

Third Sunday in Advent
December 13, 2020
Welcome

Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Hymn: On to Bethlehem Town
Invocation

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The Law of Christ

Col 3:5ff

Leader: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God by saying,

Congregation: Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices

Leader: Beloved we have not done this as we ought; therefore let us corporately confess our sin:

Corporate Confession of sin:

O, Lord our God, our Heavenly King, We have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We acknowledge you to be our King, but we rebel against your rule. We resist your authority more than we like to admit. Lord we are guilty of treason, for as our King you stooped so low to help and save us as to be born of a virgin and live here among us. Oh, what wretched people we are!

Lord have mercy, on us! Grant us your forgiveness, since you have purchased us with your own blood, and paid our debt; and by your mighty hand, you have brought us into your kingdom.

Increase our faith in you, and may obedience spring out of hearts filled with gratitude and hope - through the merits of our great and only Savior, the God-man, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Isa 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

Congregation: We give praise to God for although he was angry with us his anger has been turned away and by faith in Christ our sins are forgiven.

Pastor: How far has he separated your sins from you?

Congregation: As far as the East is from the West, and he has replaced them with the righteousness of Christ

All: **Praise and glory be to God our Father and to his Son Jesus our only Savior!**

Response:

Minister: It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night. (Ps 92:1)

Congregation: **For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands. How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!** (Ps 92:4-5)

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #194

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed p846

Hymn: Good Christian Men Rejoice #207

Children's song:

In the Fullness of Time
God sent forth his Son
He was made under the law
To redeem us

Pastoral Prayer

OT Reading: Dan 2:36-45

Psalter: Ps 72 O God, Your Judgments Give the King #312
(tune Forest Green NT 119)

NT Responsive Reading: Rev. 11:15-19

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

And the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign."

The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Sermon: The Whole Earth Will Be Full of His Glory Ps 72

Lord's Supper

Bread: Beneath the Cross of Jesus #251

Cup: Oh How He Loves You and Me

Oh, how He loves you and me!
Oh, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you,
Oh, how He loves me,
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Offering:
Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer

Closing Song: **May the Grace of Christ Our Savior**

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys, which earth cannot afford.

Benediction

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