

Third Sunday in Advent
December 11, 2022
Welcome
Silent Meditation

Call to Worship: Ps 145

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

Hymn: Joy to the World
Invocation

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The Law of Christ:

Eph 4:21-24

Pastor: The Apostle Paul summarized the moral law of God when he said:

Congregation: Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

Corporate Confession of sin:

From the Book of Common Prayer

Most merciful God, you are of purer eyes than to look on iniquity, and have promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before you in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many sins. O gracious Father, who does not desire the death of a sinner, look upon us in mercy, as we acknowledge all our sins. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them, and work in us a heartfelt contrition; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen

Personal (silent)

Assurance of Pardon: Col 1:13-14

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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)

Pastor: 1 John 2:1, 29; 5:12

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. If you know that He is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him. The one who has the Son has life.

Congregation: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our life, and in You we live. Thank you for causing us to be born again by your Holy Spirit so that we might live in Your love. Help us see and overcome the destruction we work to our bodies, our minds, and our hearts; strengthen us to pursue the good and thankful use of this world, rather than to abuse it; and animate us to pursue earnestly Your upbuilding and life-giving love and peace for those around us.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

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Carol: On to Bethlehem Town

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Pastoral Prayer

Gospel: Mark 14:1-32

Psalter: Ps 34:1-4,7-9

Through All the Changing Scenes of Life

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Epistle: 1 Cor 14:1-12

Sermon: The Promise to Moses

Deut 18

[Licentiate, RE Matt Seufert]

Lord's Supper

Bread: Thou Dost Reign on High

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Cup: Selected Scripture

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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