



All Saints  
Episcopal Church  
NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**

December 15, 2024

## Prelude

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

*Please observe silence during the prelude and stand at the ringing of the bell.*

## Processional Hymn

*O come, O come, Emmanuel* (stanzas 1, 3, 4, 8)

Hymnal 56

## The Salutation

BCP 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. *His mercy endures for ever.*

## Confession and Absolution

BCP 352

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.

## Trisagion (repeat 3x)

Hymnal S 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

## The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* 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.*

## Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14–20

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. *Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual

## The First Song of Isaiah — Isaiah 12:2–6

*The cantor will sing the antiphon once; the congregation joins the second time and as indicated.*



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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.

*Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

## Lesson

## 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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence** *The Alleluia is sung before and after the cantor's verse, and repeated after the Gospel.*



Al - le - lù - ia, Al - le - lù - ia, Al - le - lù - ia.

Verse: The spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has annointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

## Holy Gospel

## Luke 3:7–18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*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.

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## Children's Pageant

### The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

Dear friends in Christ, let us confidently present our needs to God and ask God's promised salvation in these prayers.

For leaders of Christian churches and communities, that the Lord's strength will renew them in their responsibilities, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For leaders of governments, that the Lord's courage will lead them along the ways of justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For the sick, injured, and sorrowful especially ... that the Lord's peace will stand guard over their lives, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For babies about to be born, that the Lord's care will bring them to the fullness of their humanity, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For this assembly of God's people, especially those who celebrate birthday and anniversaries this week ... that the Lord's presence will make us a source of spiritual joy for each other, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

For those who have died, especially ... that the Lord's salvation will fill them with everlasting joy, let us pray to the Lord:

*Lord, hear our prayer.*

*[adapted from St. John's Abbey]*

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist, Prayer B

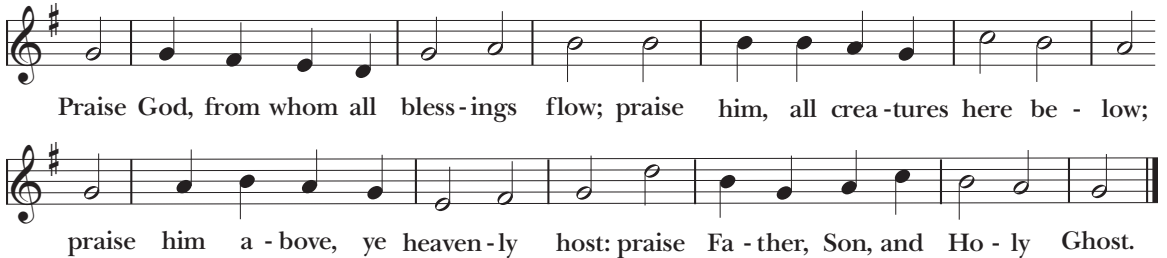
The full text of the liturgy is found on pages 367–369 of the prayer book.

Offertory

*Gaudete*

Traditional

## Presentation of the Gifts (please stand)



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;  
praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

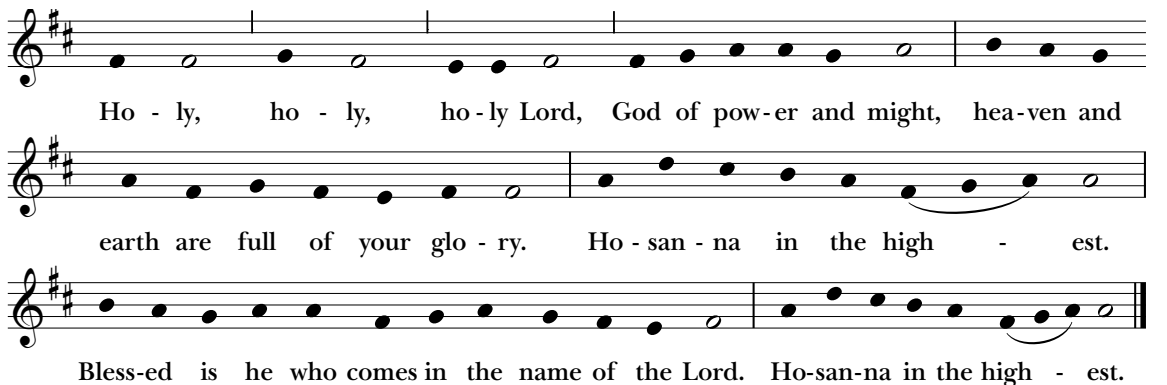
Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

... 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:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S 124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

## The Eucharistic Proclamation

...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*We remember his death,*

*We proclaim his resurrection,*

*We await his coming in glory;*

## The Great Amen

BCP 369

...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.

*A - men.*

## The Lord's Prayer

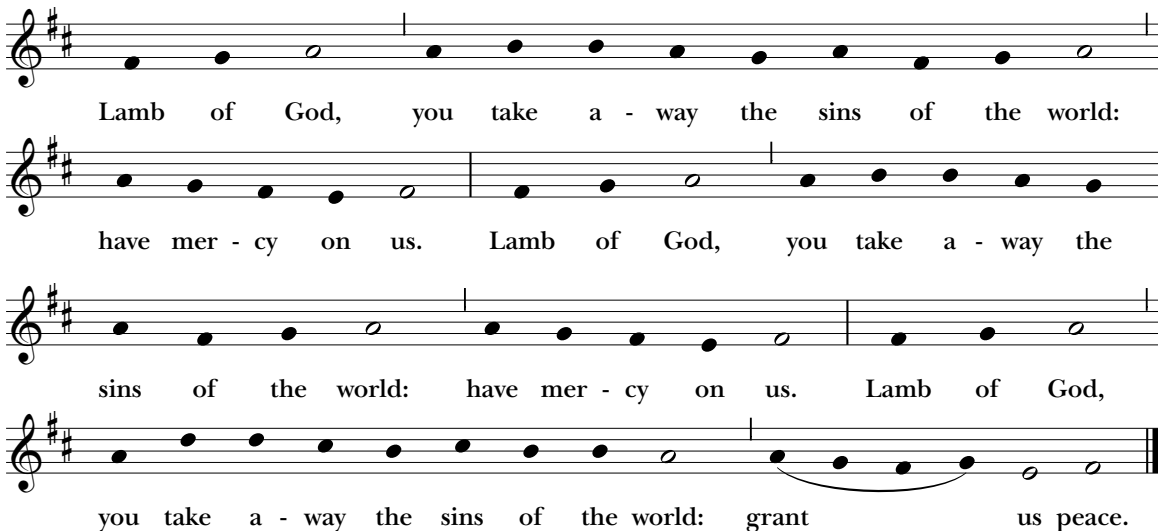
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.*

*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

Hymnal S 161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## Communion of the People

We welcome all who wish to come to the Lord's Table. Please wait for the usher to invite you to come forward. If you wish to receive wine, you have two options: you may share the common cup or pick up a small individual cup as you approach. Extend your hands to receive the bread, then the server will offer you the common cup (you should touch it and guide it to your mouth) or fill your personal cup if you present it. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your forearms over your chest.

## Communion Hymns

*Creator of the stars of night*

Hymnal 60

*Watchman tell us*

Hymnal 640

*Blessed be the king whose coming*

Hymnal 74



## Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

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.

## Benediction

### Recessional Hymn

*People look east*



1 Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)

## Dismissal

*...Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

*Love Came Down at Christmas*

Joe Utterback

*Please join us for a festive coffee hour through the side doors  
immediately after the postlude!*

## Serving Today

*Thank you! If you would like to assist with the service occasionally,  
speak to a minister or greeter for more information.*

Organist	Faiz Wareh
Music Director	Sabe Dunlap
Acolyte	Miriell Ennis
Lectors	Stephanie Ennis & Cathy Whiteman
Intercessor/Chalice Bearer	Joan Ennis
Greeters	Val Britton & Greg Gudbjartsson
Livestream	Mark Heiman
St Olaf Driver	Bob Aby
Altar Guild	Bonnie Sherman & Vicki Harper

*The greens and flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Sister Mary Virginia, VHM, who would have turned 95 this past week  
by Fr. Cody Maynus.*

Today is our annual Christmas Pageant during the service with our children, young people and, in fact, people of all ages! This third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday or Joy Sunday, and we will all experience a lot of joy as we retell the story of Jesus' birth!

Following the service, everyone is invited to our traditional Festive Coffee Hour! Thank you to everyone who has offered to bring a favorite treat!

The Annual Peace and Healing service will be held on Wednesday, December 18th at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 418 E. Sumner St. Sponsored by St. Peter's and the United Methodist Church, this service will feature beautiful Advent music by Celtic harp, classical guitar, and cello; lighting of candles; poetry and silence; anointing/healing for oneself or others. The prelude begins at 3:45 pm

The All Saints Resurrected Women's Group is gathering for supper on Thursday, December 19 at 5:30 at the church. All women are welcome to join us for an evening filled with conversation, laughter and friendship! Please email the church office ([office@allsaintsnorthfield.org](mailto:office@allsaintsnorthfield.org)) to RSVP so that we have an idea of how much lasagna (meat, vegetarian and gluten free options) to prepare. If you would like to bring a salad, dessert or wine, please include that in your email, but do not feel that you must bring something in order to join the fun!

The Funeral Eucharist for our beloved Terry Schlinck will be at 11:00 am on Saturday December 21st at St. Mark's Cathedral (519

Oak Grove St Mpls) with visitation an hour before and a luncheon to follow. Please keep Marie and the whole Schlinck family in your prayers. If you would like to carpool to Terry's funeral, please email the office and we will do our best to connect folks.

Next Sunday, December 22, we will be preparing the church for Christmas after the Advent 4 service. We will hang banners and ribbons, set out poinsettias and creche figures, hang the garland and more! Please plan to stay and help; the more the merrier!

Musicians of all stripes—and singers, too!—are invited to make merry music together in the church while the decorations go up. Bring your musical instrument and a music stand to church that morning. We'll set up during coffee hour. Marshall Hansen will provide easy-to-sight-read music and direction and Richard will man the electric keyboard. We need violins and trumpets, horns and guitars, drums (pots and pans can work), clarinets, kazoos, and brash uninhibited vocalists. If you haven't played in a few years, we provide rust remover. We'll enjoy 30-40 minutes of easy impromptu hymns (Mendelssohn anyone?), swing (Mel Tormé, Chestnuts Roasting?), and pop (yes, Johnny Marks and Brenda Lee live on!). Contact Marshall with questions.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 8:00pm on Tuesday, December 24. On Christmas Day, December 25, the service is at 10:30am.

The church office will be closed the week of December 23rd & on December 31 & January 1.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their pledge for 2025. We are happy to accept pledges or donations at any time, but if you are able to send your pledge before vestry meets on December 17, it will help the vestry in its planning for 2025. There are extra forms at the back of the church or ask Pam for one. Thank you again for your generosity to All Saints!

If you would like to give a donation towards the purchase of our greens or poinsettias in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones, please place a check in the offering plate or in the mail with “Greens/Flowers” on the memo line.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the “Music and Meditation” Winter Walk event at All Saints a success, especially our musicians! Special thanks to Richard Collman for organizing everything!

The Youth Group community outreach project for the season of Advent is an Angel Tree in partnership with Ruth’s House, a local organization that provides resources

and housing to families and women in need. All Saints is proud and privileged to have an ongoing relationship with Ruth’s House, which is based in Faribault, MN. Starting Sunday, December 1, there will be a tree in our commons area, covered in ornaments outlining the current and ongoing needs for donations to Ruth’s House. Please bring all donations by Sunday, January 5. No need to wrap anything! We can’t wait to watch the pile of donations under the Angel Tree grow over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons! Let’s show our neighbors at Ruth’s House the All Saints spirit of generosity and giving!

Celebrating their birthdays this week are Bonnie Sherman, 12/20; Mike Allen, 12/22 and Frank Berry IV, 12/22. Celebrating their anniversary this week are Joan and Chris Ennis, 12/18. Best wishes to all! If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, and you would like it to be, please email the office with dates.

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