



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Liturgy of the Word
December 13, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Cameron Spoor, Curate
Preacher The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector
Music Dr. David Stevens, Director of Music
Eric Mellenbruch, Associate Director of Music + organist

🌿 The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Eric Leibrock's birthday by his daughter, Jane Leibrock, and in celebration of the birthday of Mary Rose. 🌿

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Even though we are in a new phase of church life, we are committed to offering a meaningful Sunday worship experience for all who tune in to our virtual services (Liturgy of the Word at 9 a.m. and Compline at 8 p.m. on Sundays). Formation for children, youth, and adults is offered after the morning service beginning at 10 a.m. You can find links to the children and youth formation at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

We miss seeing you in person and long for the day when we can be back together. Until then, we hold you in our hearts, and hope you enjoy the service.

NEW TO ST. DAVID'S?

If you are new to St. David's, we especially welcome you! If you want more information about the church, please complete the guest card on the [Newcomers](#) page of our website. Amy Moehnke, our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, will get back to you very soon!

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can add a comment online during the service or send them to prayers@stdave.org.

STAY CONNECTED

Please connect with us to receive updates on events and church announcements.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE

Prelude on the Introit for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Prelude on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Charles Tournemire
Flor Peeters

INTROIT

Antiphon:

Be joyful in the Lord always – and again I say, Be joyful.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone; the Lord is near.

Do not be anxious for anything, but in every prayer your petitions shall be made known before God.

Verse:

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Philippians 4.4–6; Psalm 85.9

WELCOME

HYMN 65

✦ Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

☒ **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

☒ **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.**

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ **TRISAGION** *(Please join in singing three times.)*

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Ho - - ly God, _____ Ho - ly and Might - - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon _____ us.

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP, P. 212

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.**

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11

Karen Summers-Lofgren

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news
to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise
instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD,
to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up
the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I the LORD love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;

I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make
an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known
among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom
the LORD has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me
with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me
with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself
with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it
to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause
righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Psalm 126 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

David Stevens
BCP, P. 782

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

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

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

✘ **4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

✘ **6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Eric Leibrock

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

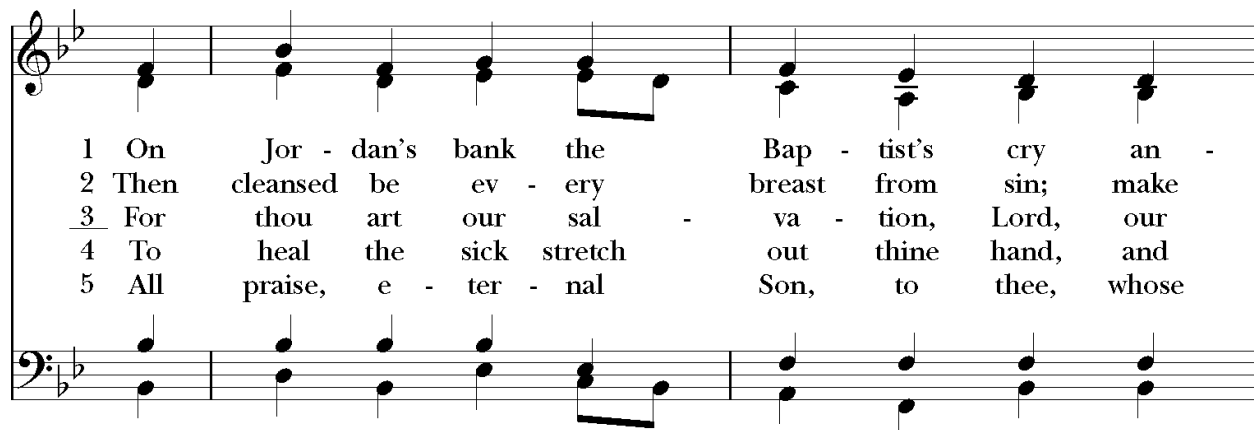
The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 76 (Please stand and sing.)

✘ On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

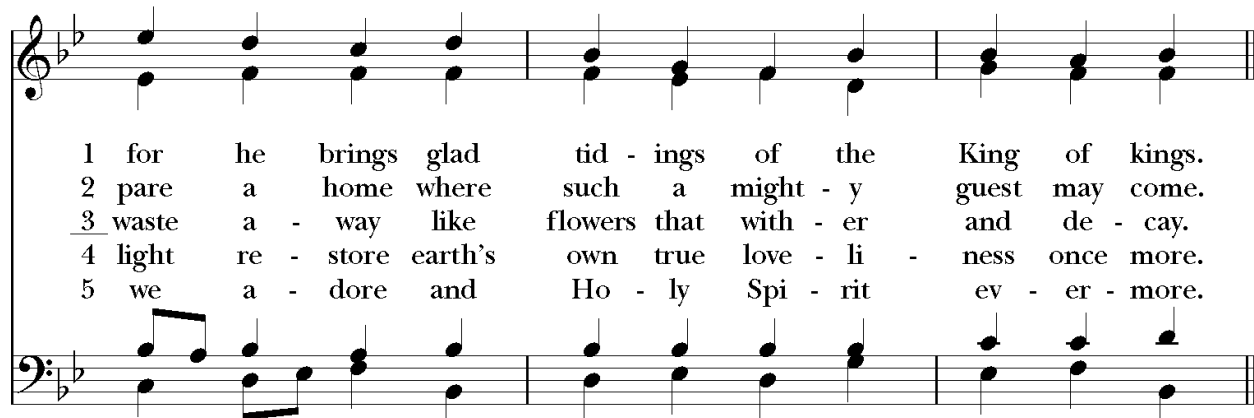
Winchester New



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

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✠ **We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM V

BCP, P. 389

Intervessor

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Steve, our Mayor; and Joe, our President-elect; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Evelyn Erickson, Jacque McCall, Allyson Womac Peerman, Marlene Harms, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

✠ **To you, O Lord our God.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ✠ **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Jean-Philippe Rameau

The text may be found at Hymn 66.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

✦ THE LORD'S PRAYER

arr. Mark Wischkaemper

Our God in hea-ven; Hal-lowed be your name. Your King-dom come; your

6 will be done on Earth as in hea-ven. Give

11 us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give our sins as we for-give those

16 who sin a-gainst us. Save us! Save us from the time of

21 trial. And de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the King-dom, the

26 po-wer, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we all share concern in the rising infection rates of Covid-19, please know that we are taking all necessary measures to reduce the risk to the clergy, musicians, and staff involved in the recording of our services, as well as those participating in Communion Groups, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. We are adhering to all guidelines established by the City of Austin and by the Diocese of Texas.
- Our virtual Sunday Bible study on ‘Characters in Advent’ continues today. Join Father Chuck for a discussion about “The Fellows”. Next week, Father Cameron will conclude the series with a discussion on “The Babies”. You can register for the Zoom link from the calendar on the St. David’s web site, and it will work for one or both of the discussions.
- On Mondays, December 14 and December 21 at 7:30 p.m., we will have a one-hour virtual service of prayer, music, and conversation for those for whom grief is present. You can get the link from the web site and attend either or both of the services.
- Our December outreach ministries are up-and-running, but please note that one of them ends Tuesday, December 15. That is the deadline for the Holiday Assistance Program, which helps low-income families have a blessed Christmas with gifts, groceries, and financial peace of mind. Our other ministry - Simple Gifts - continues to the end of the year; this ministry lets you financially support a charity in honor of a loved one. To learn more and/or support these ministries, please visit our outreach page: stdave.org/outreach
- Men’s Group will have a virtual gathering on Thursday, December 17 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can register on the web to receive the Zoom link, if you don’t already have it.
- As in years past, we are requesting donations for the Christmas Flower Fund. The donations will be used to supply flowers for the worship spaces for our Christmas services and for poinsettias to be distributed to parishioners. You can give online or send a check with the notation “Christmas flowers”.
- Please mark your calendar for the Celebration of the Ministry of the Rev. Katie Wright, as we send her off with good wishes and prayers to become the next Rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. The virtual celebration will take on Sunday, December 20 at 4 p.m. Please send pictures of Mother Katie to the Dropbox link provided. If you’d like to contribute to a ‘purse’ for Mother Katie, please send a check or give online, indicating it is for “Katie’s purse”.
- Nominations for the vestry are now open! We are accepting nominations for five vestry positions for a three-year term. Expectations and requirements for nomination submission can be found on the web site. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – www.stdave.org

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ☩ **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Prelude on ‘Veni Emmanuel’

Alec Wyton

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are most grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to connect to each other in these challenging times. Your gifts directly enable us to use modern technology to stay connected to each other and the world. St. David's depends on the ongoing support and care of committed members of our congregation like you.

Your generosity and commitment to St. David's will be processed and posted to your account. We want to respect your preferred way of giving:

- Checks

Please mail your check to the church. We are able to receive mail and deposit checks via a remote deposit check scanner. Our address is 301 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

- Online [Click here to donate!](#)

If you experience a delay or connection issue during peak times on Sunday, please try giving at a later time or consider setting up a recurring donation through your bank. We apologize for this inconvenience.

- Text STDAVE to 73256.

- If you are not already giving, please consider making St. David's your giving priority this year.

Thank you for your generosity to God and St. David's Episcopal Church.

ATTEND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

After this service, there will be formation for children, youth, and adults. Children and youth will find the link to register at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

Today, children have chapel from 10—10:15 a.m., and then children's formation begins at 10:15 a.m.

Youth meet with Jenny Campbell, our Director of Youth Ministry, via Zoom, beginning at 10 a.m.

For the adults, the virtual Sunday Bible Study series on "The Angels, The Ladies, The Fellows, and the Babies" continues today. Join Father Chuck for discussion of The Fellows. Adults may also attend Men's Bible Study, The Middle Place, or Wisdom Ways. All begin at 10 a.m. and can be accessed from the web site and through The Abbey.

UPCOMING EVENTS (All events happen virtually)

- High School EYC happens on Tues at 6 p.m., and Middle School EYC on Wed at 5:30 p.m.
- On Wed evening, you can join Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- And, don't forget — Café Divine and Holy Grounds Curbside To—Go — Tues—Fri, place your order 4 a.m.—1 p.m., and pick up 11:30 a.m.—6 p.m.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. DAVID'S?

If you want more information about the church, please email Amy Moehnke (Amy.M@stdave.org), our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, and she will get back to you very soon!