



the **Church**
of **St Peter** and
St Simon-the-Apostle

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15, 2019

Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am

Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine
The service begins on page 67 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.
Collect BCP p. 99 For the readings see 10:30 am.



Choral Eucharist at 10:30 am

Celebrant & Homilist: The Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine
Assisting: The Reverend Michael Perry
Mass Setting: Sanctus/Benedictus – J. Merbecke
Agnus Dei – Margaret Drynan



Welcome to the Church of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle.
Children going to church school are invited to gather by the font
after the lighting of the wreath.
Hearing Assistance Units are available at the back of the church.

*The flowers are given to the honour and glory of Almighty God and in loving memory of
Diane Birch, a devoted member of this Church and a friend to the choir.*

Prelude *Come, Thou Saviour of the Gentiles*

GEORG KAUFMAN

Gathering of the Community

Introit *I Look From Afar*

MAURICE WHITE

*I look from afar and lo, I see the power of God coming
and a cloud covering the whole earth. Go ye out to meet him and say,
“Art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?”*

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Leader Blessed are you Sovereign Lord, just and true; to you be praise and glory for ever.
Your John the Baptist who was a witness to the truth as a true and shining light.
May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him
who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All **Blessed be God forever.**

The third candle is lit.

Leader Arise, Shine for your light is come

All **And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.**

Leader Though night still covers the earth
And darkness covers the nations,

All **Over you will the Lord arise, over you will his glory appear.**

Leader Grant us Lord to walk in the light of Christ, that like John the Baptist and the
prophets of old, we may be found ready and watching on the day of his coming.

All **Blessed be God forever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn 103 *On Jordan's Bank*

WINCHESTER NEW

Collect of the Day

Celebrant 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.**

Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 35.1-10*

Read by Spencer Higgins

Reader The Old Testament Lesson is written in the 35th chapter of the book of the Prophet
Isaiah, beginning at the 1st verse.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not
fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will

come and save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146.4-10



Cantor Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob for his **help**, /
and whose hope is **in** the Lord his God;

All Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that therein **is**; /
who keepeth his pro-**mise** for ever;

Cantor Who helpeth them to right that suffer **wrong**; / who feed-**eth** the hungry.

All The Lord looseth us out of **pri**-son: / the Lord giveth **sight** to the blind.

Cantor The Lord raiseth up them that are **fall**-en: / the Lord lov-**eth** the righteous.

All The Lord careth for the strangers; he upholdeth the fatherless and **wi**-dow:/
as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth **it** upside down.

Cantor The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for ever-**more**, /

All and throughout all **ge**-nerations.

Epistle *James 5.7-10*

Read by Dennis Gittens

Reader The Epistle is written in the 5th chapter of the letter of James, beginning at the 7th verse.


Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *The Advent Prose*

All



Pour down, O hea-vens, from a - bove, and let the skies rain down right-eous-ness

Choir Turn your fierce anger from us, O Lord; and remember not our sins for ever. Your holy cities have become a desert, Zion a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation; our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised you.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us; and abandoned us to our iniquities.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 11.2-11*

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Gospeller The Holy Gospel is written in the 11th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the 2nd verse.

All **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Gospeller The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**



Pour down, O hea-vens, from a - bove, and let the skies rain down right-eous-ness

Choir You are my witnesses, says the Lord; and my servant whom I have chosen; that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver; what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Choir Comfort my people, comfort them; my salvation shall not be delayed. I have swept your offences away like a cloud; fear not, for I will save you. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Redeemer.

All ***Pour down, O heavens...***

Homily

Nicene Creed

Celebrant I believe in one God,

All **the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God, of God; Light, of Light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again,**

according to the scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Please kneel or stand, as able.*

Led by Glenna Simms-Bonk

The Celebrant offers the intentions of the day. Then the Advent litany is prayed:

Leader In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying,
“Lord Jesus, come soon!”

Leader O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Leader O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come and save us, Lord our God.

All **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Confession and Absolution

The Celebrant invites the General Confession.

Silence is kept. Please kneel, as able.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things and judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution is pronounced.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

We invite you to share a sign of peace with those near you – a handshake, slight bow or other form of greeting. Please respect the wishes of those who prefer not to shake hands.

Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn 101 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

CRÜGER

During the hymn collection will be taken.

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant 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.**

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, creator and preserver of all things. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh and opened to us the way of salvation. Now we watch for the day when he will come again in power and great triumph to judge this world; that we, without shame or fear, may rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee and saying:

All **Holy, Holy Holy, Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee O Lord most high.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, who didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is

my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.” Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the body and blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

All **We praise thee, we bless thee, we thank thee,
and we pray to thee, Lord our God.**

Celebrant And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this holy communion may worthily receive the most precious body and blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We do not presume,

All **to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so
much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same
Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious
Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed
through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

Agnus Dei

MARGARET DRYNAN

*Choir O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.*

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

*Please do not dip the consecrated bread into the wine - Drinking from the chalice is considered safe from the point of view of public health. You are also welcome to receive only the bread, if you prefer. Indicate this by holding your arms crossed over your chest as the chalice passes; this is also a way to receive a blessing rather than communion.
Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please let the administering priest know.*

Hymn 116 "Your Kingdom Come" – On Bended Knee

IRISH

Motet *We Wait for thy Loving Kindness O God*

WILLIAM MCKIE

We wait for thy loving kindness, O God In the midst of thy temple, Alleluia
O God, according to Thy name So is Thy praise unto the world's end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness, Alleluia
We wait for thy loving kindness, O God In the midst of thy temple
O Lord, send us now prosperity, Amen.

Prayer after Communion *Please stand.*

Celebrant 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.

Blessing

Announcements *Please be seated.*

The mighty God, the Lord hath spoken,
and bid the trembling earth draw nigh:
the silence of long ages broken,
he speaks in thunder from the sky.

Forth from the heavenly Zion shining,
in perfect beauty he appears:
love, wisdom, majesty combining,
bright are the diadems he wears.

He speaks and all the nations tremble;
heaven, earth and hell his voice obey:
in solemn awe his saints assemble,
the world's dim shadows flee away.

O who can stand when thou appearest
in robes of majesty divine?
Though now each contrite sigh thou hearest,
what terrors then will round thee shine!

O mighty God, O Lord most holy,
prepare us for that solemn day:
O shield and guard us, save us wholly,
thy pardoning grace to us display.

Text: Canon Thomas R. Birks, 1874.
Paraphrase Psalm 50

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *March in D*

G.F. HANDEL



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Services

Sunday 8:30 am	Holy Eucharist – <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> (BCP)
10:30 am 1st Sunday	Choral Eucharist - Traditional
2nd Sunday	Choral Matins - BCP
3rd Sunday	Choral Eucharist - Traditional
4th Sunday	Choral Eucharist - Contemporary
Sunday Evensong	As Announced
4 th Tuesday of the Month	Candlelight Evening Prayer

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