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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT AN ORDER FOR CELEBRATING THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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Live God's Love

AN ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

PRELUDE

Ensemble

WELCOME The Reverend Richard K. Wineland, *Associate Rector for Evangelism and Parish Life*

HYMN The angel Gabriel

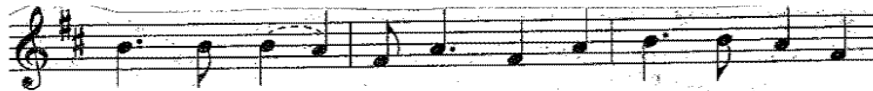
Basque carol
#265 Hymnal 1982

SONG My soul is filled with joy

Wild Mountain Thyme
trad. Irish melody



1 My— soul is filled with joy as I
2 I am low - ly as a child, but I
3 I pro-claim the pow'r of God: you do
4 To the hun-gry you give food, send the
5 In your love you now ful - fill what you



1 sing to God my sav - ior: you have looked up - on your
2 know from this day for - ward that my name will be re -
3 mar - vels for your ser - vants; though you scat - ter the proud
4 rich a - way— emp - ty. In your mer - cy you are
5 prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord, my



1 ser - vant, you have vis - it - ed your peo - ple.
2 mem - bered, for— all will call me bless - ed.
3 heart - ed and de - stroy the might of princ - es.
4 mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
5 sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.



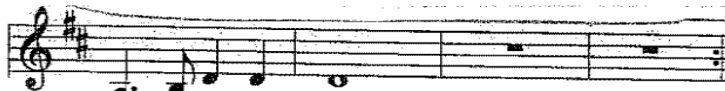
And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er - a - tions! Ev - er -



last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have cho - sen, and



last - ing is your mer - cy to the peo - ple you have cho - sen, and



ho - ly is your name.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first portion of worship is called The Liturgy of the Word, which consists of Scripture readings, the sermon, the creed, and the Prayers of the People. The Bible is the foundation of Anglican worship; passages are read from the Old and New Testaments, and from the Psalms. Hymns, chants and songs are sung that reflect biblical themes.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Leader † Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

If you believe and I believe

Zimbabwe

traditional

If you believe and I believe, and we together pray
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free

And set God's people free, and set God's people free
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free!

The word "Collect" comes from the Latin con lectione, or "with the readings." The Collect reflects the liturgical season and summarizes the message of the Bible readings in tonight's worship.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader 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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON –Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say 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."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then 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; the 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. A 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. No 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. And the

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 3

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
 and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded *
 the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth *
 all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
 and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him *
 throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm; *
 he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
 and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
 and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy has holpen his servant Israel, *
 as he promised to our forefathers,
 Abraham and his seed for ever.

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON – James 5:7-10

Be 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. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Standing as you are able*

Valet will ich dir geben
#74 *The Hymnal 1982*

Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
God! He on - ly to the hum - ble re - veals the face of
God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All things are in his
hand, all a - ges and all peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!

It is the Church's custom to stand while the gospel is read, as we honor the words and deeds of Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON – Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew. †††
People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the 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. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As 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? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly 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.”

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.
People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON – The Reverend Canon Anna Russell Friedman
A moment of silence and reflection follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Church believes about God. It was born out of the councils of Nicaea and Constantinople in the 4th century.

THE NICENE 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 whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
was incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made truly 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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
who 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 Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Hold us close in this season of Advent to watch and wait with patient and expectant hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us dreams of new life and stars to carry us through our darkest nights.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for those who are homeless, hungry or destitute.
Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.
Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.
Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.
Hear us, O Christ.

Silence

The Leader says

We pray for all of those in our community, especially...

The People may add their own petitions.

Leader

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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 all that enslaves us, for what we have done, and all that we have left undone. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will.
Amen.

The Priest concludes with an absolution

As beloved and forgiven people, we can truly live in Peace, and in God's Shalom. Let us greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE PEACE

Shalom. Salam. La Paz del Señor.

Leader The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Breaking Bread@6 is pet-welcoming. Animal companions are always invited to join us. We ask that your pet be on a leash, please. Spread the word!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Ensemble



Please scan this QR code with your phone or tablet to leave your tithe and offering this evening.

We have declared our praise to God in prayer and song, heard the words of God in scripture and proclamation, and now we are welcomed to the Table of the Lord. The Sursum Corda (Latin for “lift up your hearts”) is one of the most ancient parts of the service, dating to the third century.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(from Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2)*

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to our God.**

Leader 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:

THE SANCTUS

The Sanctus (Latin for “Holy”) is a hymn based on the poem of creation in Isaiah 6:1-5. The Benedictus (Latin for “blessed”) is based on Matthew 21:9 and Luke 13:35.

Leader and People

(Land of Rest, trad. Appalachian folk melody)

**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. Hosanna in the highest!

The Leader continues

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 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 *(Contemporary version)*

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray, and has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the early centuries of the church's history.

Leader As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread reminds us of the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross. "This is my Body, which is given for you." (Luke 22:19-20)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant 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.

THE SACRAMENT IS DISTRIBUTED

(Music during Communion: *Ensemble*)

If you wish to receive the sacrament by intinction please leave the Bread in your hand. The chalice bearer will dip the Bread in the Wine and return it to your hand. You may also receive a blessing from the priest instead of the Bread and Wine. Let the priest know if you would like a low-gluten wafer.

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

(attributed to Francis of Assisi)

Leader Let us pray.

People **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

We joyfully end our time of worship with the priest's Blessing, and the declaration of God's never-ending love and favor toward his people. The Dismissal sends us out from this place to love and serve others in the name of Christ.

AN ADVENT BLESSING

May you carry the light of Advent hope with you: The light of a strong and holy peace that strengthens the weak, feeds the hungry, exalts the poor, and guards the feet of the faithful. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's Cry

*Winchester New
#76, The Hymnal 1982*

THE DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS

We pray for our parishioners especially Billy, Jojo, Jim, Phyllis, Jan, Susan, Paul, Phyllis, Scott, Peggy, Melanie, Rachel, Dee, Stacey, Ann, Geoff, Mimi, Roger, Jerry, Betsy, Bobby, and Shona.

We also pray for the families and friends of parishioners especially Rob, June, Colin, Darci, Bernie, Patty, Shiela, Rusty, John David, Dede, Glynn, Olinka, Michael, Jackson, Liam, Xandre, Allison, Nancy, Kenneth, Gabrielle, Sandi, Buena, Polk, Kathryn, and Amy.

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Alec Vaughn

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Roger Rhoads



CATHEDRAL VESTRY

2026

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Donald McKenzie
David Morton
Sarah Tally (*Senior Warden*)

2027

Susan Barge
Sam Bessey (*Junior Warden*)
Ellie Teal Gardner
Anna Grimes
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