

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow out to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

Trisagon *Sung 3 times at both services* Hymn S-102

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect

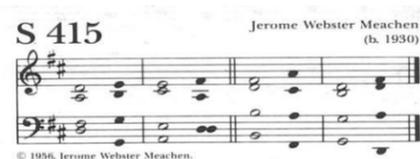
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First 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.

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

Psalm *The Psalm is spoken at 8 AM and the congregation sings the entire Psalm as a chant (S 415) at 10 AM.* Canticle 9



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.

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence *Silent sequence at 8 AM and sung at 10 AM.*

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, (*Llangloffan*) Hymn 68

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The Gospel of the Lord Luke 3:7-18

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon The Rev. Beth Franklin

The Nicene Creed BCP Pg. 358

The Prayers of the People for the Season of Advent

As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path. For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, Robert, and Jim, our bishops; Beth, our rector; for all who minister in Christ; and for all the holy people of God, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the church throughout the world, and the faithful in every place, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the leaders of the nations and all in authority, especially Donald, our President, Ralph, our Governor, and the members of the Arlington County Board, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the safety and welfare of all those serving our nation at home and abroad. For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For the dying and the dead, especially Jack Hightower, Marion Rocha, James Thorne, and those we name at this time: (*Pause*) For those who mourn, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, and for those we name at this time, either silently or aloud. (*Pause*) For all persons served by our Nursing Home Ministry, we pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves, and one another, to the living God through Christ. We pray,
Come, O Lord, and save us.

Celebrant: Almighty God, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and grant us hope as we expectantly wait your coming again, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin BCP Pg. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
People **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.**

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Preparation of the Table

Offertory

Sunday, 16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent



Welcome!

Welcome if this is your first time with us! Welcome if you've been with us for a long time. You honor us with your presence, and we look forward to knowing you better. The root of the word *liturgy* is "the work of the people." Meaning all that happens in the sanctuary with the community who gathers works because of your participation. The beautiful thing about this invitation to participate is that, who we are and what we bring is enough because God meets us here! So don't worry about "doing" anything "right." Whether you've been to Episcopal services since you were a baby, or this is your first, we hope you'll worship in the way that is most comfortable to you. The service instructions about standing, kneeling, and other directions are intended to help clue you into the habits of this particular community.

The words of our worship service are lifted from the Episcopal (and before that Anglican) tradition. The thing that sets us apart from other denominations is our dedication to Common Prayer. These same words have been used for hundreds of years by people all over the world, and are still used today. The hope of finding ourselves in the midst of this ancient tradition is that we might both learn from those who have come before, and add our own voices to the heavenly chorus.

Sounds from children, young and old, are a valuable part of our prayer life – not a distraction from it! Families are encouraged to sit in the front of the sanctuary, allowing children as many opportunities to follow along and participate as possible. We do offer nursery care and children's chapel for those who would prefer an offering specifically catered to children.

The BCP stands for the Book of Common Prayer, which is the red book found on the shelf in the pews. *The 1982 Hymnal* and *Wonder Love and Praise* (WLP) books contain songs of our tradition, which may be found on the shelf in the pews.

Order of Worship

Prelude

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen, mvt. 3

Anton Heiller

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

All: Come, O Holy One, breaker of chains and renewer of life! Open our eyes to your presence in all the earth. Stir us to proclaim gladly the signs of your love: the liberation of those oppressed, the healing of those frail and broken, springs of water in all the parched places, and Jesus Christ risen and alive, through whom we pray. Amen.

O come, O come, Emmanuel (*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*)

Hymn 56
(verses 5 & 6) (text follows)

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to the, O Israel!

Those Serving Today

Lectors
Lay Eucharistic Ministers
Acolytes
Ushers
Greeter
Children's Chapel
Altar Guild
Nursing Home Ministry
Counters

Tim Matlack, Sandra Phaup
Sandra Phaup, Jane Cook
Tad McCall, Adam Ruff
Tim Matlack, Cindy Matlack
Karen Ruff
Julia Carter
Terri Katon, Barb Adams
Linda Denson, Fran Field (Music)
Karen Ruff, Tad McCall

This Week at St. Michael's

Sun., Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
<i>Advent III</i>	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	10:00 AM	Children's Chapel
	10:45 AM	Nursing Home Service at Regency
	4:00 PM	Advent Formation Series
Mon., Dec. 17		Office closed
	12:05 PM	Morning Prayer
Tue., Dec. 18	12:05 PM	Morning Prayer
	7:30 PM	Vestry
Wed., Dec. 19	11:00 AM	Meals on Wheels
	12:00 PM	Book Group
	12:05 PM	Morning Prayer
	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Dec. 20	12:05 PM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 21	1:30 PM	Bridge Group
	3:00 PM	Bible Challenge and Beyond(ers)
	8:30 PM	Al-Anon
Sun., Dec. 23	9:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
<i>Advent IV</i>	10:45 AM	Nursing Home Service at Regency
	4:00 PM	Advent Formulation Series

St. Michael's Staff

The Rev. Beth Franklin
Mr. Noel Warford
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Mr. Carlos Marquina
Mrs. Carmen Blanco Fernandez
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Presentation of Offerings

Spoken at 8 AM

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thine own have we given thee.

Sung at 10 AM sing only verses 1 and 2.

Comfort, comfort ye my people (*Psalms 42*)

Hymn 67 (text follows)

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over. Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to great him.

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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Sanctus *Spoken at 8 AM and sung at 10 AM*

Hymn S 125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer Continues

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The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Communion

Gluten free wafers are available, ask the priest at the altar rail.

Communion Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying (*Ascension*)

Hymn 75

Post Communion Prayer

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Blessing

Recessional *Silent recessional at 8 AM, accompanied by Hymn at 10 AM.*

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding (*Merton*)

Hymn 59

Dismissal

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Postlude

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Anton Heiller

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given by Jane Cook to the glory of God and in memory of Ken Cook.

Readings for Next Sunday

Micah 5:2-5a Canticle 15

Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-55