

The Lord's Day
All Saints Parish Church
December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Meditations for Worship

Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.
(Ps. 57:11)

"True grace makes a man most careful, and most fearful of his own heart."

Thomas Brooks

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Matt. 2:1-12

*Call to Worship

Ps. 91:1-4

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, My God, in whom I trust!"

For it is He who delivers you from the snare of the trapper

And from the deadly pestilence.

He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you may seek refuge;

His faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 292

Public Confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have not always behaved as saints in our words and deeds. We have not spoken with grace, as we are commanded. We have not kept our minds pure. For these things, we ask forgiveness. For our weaknesses, we ask for strength.

Words of Assurance

Col. 3:4-7

When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them.

Response

Beautiful Savior

You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips;
therefore God has blessed You forever. Ps. 45:2

1. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of Cre - a - tion,
2. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

Tru - ly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
Praise, ad - o - ra - tion, Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Anonymous, 1677
Tr. by Joseph A. Seiss, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

Prayer and Collection of the Tithe and Offerings

*Doxology

No. 567

*Old Testament Reading

Praising God for Salvation

Ps. 98

*Response to the Word

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

Amen!

Prayers of the People

*Reading: Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 41. Why was our Mediator called Jesus?

A. Our Mediator was called Jesus, because he saves his people from their sins.

Q. 42. Why was our Mediator called Christ?

A. Our Mediator was called Christ, because he was anointed with the Holy Ghost above measure; and so set apart, and with all authority and ability, to execute the offices of prophet, priest, and king of his church, in the estate both of his humiliation and exaltation.

*Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

No. 297

*New Testament Reading

Jesus the Way to the Father
John 14:1-18

*Response to the Word

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God!

*Prayer for the Ministry of the Word

Sermon

The Means of Peace

Luke 2:21-35

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*Hymn

To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

No. 306

*Benediction

* Congregation will please stand

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The One Who Gives

"No sinner was ever saved by giving his heart to God. We are not saved by our giving, we are saved by God's giving."

A.W. Pink

The Use of Wine in the Observance of the Lord's Supper

In light of the biblical account of the Last Supper and Jesus' use of wine in representing His blood, All Saints Parish Church believes that the use of wine in the observance of the Lord's Supper remains the proper symbol for representing His blood. We do, however, make occasional exceptions for the use of grape juice, with the hope that those holding such an exception will seek to understand the conviction of the church in this matter. Please speak to one of the elders if you wish to discuss this issue.



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