

Holy Eucharist

December 11, 2022

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The Third Sunday of Advent Year A

Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Hymnal 76

On Jordan's bank

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Presider begins the Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: *Lord, have mercy upon us*

Hymnal S-91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
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Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

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.**

All sit.

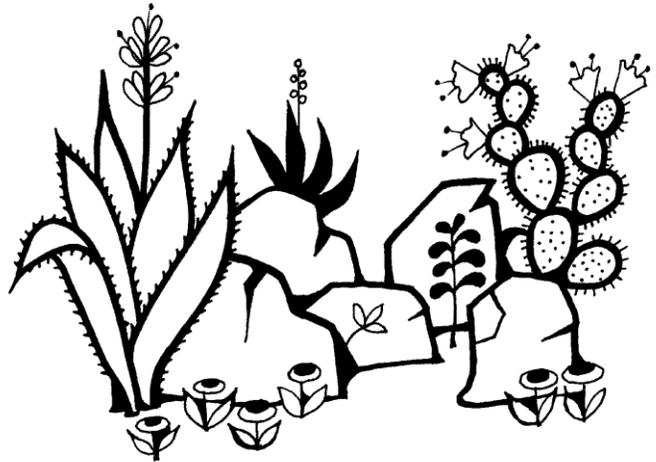
First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ²it 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.

³Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
⁴Say 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.”



⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then 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;
⁷the 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.

⁸A 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.
⁹No 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.
¹⁰And 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.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 146:4-9

to be prayed in unison

4Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
5Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise forever;
6Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
7The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
8The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
9The LORD shall reign forever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

A Reading from the letter of James.

7Be 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. **8**You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. **9**Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! **10**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.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

O come, O come Emmanuel

Hymnal 56



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 5 wide our heav - en - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

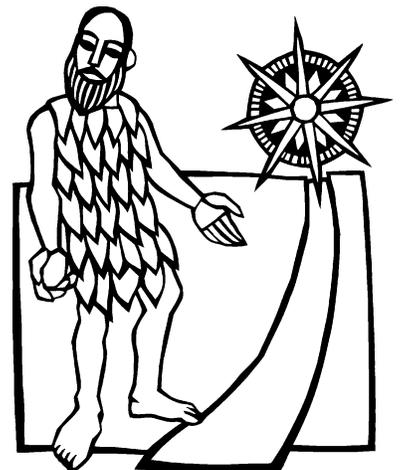
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” ⁴Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the 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. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

⁷As 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? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.’

¹¹Truly 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 the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Brothers and sisters, be strong, do not fear! Our God is coming. Confident that our waiting is not in vain, let us offer our prayers as we respond, “O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

Intercessor O come Emmanuel, free us from the bondage of our sins, our pride and hypocrisy, our greed and self-serving interests, that we may know your redeeming love and reveal its liberating joy. Let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

O Wisdom from on high, show us and all your Church the path of the Holy Way, and set our feet upon its joy. Let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

O Key of David, unlock the doors of oppression and violence that imprison humankind, and set free those living in the bondage of slavery, the victims of abusive relationships, and those chained by poverty. Let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

O Dayspring from on high, may the dawn overcome every darkness, as your messengers plant the barren land with the seeds of hope. Let us pray; **O come, O come, Emmanuel.**

Silence is kept.

May we continue to proclaim our trust in the Lord’s constant watch, as we add to these prayers and petitions...

We pray today for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Canterbury MSU, East Lansing, St John’s, Detroit; and St John the Evangelist, Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic; those in The Anglican Church of Kenya; and for all the members of Christ’s body. We give you thanks for [_____ and] all the blessings of this life. We pray for the sick, and for those in any need or trouble [especially_____]. We pray for those who have died [especially_____].

Presider O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death! Make us watchful and keep us faithful, O Lord our God, as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All then kneel as they are able

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 our Savior 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.**

A Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

All stand as they are able

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Blessed are you, Lord God of time and eternity,
for you have opened the eyes of the blind and unstopped the ears of the deaf;
you have made the lame leap like a deer and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
You made this world as a playground of delights,
and you called a people to be your companions forever.

In Jesus you showed us who you are, who we are, how far we have strayed from you,
and how to become your companions again.
In his death you opened a path for our redemption,
and in his resurrection you brought us the joy of forgiveness and everlasting life.

And so our souls magnify you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, as we proclaim your unending praise.

**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.

The Presider continues

Anointing God, your Spirit rested upon your Son with wisdom and understanding,
counsel and might, knowledge and fear. In Christ you have anointed your future
out of our past, your kingdom out of our plans, and your salvation out of our poverty.
As your Spirit rested upon him, send down that same anointing Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Presider and People

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues.

God of blessing, in Jesus you fill the hungry with good things.

You bestow mercy from generation to generation.

You show us the cost and glory of your salvation

in the breaking and pouring and sharing of bread and wine.

Send down your Holy Spirit, † that your people may be sanctified by your grace,

and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us

the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,

gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me."

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Presider and People

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues; the People pray the text in Bold Font.

Delivering God, we call on you to fulfill your Advent promise.

May waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
make a highway on which no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

Bring home those who are in exile; fill their hearts with singing
and shower their heads with everlasting joy.

Unite your church, clothe us with the fruits of your Spirit,
**and fill us with the hope of Advent, the substance of things hoped for,
and the knowledge of things unseen,**
until all bow before your throne and worship in your glory,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

The Presider then continues

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.

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Community of saints, beloved of God,
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on the dreams of God,
to be nourished by a taste of what God desires to do among us.

Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty,
taking risks for one another,
calling down unjust power from its throne
and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

**Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

The Presider then says

And so let us come to the table, expectant, eager, open.
**May we taste the rich blessings of heaven
born from unexpected places, and people, and experiences.**

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Dismissal and Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

May our hearts be filled by our long-awaited Savior. May our community be graced with patient expectation. May Christ be with us in all the chaos. **Amen.**

May we learn to live in the Way of Emmanuel. May we have listening hearts, open minds, and generous spirits. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

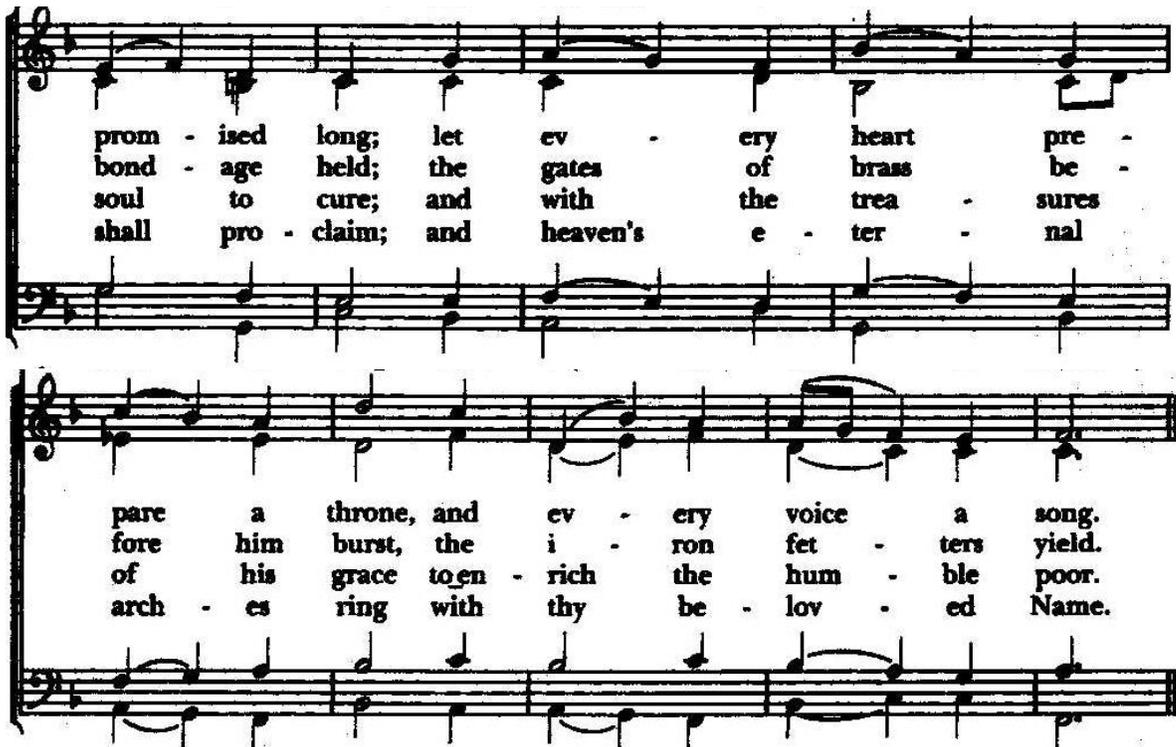
Closing Hymn

Hark! The glad sound

Hymnal 72



1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come



prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

Dismissal

Minister Go in peace to love and serve Jesus Christ our Savior.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **next Food In-Gathering is December 18**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

Compline for Advent 3 will be held via Zoom on **Weds. Dec.14 at 7:00 pm**. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86179980160?pwd=YVhPR2FWMDhsOEpsUkhBZ3RuYXV1Zzo9> or use 861 7998 0160 passcode 046006

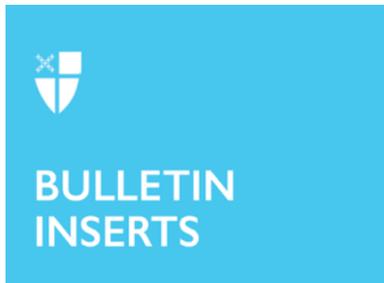
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Upcoming Commemorations

Dec. 12 Francis de Sales, Bishop, 1622; and, Jane de Chantal, Vowed Religious, 1641
13 Lucy of Syracuse, Martyr, 304

- 14 John of the Cross, Mystic and Monastic Reformer, 1591
- 15 John Horden: Bishop and Missionary in Canada, 1893; and, Robert McDonald: Priest, 1913
- 16 Ralph Adams Cram, 1942, and Richard Upjohn, 1878, Architects; and.
John LaFarge, Artist, 1910
- 17 William Lloyd Garrison, 1879, and Maria Stewart, 1879, Prophetic Witnesses

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December 11, 2022 Advent 3A
Third Week of Advent: Journeying with Community

As we continue our Advent walk, we invite you to see the Way of Love as a journey that includes the community. The witness of Zechariah and Elizabeth who bring infant John to the Temple to be circumcised reminds us of the importance of our faith

community to sustaining the Way of Love. Just as the community did for John’s family, communities provide a place for discernment, sometimes challenging us and other times affirming us. Communities celebrate and mark important moments along the journey.



Sunday, December 11: WORSHIP

Pray for each person as they receive communion. Imagine who you would like to see at church next week. Invite them to join you.

Monday, December 12: GO

Choose to take a different route to work, to school, or to play today. Who or what did you encounter differently?

Tuesday, December 13: LEARN

Read Luke 1:64. When Zechariah could finally speak, he began by praising God. For what can you praise God? Share on social media or with a friend.

Wednesday, December 14: PRAY

Keep a lookout for anyone who might seem lonely, stressed, or sad. Offer this simple invitation: “May I pray for you?” Then offer prayers – silently or aloud – on their behalf as you move through your day.

Thursday, December 15: BLESS

Identify a blessing you have that you could give away. Share this blessing with your church, a local ministry, or your community.

Friday, December 16: TURN

Turn away from the busyness of the week and turn toward someone who gives you life or to whom you give life. Give thanks.

Saturday, December 17: REST

In Genesis 1-2, God calls the creation “good” and rests. What can you proclaim to be “good” instead of “not enough” as a witness to God’s love for the world today?

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Invitation to the Table from <https://enfleshed.com/pages/communion-liturgies> Accessed 14 November 2019
Dismissal prayer adapted from "Our Advent Prayer," The Academy for Vocational Leadership, 2018.

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Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ, and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world, guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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