

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II – 10:30 A.M.

*The Service begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.*

Prelude: O come, O come, Emmanuel  
Es ist ein Ros'

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)  
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897)

### THE WORD OF GOD

*The Advent wreath is lit as the Choir sings the Introit.*

Introit *Gaudete*

Plainsong

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice; let your forbearance be known to all, for the Lord is near at hand; have no anxiety about anything, but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

– *Philippians 4; Psalm 85*

Hymn 68: “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan, *stand*

Opening Sentences

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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

*Priest:* 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.**

# Trisagion

David Sinden (b. 1982)

*Organ:* *All:*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and  
Might-y, Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor-tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.  
Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy u - pon us.

## The Collect of the Day

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Priest:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## The Lessons

*Lector:* A Reading from The Book of the prophet Zephaniah. (3: 14-20) *sit*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

### Canticle 9

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples;  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*All:* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn 59: “Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

Merton, *stand*

*Priest:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
(3: 7-18)

*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.

*Priest:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Reverend Luke Jernagan

*sit*

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, *stand*

## Prayers of the People

*Lector:* In this season of Advent, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

*kneel*

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's healing in every act of forgiveness, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That the leaders of the church, in both word and deed, may show forth God's love for the world, remembering especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Bishop, and Luke, Kelly and Joseph, our clergy, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That all in any need, especially those served by our ministry partners Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace, and Bravely, may receive God's mercy and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That all who suffer from sickness of body, mind or spirit may know the power of God's love, especially Eve Ballman, Robert Barringer, Bruce Carvell, Ruth Noakes and Karmen Selby, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That all who have died may find eternal life in God's loving presence, remembering especially Gloria Covert, Ned Klein and Erle Lionberger, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Lector:* That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Priest:* Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. And accept our thanks and praise for all your gifts so generously given, make ready our hearts for your coming, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

*Priest:* 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.**

#### The Absolution

*Priest:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

#### Exchanging the Peace

p. 360, *stand*

*The children join the Service from their Sunday School classes.*

#### Announcements

*sit*

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion.*

*If you would like to receive gluten-free bread, let the priest know at the altar rail.*

#### The Offertory Anthem

Melissa Dunphy (b. 1980)

O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae,  
et sol justitiae:  
veni, et illumine sedentes in tenebris,  
et umbra mortis.

*O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal  
and sun of righteousness:  
Come and enlighten those who dwell in  
darkness and the shadow of death.*

*– Antiphon for the Magnificat, Dec. 21*

The Presentation (*Hymn 76, stanza 5*) Winchester New, *stand*  
*All: All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent doth thy people free;*  
*whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore. Amen.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A p. 361

Sanctus and Benedictus (*Hymnal S 129*) p. 362  
*kneel*

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Administration of the Sacrament *sit*

Anthem Anonymus, 16th century

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is e'en at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

– *Phillipians 4:4-7; Introit for the Third Sunday of Advent*

Hymn 481: "Rejoice, the Lord is King" Gopsal

A Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 365, *kneel*

The Blessing

Hymn 67: "Comfort, comfort ye my people" Psalm 42, *stand*

The Dismissal

*Priest:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Voluntary: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Nikolaus Bruhns (1665–1697)

*The sung setting of the Eucharist is by Robert Powell (b. 1932).*

*MUSIC NOTES:* The Offertory Anthem is written by Philadelphia composer *Melissa Dunphy* (b. 1980). Dunphy sets the text of the O Antiphon for December 17, which corresponds to stanza 6 of the famous Advent hymn "O come, O come, Emmanuel:" "O come, thou Dayspring from on high." • *Rejoice in the Lord alway*, sung at Communion, is a staple of Anglican choirs, and the words match those of the Introit for today. This anthem was formerly attributed to the English composer *John Redford* (c. 1500–1547).

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.*

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers: Nannette Rich, Andrea Osman  
Ushers: Allan Ivie, Bob Butler, Bill Hausman, Jess Yount  
Acolytes: Holly Baer, Will Frank, Campbell Graves  
Harper Graves, Katie Marks, Sam Wilson  
Acolyte Master: Julie Ferrie  
Altar Guild: Jan Craig, Frances Gay, Merrill Buettner, Susan Schettler  
Counters: Susan Hall, Karen Hempstead

### ***PRAYER LIST***

**For Parishioner:** Eve Ballman.

**For Family and Friends:** Robert Barringer, Bruce Carvell, Ruth Noakes and Karmen Selby.

**For the Faithful Departed:** Gloria Covert, Ned Klein and Erle Lionberger.

**For those Committed to Our Ongoing Prayers:** Patricia Beseda, Donna Brookman, Chris Canepa, Amanda Carstens, Kathy Dacheau, Patricia Drew, Martha Ferguson, Meg Fuller, Jimmy Grimmett, Richard Hamman, Patty Hecker, Paul Johnson, Susan Kerkerling, Marcy Kovis, Rick Ledbetter, Sandy Lehrer, Sophia Mandl, Elizabeth Mendoza, Matthew Meinen, Cheryl Meyer, Bryan Miller, Michael Montgomery, Signe Myles, Jeffrey Rixleben, Sarah Roberts, Ray Sellenriek, Dan Singer, Gerald Spencer, Jane St. John, Madeline Tufts, Timothy Vowels and Dick Williams.



## ***TODAY...***

**CHILDCARE** is available in the Little Building from 9:00 until 11:45 a.m.

**PARISH BREAKFAST** – Come enjoy a hot breakfast in the Undercroft today, served from 8:45 until 10:00. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

**COFFEE HOUR** – Please join us for coffee hour after the 10:30 service, hosted by The Haven of Grace. Kimberly Brown, The Haven’s Executive Director, and her staff are here to thank St. Peter’s for our many years of support as The Haven continues to minister to pregnant, homeless mothers and their children.

**RECTOR’S FORUM** meets each Sunday morning, 9:15-10:00 a.m. in the Undercroft. This morning and next Sunday join Luke Jernagan and David Sinden to explore the theological meaning and power of our favorite Christmas carols!

**SANDWICH MAKERS** – Join us today at 9:15 a.m. in the Undercroft kitchen.

**CHILDREN’S CHAPEL** – All ages, please join us in Grace Chapel, 10:15 to 10:25 a.m. before Sunday School.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS** – Just in time for Christmas! St. Peter’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary ornaments are for sale for \$20 in the Undercroft after the services on Sunday mornings during Advent or by calling Mimi Carnal at 314-369-3823.

**ANNUAL GIVING** – St. Peter’s needs your 2019 stewardship **pledge!** It is important that we raise the funds to cover our annual operating budget next year. Thank you to the 211 families who have pledged a total of \$822,046 to the campaign! But that leaves almost \$328,000 in additional pledges that we need to secure. Please help us meet our goal—return your pledge card to the Church office or pledge online at [www.stpetersepiscopal.org](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org). **THANK YOU!**

## ***THIS WEEK...***

**ST. PETER'S CARES** – Need a ride, a meal or a prayer? St. Peter's has a ministry that can help – that's St. Peter's Cares! Leave a voicemail or email (314-993-2306, ext. 125 or shepherd@stpetersepiscopal.org) and a Shepherd will contact you within 24 hours.

**WOMAN'S GUILD** – We are enjoying a holiday break until January 8<sup>th</sup>.

**SEARCHING FOR GOD IN THE DAILY NEWS** will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**BIBLE STUDY** – Join us at 7:00 on Thursday morning in the Elliot Room.

**PRAYER GROUP** – Everyone is welcome on Friday morning at 10:00 in the Elliot Room to pray for the needs of the parish and the world.

**PAGEANT REHEARSAL ON SATURDAY MORNING** – The Christmas Pageant is at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The one and only **pageant rehearsal will be this Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** Every child, age 3 through Grade 8, is invited to participate! Please contact Ann Babington at annbabington@gmail.com to sign up.

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS...***

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES** – Please note the service times:

Monday, Christmas Eve	4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist/Pageant
	6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
	11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, Christmas Day	10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING** – The Christmas offering will be divided among our outreach partners—Beyond Housing, Episcopal City Mission, The Haven of Grace and Bravely. Please use the special offering envelopes which will be in the pews on Christmas Eve and Day. Thank you for joining us as God calls us to love and serve others in Jesus' name.

**YEAR-END OFFERINGS** – The Church Office will be open regular hours on Thursday and Friday, December 27-28<sup>th</sup>. The Finance Office will also be open until Noon on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to receive your contributions. Please note that **all offerings for 2018 must be postmarked on or before Monday, December 31, 2018**. Anything postmarked with a date of January 1, 2019, or after, will be considered a 2019 contribution. For stock transactions, the “date of gift” must be on or before December 31, 2018. Please consult with your broker to ensure timely delivery. If you need security transfer information, please contact the Church Office or Darlene Horton at 314-993-2306 ext. 104 as soon as possible. Contributions for 2018 may be made by credit card online through 11:59 pm CST on Monday, December 31 via our website at [www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give](http://www.stpetersepiscopal.org/give).

**CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS** – This service will be sung on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. and will include Holy Eucharist.

**JOINT EVENSONG FOR EPIPHANY** – Everyone is encouraged to worship at a special Evensong at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, January 6<sup>th</sup> at the Church of St. Michael and St. George (6345 Wydown Blvd, Clayton). The St. Peter’s Choir will join with the Choir of St. Michael’s for the third such joint service with our two parishes. This year’s service celebrates the Epiphany with music by Howells, Sowerby, Lehman, and Gabriel Jackson.

**EPIPHANY LESSONS AND CAROLS** – St. Peter’s Evensong series returns to the second Sunday of the month beginning on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. with a Service of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany. The service will be sung by the St. Peter’s Singers and includes music by all North American composers.

**FOOD DRIVE** – Our monthly food collection will be January 6<sup>th</sup>. As you shop for groceries, please take the January food list with you for Trinity (CWE) food pantry. The groceries and toiletries most needed are: canned pasta with meat, peanut butter, Ramen noodles, bar soap and toilet tissue.

***SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 - 23, 2018***

Sunday	12/16		<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>
		8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
		8:45-10:00	Parish Breakfast – Undercroft
		9:15 a.m.	Rector’s Forum – Undercroft
			Sandwich Makers
		10:15 a.m.	Children’s Chapel
		10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday	12/18	5:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – off-campus
Wednesday	12/19	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Thursday	12/20	7:00 a.m.	Bible Study
		10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist @ The Gatesworth
		6:00 p.m.	Choristers
		7:15 p.m.	Parish Choir
Friday	12/21	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
Saturday	12/22	10:00 a.m.	Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday	12/23		<b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
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