The First Lesson Isaigh 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 eves 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 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.

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

Thanks be to God.

For the Gradual Canticle 15 (sung by the choir)

based on 'Birmingham'

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

The Second 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.

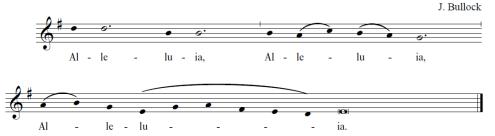
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Sequence Hymn 615 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee St. Flavian

Gospel Alleluia

The Cantor intones the Alleluia and the assembly repeats it once, then again following the versicle



V. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; *

he has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord 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."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. James B. Flowers

The Nicene Creed (sung in monotone)

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Sisters and brothers, strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Let us seek God, praying, "Let us see your glory, O God; *come to us and save us*!"

God, save your Church from weakness of heart. Give us strength to prepare this world for the coming of your Christ and give us patience when it seems Christ's kingdom does not come quickly enough.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O God;

Come to us and save us!

God, save this nation from disordered priorities and misplaced hope. May our values mirror your values. May we be a nation that offers justice to the oppressed, food to the hungry, and care to the stranger.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O God;

Come to us and save us!

God, save your creation from human misuse. Bless us to play a part in the redemption you have planned for all of creation.

Silenc

Let us see your glory, O God;

Come to us and save us!

God, save this city from hopelessness. Give us a vision and a future. Raise up prophets who will speak hope and encouragement to the people of our region. Silence

Let us see your glory, O God; *Come to us and save us!*

God, save the sick and the sorrowful in the midst of their affliction. May they experience the healing work of their Messiah. Make happy all those who have you for their help.

You are invited to add your own petitions and thanksgivings.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O God;

Come to us and save us!

God, bless all members of your heavenly kingdom. May they obtain eternal joy and gladness in your presence—where sorrow and sighing are no more.

Silence

Let us see your glory, O God;

Come to us and save us!

Concluding Collect

O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. *Amen.*

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.

The Offertory E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

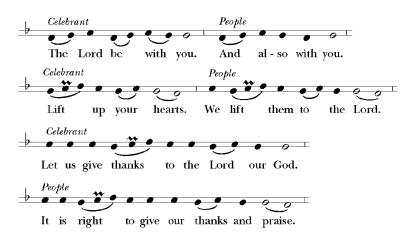
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Presentation Hymn 640 Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 2, from *Enriching our Worship* (on printed card in BCP) Sursum Corda and Proper Preface



Sanctus S-130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Fraction Anthem S-164

Franz Schubert

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Hymn 272 The great forerunner of the morn The Truth From Above

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask this in his name. Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn 437 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Birmingham

The Blessing

May the God who brings heaven close to earth give truth to our judgment and flame to our longing, that our hearts might be ready to be born again in love; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

For the Procession Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

> Please remain in place until the procession is completed. The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

Serving today:

Kathryn Hedlund, Brenda Woodmansee Lectors:

Valerie Mitchell Intercessor: Chalice: Cynthia Tucker Thurifer: Darrel Williams Graham MacDonald Crucifer: Book: Henry MacDonald Ushers: Gabe Posadas, Ron Feuerlein

Vestry Greeter: Gabe Posadas

Betty Bentley, Michael Johnson Altar Guild:

Bread Baker: Betty Bentley Flowers: Elizabeth Doyle LEV: Molly Allison (Valera)

Upcoming schedule:

Sun, Dec 14 Deadline for Christmas Food Share donations

7:45a Nursery opens 8a Holy Eucharist, church 9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall

9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm

9:15a-10:15a Godly Play, upstairs in Parish House

9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm 10:30a Holy Eucharist, church Reception follows, Parish House

7p AA, Smith Rm Mon, Dec 15

Wed, Dec 17 Christmas Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall

5:30p Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm

6p AA, Smith Rm

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being. Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org

Sign up for our parish newsletter! https://www.allsaintsmobile.net/the-herald/

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later):

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/

https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/

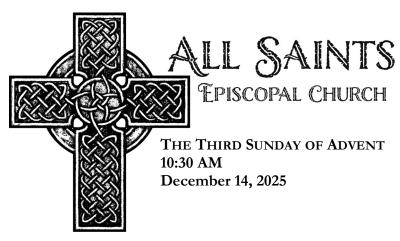
Please keep in your prayers...

For healing for: Hursey Smith, Terry, Kaky Hughes, Judy Boswell, Sheridan Hinton, Lily O., Byron & Kay Cruthirds, Marie Quinn, Amy & Clay Carmichael, the Oom family, Debbie Boelte, Penelope, Kevin, Donna Bowcock, Paul Dagenais, Evi Valera, Curran Foose, Patty McMillan, Michael Laird, Joan, Ben Wilson, Mary Robert, Carolyn Thornton, Stephen Rollins, Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Carr family, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Mary Hunter Slaton, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Robin Steele, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Bryan LaPorte, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Bruce Barrett, Lister Thomas, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Jan Cade, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Richard Cade, Ir., Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Cook For those who serve in the armed forces: especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II. Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Matt Abbot, Trevor Thiel

For those who have died, especially Garn Menell.

*Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed

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Welcome to All Saints! We begin worship in holy silence.

Please silence all cell phones. In the tradition of the church, prayer posture is standing or kneeling. Our preference at All Saints is standing, but kneeling is acceptable. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by "S" are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in *Bold Italics* are said by the congregation.

Matin Responsory

adapt. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)

For the Procession

Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Winchester New

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.

The Peace

God's judgment is not vengeance, an eye for an eye; God's peace is not false, a veil for injustice; God comes to break the spear, to silence the guns and still our warring souls. May the peace of Christ rule our world and heal our hearts. The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

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 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Trisagion S-102 (sung 3 times)

after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

God of the burning sand and thirsty ground: you called John into the wilderness to announce a new creation far from palaces of royal power; make us ready for your intensity, the judgment that opens our senses to the poverty of our world and calls to life what lingers in death; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.