

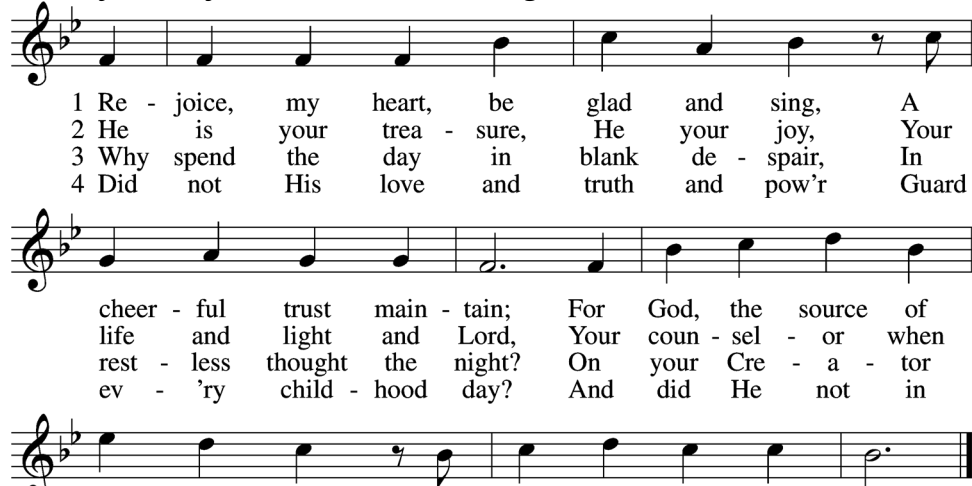
3rd Sunday in Advent

December 12, 2021

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Morning Prayer p. 235

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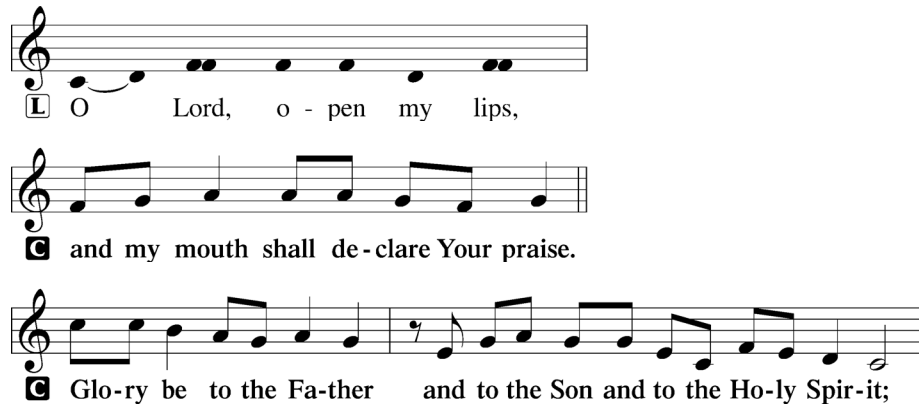
1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
3 Why spend the day in blank de - spair, In
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard

cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor in
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in

ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
cast your care; He makes your bur - dens light.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?

Versicles

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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,
C and my mouth shall de - clare Your praise.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.
C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

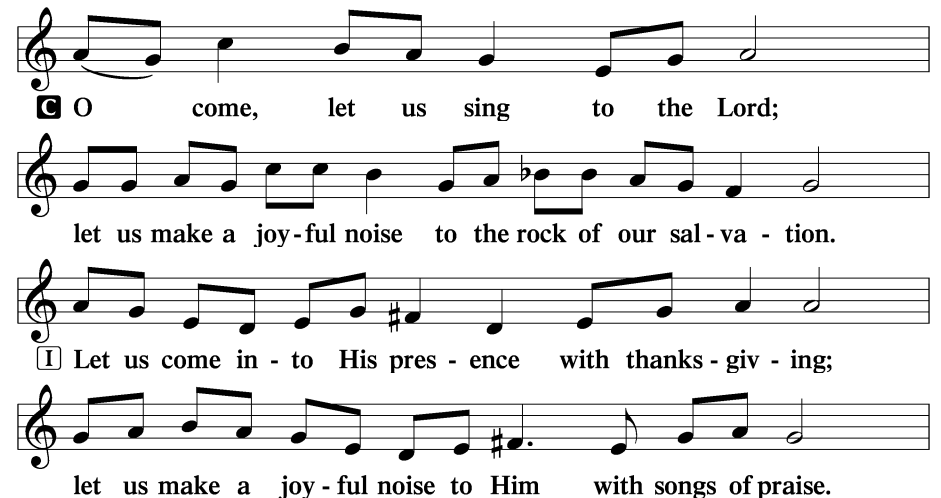
Psalmody



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite (I & II) Sung by Pastor and Cantor

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C O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joy - ful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
I Let us come in - to His pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing;
let us make a joy - ful noise to Him with songs of praise.



II For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.
I In His hand are the depths of the earth;
 the heights of the moun - tains are His al - so.
II The sea is His, for He made it;
 and His hand formed the dry land.
I O come, let us wor - ship and bow down;
 let us kneel be - fore the Lord, our mak - er.
II For He is our God, and we are the peo - ple
 of His pas - ture and the sheep of His hand.
G Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



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Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 2

- P** Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- C** You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.
- P** You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.
- C** Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!
- P** Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- C** Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?
- P** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.
- C** Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.
- C** Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- P** Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- C** Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
- P** Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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5 He on - ly will with pa - tience chide, His
6 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain Nor
7 Up - on your lips, then, lay your hand, And

rod falls gent - ly down; And all your sins He
fal - ters nor mis - takes. All that His coun - sels
trust His guid - ing love; Then like a rock your

casts a - side In o - cean depths to drown.
may or - dain A bless - ed end - ing makes.
peace shall stand Here and in heav'n a - bove.

Readings

Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; 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.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: The Advent Road

Wagner

Reading

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Flute Duet: An Advent Prelude

Callahan

Reading

Luke 7:18–28

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’ ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

L In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
 2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
 3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
 4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
 △ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the

near," we hear it say, "Cast a - way the
 earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
 par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
 world is wrapped in fear. He will shield us
 Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -

works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
 sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
 with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
 liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

Sermon

Sermon Theme: Tidings of Repentance and Joy
 Text: Luke 7:18-28

Canticle

Benedictus (L part sung by Cantor)

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☐ Bless - ed be the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;
 He has come to His peo - ple and re-deemed them.
 He has raised up for us a might - y Sav - ior,



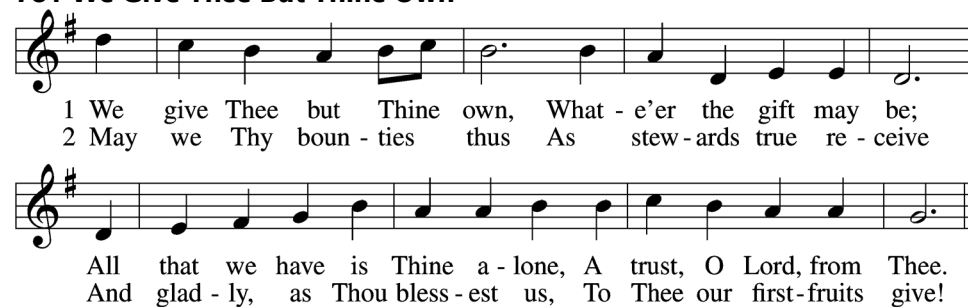
born of the house of His ser - vant Da - vid.
 Through His ho - ly proph - ets He prom - ised of old
 that He would save us from our en - e - mies, from the hands of all who
 hate us. He prom - ised to show mer - cy to our fa - thers
 and to re - mem - ber His ho - ly cov - e - nant.
 This was the oath He swore to our fa - ther A - bra - ham:
 to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,
 free to wor - ship Him with - out fear, ho - ly and
 righ - teous in His sight all the days of our life.
 ☐ You, my child, shall be called the proph - et of the Most High,



for you will go be - fore the Lord to pre - pare His way,
to give His peo - ple knowl - edge of sal - va - tion by the for - give - ness
of their sins. In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us
to shine on those who dwell in dark - ness and the shad - ow of death
and to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in the be - gin - ning,
is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Presentation of our Offerings & Gifts to the Lord

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give!

Prayer

Collects

Petitions ending in...

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Grace

- L** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

L Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C 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
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

