



SAINT FRANCIS IN THE VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Green Valley, Arizona

The Rev. Daniel J. Messier, Rector
The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde, Assistant Rector

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

16 December 2018

Rite Two, Eucharistic Prayer B
at 8 and 10 AM

ORGAN PRELUDE J.S. Bach, 1685-1750

Savior of the nations, come

OPENING HYMN 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: We light a third candle on our Advent Wreath recalling the joy we experience with a new life in Christ.

(The third candle is lighted.)

Celebrant: Let us pray. Loving God, your son Jesus brings the promise of a new life—a life in which the blind receive sight, the lame walk, and the prisoners are set free. We remember today that He is the one through whom we know true and everlasting joy.

People: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls: In you, O God, we trust.

OPENING SENTENCES Prayer Book 355

TRISAGION Hymnal S100

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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 WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING

In our First Reading the prophet foretells a time when the judgment of Israel will be ended and the mighty Lord will bring victory and renewal to God's people. A Reading from the Book of the Prophet 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE CANTICLE (*Canticle IX: Isaiah 12:2-6*)
(Please respond following the asterisk.)

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

*In our Second Reading Paul invites the new disci-
ples at Philippi to exult in the Lord, who is near at
hand. A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Phi-
lippians (4:4-7).*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Re-
joice. 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 61

"Sleepers, wake!"

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 pre-
scribed 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 an-
swered 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 pro-
claimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daniel J. Messier

THE NICENE CREED Prayer Book 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Prayer Book 387

CONFESSION OF SIN Prayer Book 360

ABSOLUTION AND PEACE Prayer Book 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY Christopher Wiggins, b. 1956
*Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, re-
joice. Let you moderation be known to all people.*
Philippians 4:4-5

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Prayer Book 367

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS Hymnal S125

THE LORD'S PRAYER Prayer Book 364

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI Hymnal S161

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

On Receiving Communion: *You may stand or
kneel at the rail to receive the Sacrament. (If you
would like a gluten-free wafer, please let one of
the clergy know.) If you do not wish to receive
Communion you are invited to come forward for
a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over
your chest. Members of the Daughters of the King
will be at the Chapel rail at both services to ad-
minister prayers for healing and thanksgiving.
Please go to the Chapel rail after your Commu-
nion.*

**PRAYER FOR THE SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC
VISITORS** (to be said by all)

In the name of this congregation we send
you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those
to whom you go may share with us in the
Communion of Christ's body and blood. We,
who are many, are one body, because we all
share one bread, one cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER Prayer Book 366

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 65
Prepare the way, O Zion

THE DISMISSAL

ORGAN POSTLUDE Wilbur Held, 1914-2015
Prepare the way, O Zion

Today's Gospel

In today's gospel reading John the Baptist
preaches repentance to all those who hear his call
to baptism, and he tells them of the mighty one
to come. It is not sufficient to claim to be children
of Abraham. All who are to escape judgment must
learn to share with others and to be just in their
daily work. John himself is not the Christ but the
servant of the one who will baptize with the Holy
Spirit and a refining fire.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of
God by Bea Dow in loving memory of her
husband Peter, and by Ann Zublin in loving
memory of her husband Edward.

We extend a warm welcome to our guests
and visitors and we are delighted to
have you worship with us. Our Communion
Table is open to all baptized Christians. Please
join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall af-
ter the service, and please complete the Visi-
tor's Card found in the pew racks and place it
in an Offering Basket or hand it to an Usher
or Greeter after the service.

Our mission is to live as Christ's heart and hands in the world.

PARTICIPANTS AT 8 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier
Celebrant: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier
Lector: David Barnes
Prayers of the People: BrandE Faupell
Acolyte: Wayne North,
Weston Barnes
Ushers: Arliene Stremming,
John Yeager
Greeters: Allana Swain,
Rita Beil, Judy Richards
Organist: J. Michael Case
Sound Technician: Marie LeRoy

PARTICIPANTS AT 10 O'CLOCK

Preacher: The Rev. Daniel J. Messier
Celebrant: The Rev. Pamela W. Hyde
Lector: Carol Vleck
Prayers of the People: Margaret Sampson
Crucifer: David Dunn
Acolyte: Country Wagaman
Ushers: Bud & Marsha Tripp,
Wally & Helen Mullaly
Greeters: Nancy Albin,
Cheryl Tardy-Albin
Organist: J. Michael Case
Sound Technician: Neal Hursh

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Sextons

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8 AM – 2 PM

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