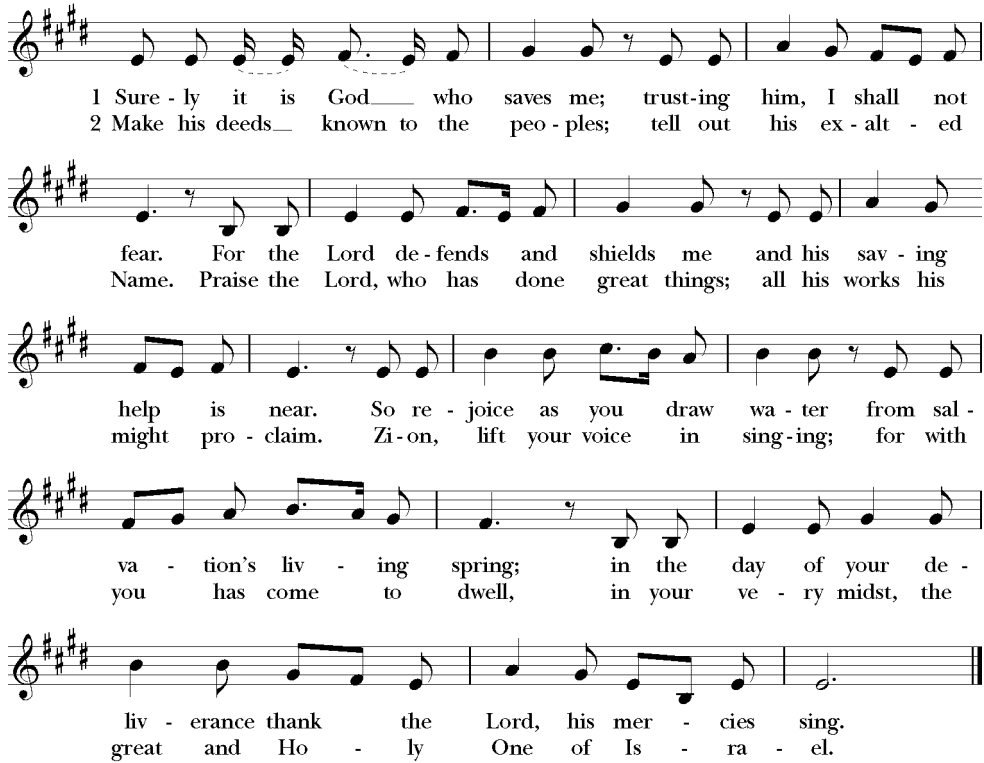
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE Surely it is God Who Saves Me (Isaiah 12:2-6) Hymnal #679



1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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THE SECOND LESSON *seated*

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Advent Acclamation

Lacey Brown

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

O come, O come Great Mys - ter - y, to o - pen minds and
 set our hearts free. En - light - en us to hear your
 voice. Send us all peace, and fill us with your joy.

We wait, we hope, we yearn, we pray for you to
 o - pen us and make all things new. We wait, we hope, we
 yearn, we pray for you to o - pen us and make all things new.

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson

THE NICENE CREED *said by all, standing*

**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 human.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor offers the petitions, and the People respond
Lord, hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE *standing*

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Those present celebrate the peace with a bow, hands raised in blessing, or the peace sign.

ANNOUNCEMENTS; BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY & SPECIAL PRAYERS



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
 Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
 come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
 Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
 In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
 Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
 Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly One. O God of earth and
 God of sun. The moon and stars and plan - ets a - bove re -
 flect your glow - ing end - less love. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est! O blessed are you, Christ Je - sus in our midst.

The prayer continues until

Presider Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
 We proclaim his resurrection,
 We await his coming in glory**

The prayer continues until

Presider 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.

All **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence may be observed.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the
one bread.**

THE INVITATION AND COMMUNION

The Presider says

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

During communion the ushers will direct you to come forward. Sanitize your hands at the station. You may choose between wafer or pre-packaged wafer and wine. Return to your seat. Remove your mask. Consume the element(s). Replace your mask. Sanitize your hands. Place the empty receptacle in the basket by the door as you leave.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Ivar Hillesland

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the People.



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
- 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

Words and Music: Cameroon Traditional.

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Thanks be to God, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

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

Sharing Sabbatical: December 12 at 11:30 am

Join us after worship for a hybrid adult forum as Canon Britt will begins to share her journey into the racial history of our nation and the current movement for racial justice. Those who attend in person are welcome to get their coffee hour snacks and bring them into the classroom. Those watching online can join us on Zoom at 11:30am with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82896496939?pwd=L1luOTdsaGFyNHVuM0gxcDB2d3B6UT09>

Christmas Decorating Party!

All hands on deck! **We are having Christmas worship in person this year**, and we need your help! We will especially need a few strong folks and one or two folks able to safely climb ladders. Stick around after church to have a snack at coffee hour and then help us decorate! It promises to be a fun and festive time! :)

***By our Love:* Fall Pledge Campaign Update**

Rejoice! We have received financial pledges in the amount of \$119,000 for 2022. This is in line with our pledged amount for 2021. The average annual pledge is \$4,500, an astonishingly generous figure.

We are grateful for pledges of any amount for they demonstrate spiritual health and commitment. Donations make up 2/3 of our budget with the other 1/3 from building use. Tenant changed have reduced the amount they contribute to maintain our facilities and we anticipate a significant shortfall in 2022.

If you haven't made a pledge before, there is still time to do so in person or online:

<https://stlukesseattle.org/give/> Thank you so much!

Christmas Worship Schedule

Candlelight Christmas Eve Eucharist
Christmas Day Feast of the Nativity
First Sunday in Christmas

December 24, 4:00 pm
December 25, 10:00 am
December 26, 10:00 am

Join in person or live on Facebook

You can **contribute** to St. Luke's and to our Edible Hope, our meals ministry, by setting up auto pay with our office, **donating online** from the St. Luke's website, or via PayPal with a credit or debit card on your smartphone using this QR code:



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