

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Candlelighting (Lucernaria)

- V. Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.
R. **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**
V. Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:
R. **O Lord God of hosts.**
V. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**
V. Show us your mercy, O Lord:
R. **And grant us your salvation.**



Opening Hymn

Rejoice, rejoice, believers

Hymnal #68

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh; up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.
The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand; rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Collect for Purity

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 EPISTLE: *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.

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah *Isaiah 12:2-6*

- 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.***

GOSPEL *Luke 3:7-18*

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.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

pg. 358 in Book of Common Prayer

Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin

pg. 360 in BCP

The Peace

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Blest be the King whose coming (5:30 pm)

Hymnal #74

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred! Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He only to the humble reveals the face of God. All power is his, all glory! All things are in his hand, all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God! He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need. Gentle is he and humble! And light his yoke shall be, for he would have us bear it so he can make us free!

Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

The Advent of our God (11:00)

Eugene Butler

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . . to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.***

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God . . .
. . . Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice and thanksgiving . . .

. . . 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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Communion Music

Blessed be the God of Israel

Hymnal #444

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free; he visits and redeems us, he grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release; God shall fulfill his promise and bring his people peace.

He from the house of David a child of grace has given; a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes his herald, forerunner in the way, the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.

On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise, the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes.
He guides the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace. O bless our God and Savior, with songs that never cease.

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal #440

Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love
and fear thee; by thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded, till thy Spirit breaks our night with the beams
of truth unclouded; thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

Gracious Lord, thyself impart! Light of Light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart, help us by thy
Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy Church upraises; hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Postcommunion Prayer

*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

Closing Hymn

Hark! the glad sound! (verses 1, 3, 4)

Hymnal #72

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long:
let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.

He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring with thy beloved Name.

Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

Dismissal

Postlude

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