

12/13/2020

Sunday: Advent 3, Year B

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP:

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exalt in my God.

For you have clothed me with the garments of salvation, you have covered me with the robe of righteousness.

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 nations.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF ADORATION:

Your spirit is upon us, O God, because you have anointed us 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 to comfort all who mourn. This is all your doing and it is wonderful in our sight. As we pass through the portals of your sanctuary, we come bringing our hymns of praise and thanksgiving. Be pleased with our worship as we bless your name. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

Reader 1: We light these candles to represent the hope and peace we have through Jesus Christ. (*light first two candles*). We light the third candle as a symbol of God's love for us and our love for one another. (*light third candle*).

Reader 2: For the Lord rejoices over us with gladness, and renews us in his love. He exults over us with singing and turns our shame to praise.

All: **Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

HYMN: Here in This Place (401)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

O God of the Covenant, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The afflicted await good tidings. The brokenhearted would have their wounds bound. The captives still yearn for freedom, and those who mourn remain to be comforted. Forgive us who fail to follow Christ's call to faithful ministry; restore us and make us worthy to serve in his name. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Brothers and sisters, hear what Paul writes concerning the assurance we have in Christ: "May the God of peace . . . 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 will do it.” Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE (*honking horns, waving*)

GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

PRE-SERMON PRAYER

SERMON: The Lord’s Servants

POST-SERMON PRAYER

HYMN: When the Lord Redeems the Very Least (852)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Apostle’s Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, he rose again from the dead, he ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

MISSION STATEMENT: Our mission is to proclaim and demonstrate the inclusiveness of God’s Love to the people of the Ozarks and the needy of the world.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

God of peace, in Christ you bring light to illumine the nations. He makes your will known to all who believe. We come in response to his call to us, seeking to follow and fulfill his commands. Accept the gifts we offer as symbols of that commitment; sanctify them wholly, that they may be

used as you desire. Mold us and use us as instruments of your will. May all that we do be in accord with the gospel of him you have sent. Amen.

HYMN: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (82)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

TRIPLE "AMEN" (601)

POSTLUDE