

**December 15, 2024
10:00 AM**

**The Third Sunday
of Advent**

Holy Eucharist



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**We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,
recognizing his presence in all people,
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us**

WORD OF GOD

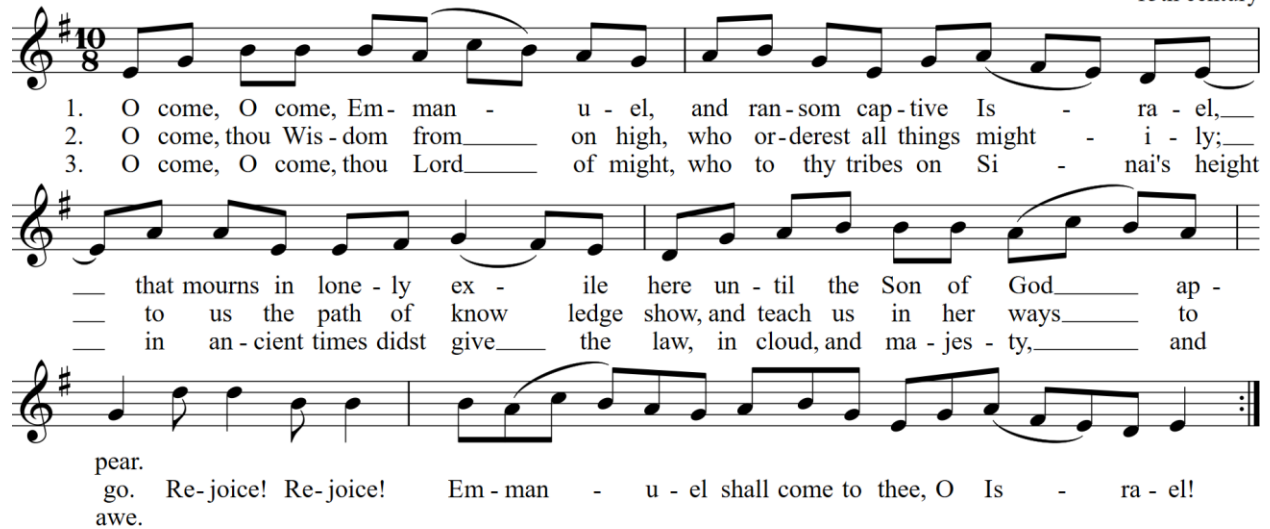
Opening Hymn:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

H #56

15th century



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, —
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from — on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly; —
3. O come, O come, thou Lord — of might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height —
— that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un - til the Son of God — ap -
— to us the path of know ledge show, and teach us in her ways — to
— in an - cient times didst give — the law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, — and
pear.
go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!
awe.

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: The light shines in the darkness

All: **And the darkness has not overcome it**

Reader: On this Third Sunday of Advent we light these three candles to remind us of the Light that shines in the world; the Light that we wait for; the Light that is coming: Jesus our Redeemer.

Leader: Let us pray,

All: **Let these candles, O Lord, light the Holy Way that leads to you, your kingdom, and the crude manger in which he was laid; that when our Lord Jesus comes he might find his light burning in us, in our homes, in our community, and in our church. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

Please be seated

A Bidding Prayer

In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-25 (*The story of Creation*)

Carol: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1. He's got the whole world in his hands. (repeat 3 more times)
2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. (repeat 3 more times)
3. He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. (repeat 3 more times)



SECOND LESSON: Genesis 3:1-15 (*Adam and Eve*)

Carol:

O Loving Wisdom

Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise # 378

John Henry Newman (1801-1890)

(alternate tune)

LAND OF REST
American Folk Melody

2. O lov - ing wis - dom of our God! when all was sin and shame, —
3. O wis - est love! that flesh and blood, which did in A - dam fail, —

a sec - ond A - dam to the fight and to the res - cue came. —
should strive a - fresh a - gainst the foe, should strive and should pre - vail. —



THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11: 1-9 (*The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown*)

Carol: H66 – Come, thou long expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11 (*The prophet proclaims good new to people in exile*)

Carol:

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Franz Mikael Franzen (1772-1847)

H #65

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERREN
Then Swenska Psalmboken, 1697

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1.
3. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near! Let
Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on, your Sa - vior's rule em - brace. His

ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear. Greet
ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place. All

One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

FIFTH LESSON: Isaiah 7:10-15 (*God promises a child will be conceived*)

Carol:

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Greek

tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925)

H #73

ST. STEPHEN

William Jones (1726-1800)

1. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks;
2. Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to bear, and fight, and die,
3. The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and earth's dark night is past;

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
O haste the ris - ing of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-38 (*The Angel Gabriel visits Mary*)

Carol:

The Angel Gabriel

H #265

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

Basque Carol

1. The an - gel Gab - ri - el from heav - en came, _____ his

wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes _____ as flame; _____ "All

hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry, _____ most

high - ly fav - ored la - dy." Glo - - - ri - a!

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7 (*Jesus is born at Bethlehem*)

Carol: H101 – Away in the manger



The musical notation is written on a single treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column starting on the first line of music, the second on the second line, and the third on the third line. The final line of music ends with a double bar line.

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

EIGHTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-20 (*Angels tell the shepherds to come to the manger*)

Carol:

Angels We Have Heard on High

H #96

GLORIA
French carol

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
4. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o.

NINTH LESSON: John 1:1-18 (*The Word made Flesh*)

Carol:

John Francis Wade (1711-1786)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

H #83

God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab -
Yea, Lord we greet thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing, Je - sus to

hors not the Vir - gin's womb; on - ly be - got - ten
thee be glor - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

Son of the Fa - ther, O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

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 Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Exchange peace.

Offertory:

On Jordan's Bank

Charles Coffin (1676-1749)

H #76

WINCHESTER NEW
from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690

1. On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry an - noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;
2. Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make straight the way for God with - in,
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion Lord, our re - fuge, and our great re - ward;

a - wake and heark-en for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings.
and let each heart pre - pare a homewhere such a migh - ty guest may come.
with - out thy grace we waste a - way like flower that with - er and de - cay.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord *Sanctus*

S130

Setting from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, —

hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant

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

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 Hymn 1:

While Shepherds Watched their Flocks

Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

H #94

WINCHESTER OLD
fr. *The Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592

1. While shep - herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed on the
2. "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their trou - bled
3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of Da - vid's

ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and glo - ry shone a - round.
mind; "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to you and all man - kind."
line the Sa - vior, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Birthday Blessing: Watch over your birthday *children*, O Lord; as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Blessing: O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. ***Amen.***

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. ***Amen.***

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

Mission Song:

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

H #87

MENDELSSOHN
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3. Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Mark your calendar

- Wednesday Book Group, every Wednesday morning at St. John's, 11am
- Saturday, January 4th – Epiphany dinner, 6pm

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