



CHRIST CHURCH
CATHEDRAL
A CATHEDRAL FOR THE CITY

Sunday, December 13 — Advent 3, Year B

Service of the Word—Advent 3—B

Officiant: The Reverend Ross Bliss
Reader: The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Nancy E. Ford
Prayers: The Reverend Canon Nancy E. Ford

Dominical Greeting & Sunday Notices

The Very Reverend M. Ansley Tucker

Dean Grace, mercy and peace to you
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People **And also with you.**

Organ Prelude: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (BWV 599)

J.S. Bach (d. 1750)

The Gathering of the Community

Introit: *Veni Redemptor*

*Veni, redemptor gentium;
ostende partum virginis;
miretur omne saeculum:
talīs decet partus Deum.*

*Non ex virili semine,
sed mystico spiramine
Verbum Dei factum caro
fructusque ventris floruit.*

*Alvus tumescit virginis,
claustra pudoris permanent,
vexilla virtutum micant,
versatur in templo Deus.*

*Procedens de thalamo suo,
pudoris aula regia,
gemine gigas substantiae,
alacris ut currat viam.*

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Begotten of no human will,
but of the Spirit, thou art still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to us displayed.

The virgin womb that burden gained
with virgin honour all unstained;
the banners there of virtue glow;
God in his temple dwells below.

Forth from his chamber goeth he,
that royal home of purity,
a giant in two-fold substance one,
rejoicing now his course to run.

*Aequalis eterno Patri,
carnis trophato accingere:
infirmi nostri corporis
virtute firmans perpeti.*

O equal to the Father, Thou!
Gird on thy fleshly mantle now;
the weakness of our mortal state
with deathless might invigorate.

*Presepe jam fulget tuum,
Lumenque nox spirat novum,
Quod nulla nox interpolet,
Fideque jugi luceat.*

Thy cradle here shall glitter bright
and darkness breathe a newer light,
where endless faith shall shine serene,
and twilight never intervene.

Placing of the Third Advent Candle

Deacon Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
People **A light no darkness can extinguish.**

Collect of the Day

Sundays and Seasons

Officiant Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people,
Lord God,
and open our ears
to the words of your prophets,
that, anointed by your Spirit,
we may testify to your light;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
People **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 / all seated

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Response to the Reading: Psalm 126

sung by the choir / remain seated

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, *
and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, *
as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears *
shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, *
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

Second Reading

John 1.6-8,19-28

Homily

The Reverend Canon Nancy E. Ford, deacon

Anthem: In the beginning, O Lord

Matthew Locke (d. 1677)

In the beginning, O Lord thou didst found the earth, and the heavens,
and the heavens are the works of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou remainest, and
they shall all wax old as a garment, and as a vesture, thou shalt change them and they shall
be changed. But thou art the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

Affirmation of Faith

Evangelical Lutheran Church of America / standing

Officiant

We believe in God

All

**creator of all things,
the God of Abraham and Sarah,
the holy one who freed the slaves from Egypt
with steadfast love and mercy,
who made a straight path in the wilderness,
who promises to make all things new.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Messiah,
who is Emmanuel, God with us.
He is King of Kings, yet born of Mary.
He showed God’s love through healing and teaching,**

and chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross.
After three days he rose from the dead and appeared to many.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the one who inspires faith,
who has spoken through prophets and preachers,
the one who breathes new life into the church and the world,
who is making all things new.

We believe that God is still creating.
We believe that Jesus is still with us.
We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth
in love and mercy. Amen.

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Lord, remember us in your kingdom,
and teach us to pray,
All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Officiant May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
and scatter the darkness from before your path.
And the blessing...
People **Amen.**

Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel / Common Praise #89

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,

that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go. *Refrain*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
from every foe deliver them
that trust your mighty power to save,
and give them victory over the grave. *Refrain*

O come, O Dayspring from on high
and cheer us by your drawing nigh,
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
O bid our bitter conflict cease,
and be for us our Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

Text: Latin (9th cent.); tr. J.M. Neale (d. 1866), alt.

The Sending Forth of the Community

Dismissal

Deacon With the light of Christ in our hearts
let us rejoice in our commission to care
for each other and the world. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Voluntary: Fantasy on 'Helmsley'

Kenneth Leighton (d. 1988)

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