

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Harrington Park, NJ
Holy Eucharist—Rite II December 12, 2021
The Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude		
Processional Hymn (H # 57) (vs 1-3)	<i>Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending</i>	<i>Helmsley</i>
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>Celebrant: Light and Peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.</i> <i>All: Thanks be to God.</i> <i>Celebrant: Prayer for the Human Family (BCP 815).</i>	
The Advent Acclamation	<i>Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.</i> <i>All: God's mercy endures forever.</i>	
Collect for Purity		BCP 355
The Kyrie (spoken)		BCP 356
The Collect of the Day		Service Sheet
The First Reading	<i>Zephaniah 3:14-20</i>	
The Psalm	<i>Canticle 9 (Isaiah 12:2-6)</i>	BCP 86
The Second Reading	<i>Philippians 4:4-7</i>	
Gradual		
The Holy Gospel	<i>Luke 3:7-18</i>	
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The Sermon		The Rev. Aaron Oliver
The Nicene Creed		BCP 358
The Prayers of the People—Form III		BCP 387
The Confession and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		BCP 360
Announcements		
Birthdays/Anniversaries		
Offertory Sentence		
Doxology (H # 380 – verse 3)		Old 100 th
Offertory Hymn (H # 107)	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	<i>In dulci jubilo</i>
The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer B		BCP 367
Sanctus		BCP 362
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Communion Hymn (H # 56)	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>	<i>Veni, Veni Emmanuel</i>
Prayer of Spiritual Communion		
The Prayer after Communion		BCP 366
The Advent Blessing		
Recessional Hymn (H # 76) (vs 1-3)	<i>On Jordan's Bank The Baptist's Cry</i>	<i>Winchester New</i>
The Dismissal		BCP 366
Postlude		

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.**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion: (to recognize those not able to be physically in the sanctuary today, because all are as much a part of community as those here in person).

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament. We love You above all things and we desire to possess You within our souls. When we are unable to receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as being already there, and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never permit us to be separated from you. AMEN.

Serving This Morning:

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Aaron Oliver
Eucharistic Minister	Kate Duggan
Reader	Jeremy Lyons
Prayers of the People	Gwen Lyons
Guest Pianist	Kathleen Owens
Altar Guild	Gwen Lyons and Barbara Shackford
Worship Team	Christine Barnhart, Barbara Djimopoulos, Pete Deubler, Paul Shackford, Amy Szurly
Altar Flowers	The flowers on the altar are offered to the glory of God.

A Prayer for Transition: Loving God, as we now are in a time of pastoral transition, we give you thanks for all that you have brought to pass in this parish. May this time be one of continued growth for us all, and also a time of dreams for where you are calling all of us to build your kingdom. *Amen.*

The Week Ahead:

TODAY Following the 10:15 am service: COFFEE HOUR! We can gather together outdoors to share fellowship and refreshments. The cookies or other food will be prepackaged, or you can bring your own; juice boxes and coffee will be available.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE: We celebrate Holy Eucharist each Sunday at 10:15 am and we hold our *All God's Children* worship service at 9:00 am on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. These are times for us to find ways to be back together. And what better way than by worshipping together! Join us.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN WORSHIP SERVICE DURING ADVENT: Exciting news . . . we will celebrate AGC at 9:00 am each Sunday in Advent: November 28 through December 19 and on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. And, after a break for refreshments, the children will gather for special Sunday School lessons. More details to come!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOK STUDY: Our Zoom Book Study is held on Monday evenings until January 3, 2022 from 7:00 - 8:15 pm. *Advent and Christmas Wisdom* is a book of daily meditations by Henri J. M. Nouwen. Each day of the week includes a short excerpt from Nouwen's writings, a passage from Scripture, a prayer, and an Advent action. We hope many of you can join us during the Advent period of waiting and preparing for the Lord's coming and the 12 days of Christmas. Please invite your friends to join us. Order the book from Amazon or elsewhere; scholarships are available. Talk with Paul Shackford if you have any questions.

OFFERINGS: We will not "pass the plate" to collect your offerings. Instead, the offering plate will be in the back of the sanctuary for you to leave your offering. For those of you worshipping from home, we thank you for mailing your offerings to the church or donating online. If you need information regarding how you can donate online, please reach out to Pete Deubler.

TODAY -- GINGERBREAD CHALLENGE: will be held TODAY Sunday, December 12th at 4 pm. Participants will be challenged to create a gingerbread style creation to represent the manger. More details to follow, and a zoom link will be sent to all. Contact Christine for more details or with any questions.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you would like to add someone to our Prayer List, please email their name to Paul Shackford at pshackford@gmail.com by noon Tuesday.