

The Third Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II – December 12, 2021

*God's new day is dawning in Jesus. It will be a day in which  
God's compassion for the weak and oppressed is fully realized.  
In the meantime, Christians must act in accordance with God's  
intentions for the kingdom.*

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The Dismissal: Let us bless the Lord.  
People *Thanks be to God.*  
Postlude "Toccata in C Major" Domenica Zipoli

The Collect of the Day

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.

The First Song of Isaiah

*Ecce, Deus*

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.

The Epistle

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.

The Gospel

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.

**The Wednesday mid-week Eucharist, in the chapel, is at 9:30 a.m. This Wednesday we will commemorate John of the Cross *Mystic, 1591***

We give thanks with those celebrating their birthdays this week: Don Harris 12/12, and Ann Padgett 12/15.

We pray for the search committee of our diocese as they discern the candidates for the election of our 14<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Bishop and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the clergy and members of Emmanuel – Rapidan, St. Andrew's – Burke, and St. Christopher's - Springfield.

#### Advent suppers and program

Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 for a light supper followed from 6:00 to 7:00 for our Advent study. Please sign-up for the meal on the bulletin board in the parish hall so that the cooks will know how many to prepare for. These will be December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Christ Church Parish Mission Statement

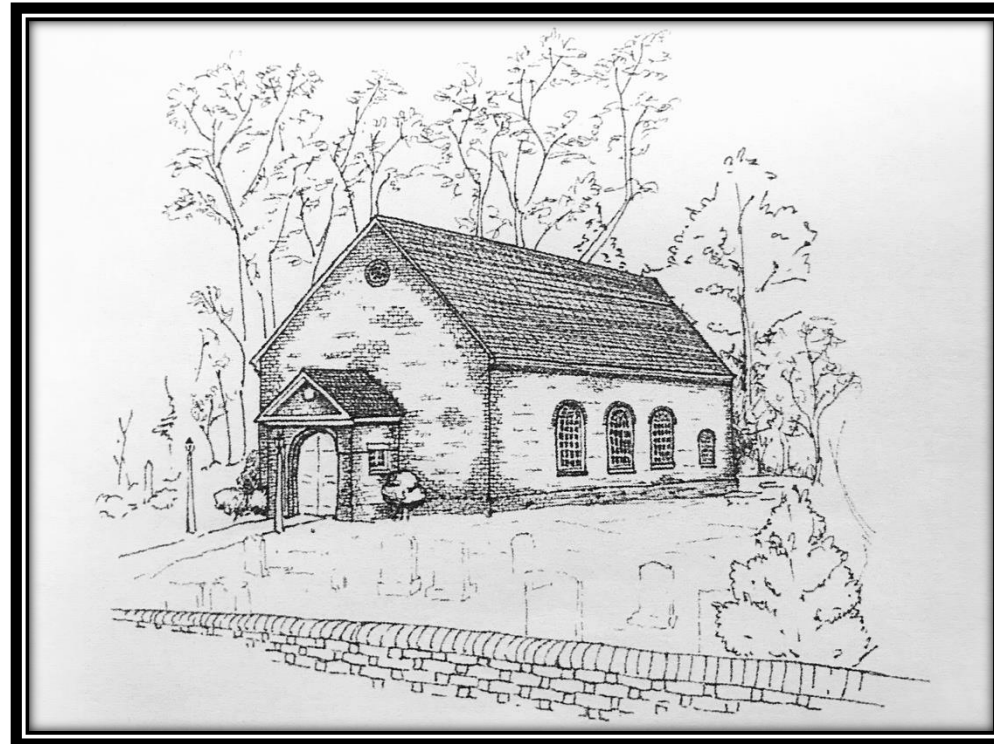
*We are a family of faith,  
growing in Christ through worship, learning, and  
service, who strive to love God  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

*Welcome to Christ Church Parish  
(Episcopal)*

*December 12, 2021*

*10:30 a.m.*

*The Third Sunday of Advent*



*Founded in 1666*

*Before the service, speak to God in the silence of your heart.  
During the service, let God speak to you through  
Word and Sacrament.  
After the service, speak with your neighbor!*