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The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
8:00 am

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton
The Very Rev. Mark Delcuze, Rector
Dr. Gary Van Essen, Minister of Music
Jane Ford, Family Ministry Coordinator
Brenda Faulkner, Parish Administrator

Helpful Guidance

Members: Please wear your name tag located on the magnetic board in the narthex.

Parish Office Information: The regular hours for the parish office are 9 am-3pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please see the calendar for updates and closings.

Receiving Communion: All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are invited to receive communion, including children. After receiving the wafer, you may eat it and drink a sip of wine from the chalice, or, gently touch your wafer to the wine . If you prefer not to receive, cross your arms over your chest and we will offer a blessing. For those who have difficulty with the steps, please approach the altar area by the side aisles.

Please pray for: Robin Pender, Pat Miller, Shelia Savage, Donna Roland, Erika Roof, Anneliese Jones, Sandra & Toddy, Paul Ewell, Lynn Christensen, Steve G., Lenny & Emmy, Susan Fralic, Mark Dillon, Jamal, Anette & Langley Family, Ian, Sherry C., Kim Gillepsie, Warren Stevens, Betty Brier, Tom H. & Chris, Richard Thomas, Sally H., Gillian Ferguson, Bill Ogden (RIP)-Ogden Family, Brenda Sparks, Chet Knight (RIP), Tom Collier

Prayer Requests can be sent to prayer@ccpki.org

Serving Today

Eucharistic Ministers: Charlie Mead

Lectors: Betsy Sipes, Maria Jones

Ushers: Sally Lewis, Cathy Smith

Altar Guild: Anne Tyler, Maria Jones, Eileen Shreve, Sally Lewis

Counters: Leslie Schneider, Liza Hamill

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

The Word of God

Welcome		The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze
Prelude	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”	arr. Wolford
+Processional Hymn	Hark! The glad sound! the Savior comes	Hymnal #72
	vss. 1-3	
+Opening Sentences		BCP pg 323
*The Summary of the Law		BCP pg 324
*The Collect of the Day		Bulletin
The First Lesson and Psalm		Bulletin
The Epistle		Bulletin
+The Gospel		Bulletin
The Homily	The Very Rev. Mark S. Delcuze	
+The Nicene Creed		BCP pg 326
*The Prayers of the People		BCP pg 328
*Confession		BCP pg 331
*Absolution		BCP pg 332
+The Peace		

The Holy Communion

The Offertory		
+The Great Thanksgiving	Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP pg 333
*The Lord’s Prayer		BCP pg 336
*Breaking of the Bread		BCP pg 337
Communion		
*Post-Communion Prayer		BCP pg 339
*Blessing		
Announcements		
+Recessional Hymn	Prepare the way, O Zion	Hymnal #65
+Dismissal		
+Postlude	“Zu Bethlehem geboren”	Walcha

Thank you to Dave Hasek for providing special music for today’s service!

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

Isaiah 35:1-10

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 traveler, 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

People **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Luke 1:46-55

Read responsively by verse

The Song of Mary

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.**

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

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

People **Thanks be to God**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Please turn to face the Celebrant

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you Lord Christ**

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 offense 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.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord

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

Christmas Flowers

If you would like to honor the memory of a loved one or give thanksgiving for someone special in your life with a flower offering for Christmas, please place your order today by filling out this slip and placing it in the offering plate.

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Amount: _____ Check # _____ Envelope # _____

SAVE THE DATES!

RENAISSANCE SINGERS CONCERT

7:30 p.m. Friday, December 16th

SERVICE FOR THE LONGEST NIGHT

5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 18th

Join us in Shand Hall for this quiet contemplative service

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 p.m. Family Communion Service with a “Pick-Up Pageant”

9:00 p.m. Festive Communion Service with Choir and Candles

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 a.m. Christmas Communion and Blessing of Toys!