

Third Sunday of Advent

**Prelude & Welcome/ Announcements**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Advent Prayer/ Reading

Choir: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Opening Hymn** CP#425 Joyful , Joyful we Adore You

**The Grace**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit always be with you. **And also with you.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God,

**to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Collect Prayer**

**God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son.**

**Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Readings**

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Homily**

**Choir Anthem** - On Sundays when appointed

**Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession & Absolution**

God is love and we are his children.  
There is no room for fear in love.  
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.  
Silence

**God our Creator, we confess to you  
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ  
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us our sins,  
and deliver us from the power of evil,  
for the sake of your Son who died for us,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen**

God, who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

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

**Offertory Hymn** CP#116 - Your Kingdom Come - On Bended Knee

#### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

**God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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 him thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker...

...As children of your redeeming purpose  
who await the coming of your Son,  
we offer you our praise,  
with angels and archangels

and the whole company of heaven  
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,  
most loving Creator...  
... We now obey your Son's command.  
**We recall his blessed passion and death,  
his glorious resurrection and ascension;  
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts...

... Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,  
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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 for ever. Amen.**

#### **The Breaking of the Bread**

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.  
**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

**The gifts of God for the people of God.** Thanks be to God.

#### **Communion Hymn**

CP#117 - Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

#### **Prayer After Communion**

**Merciful God, may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

#### **Closing Response**

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**  
With judgment and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**

In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**  
In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** CP#114 - Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

**The Dismissal**