

Trinity Episcopal Church

Lime Rock, CT

Offering Companionship Along The Way

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Prelude (Vocal Ensemble): Gaudete in Domino *o* à 5, Introitus Dominica tertia Adventus
Giaches de Wert (1535-1596)

Latin Text

Gaudete in Domino semper, iterum dico, gaudete.

English Translation

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Kyrie

Pastor Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy**

Pastor Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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 Prophecy of Isaiah

61:1-4, 8-11

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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.*

Paul’s First Letter to the Thessalonians

5:16-24

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn “O come, o come Emmanuel” vs. 5 and 6

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:6-8, 19-28
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Danielle A. Gaherty

The Nicene Creed

**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.**

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People Form 4

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for all your blessings. We pray in gratitude for the celebrations of our lives (*we lift up in prayer all those things for which we are thankful*).

Lord in your goodness: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. On our parish cycle of prayer we pray today for Fran Colombo, Jim Conzo and Michael and Sandy Cuoco their families. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as God loves us.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*). We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled, and that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayer List

SICK

Eric
Roberto
Alice
Millie
Allie
Sam
Dana
Brianna
Cindy
Marlene Stratman
Christine Garfield
Carlos
Janet Deitch
Elaine
Martha

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery
All caregivers
And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Estefana Martinez Segundo
Hermilo Vega Salgado
Julia Scott
Lilia Hoddinott
John Bryant
Caroline Vreeland
Wendy Gails
Gail Capozzi
Virginia Eaton Ferranti
Hamilton Eaton, Sr.
Randle Brooks
All who have died from COVID-19

Confession

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.**

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem “Rejoice in the Lord always”

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Holy, holy, holy

Gevert 2016

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

From Enriching Our Worship

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Fraction Anthem

Gevert 2016

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

Lord, Jesus Christ, we believe that you are present in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist.

We desire through this sacrament to receive you into our bodies; heart, mind and soul. Since we cannot at this moment receive you physically through the bread and wine of this Holy Meal we ask that you come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you now as we unite ourselves to your presence. May we never be separated from your love. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Prayer

e Blessing

Rejoice in the presence and power of God.
Be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.
Know that the Lord is at hand
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.

Final Hymn “On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry”

Winchester New

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Improvisation on tune Winchester New

Gevert

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert
Lay Preacher: Danielle A. Gaherty
Lector: Bill Jenks
Psalmist: Heather Chapman
Epistoler: Scott Frost
Intercessor: Linda Lloyd
Counter: Martha Nesbitt
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Next Sunday, December 20 – Creche Sunday. Send pictures of a creche at your house this week to revheidtruax@gmail.com

Sundays In Person services are not being held at this time.
10:30 AM Online Spiritual Eucharist with music
 Now on YouTube!
11:30 Zoom Coffee “Hour”

Christmas Eve

3:00 PM – Christmas Concert

Centered around the first Cantata of J.S. Bach’s Christmas Oratorio BWV 248, for Chorus, Soloists and Orchestra, the concert also will include Colonial Villancicos and 20th century Latin American choral works. Musicians from three continents join Crescendo Chorus, soloists and instrumentalists

3:30 PM Spiritual Eucharist

Christmas Hymns with festive descants, and M. Praetorius’ double choir motet “In Dulci Jubilo”. Trinity Singers, Guests from Crescendo, Chris Belluschio, trumpet. The hymn "Joy to the World" will be a collaboration with the choir of the Salisbury Congregational Church

Thursdays 12:30 PM Bible Study – The Gospel of Luke

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