

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church



Sunday, December 17th, 2023
The Third Sunday of Advent
Lessons and Carols
Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Worship at 10:15 am

Prelude

Processional

Hymnal #8

“Morning Has Broken”

Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word:

Grace and peace. In the name of Christ.

People:

Thanks be to God.

Light the Advent Candle of Joy

Insert

The Ministry of the Word

Collect of the Day

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1st Lesson (*sit*)

Ibrahim Bah

Genesis 3:1-6

Jeremy Kitto

Genesis 3:7-23

Carol: Lo, How a Rose e're Blooming

Hymnal #81

2nd Lesson (*sit*)

Venâncio Marcos

Isaiah 35:1-10

Carol: Angels We Have Heard on High

Hymnal #96

3rd Lesson (*sit*)

Bonnie Jones

Luke 1:26-42

Carol: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Hymnal #265

4th Lesson (*sit*)

Thea Ferguson

Luke 2:1-20

Carol: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Hymnal #99

5th Lesson (*sit*)

Deacon Barbara

John 1:1-18 (NIV)

Carol: Joy to the World

Hymnal #100

The Peace (*stand*)

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Announcements

Offertory

Doxology

Hymnal #380 v.3

The Ministry of the Table

Minister of the Table: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister of the Table: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal #S-129

The Prayer of Humble Access

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come to your table. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared. We were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation and share your bread with sinners. Cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, so that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Communion

Post Communion Hymn

Hymnal #101

“Away in a Manger”

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ Body. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us all with joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Recessional

Hymnal #73

“The King Shall Come”

Dismissal

Postlude

Ministers this Service

Minister of Reserved Sacrament: Deacon Barbara Gibson

Minister of the Word: Mary Anne McCloud

Lectors: Ibrahim Bah, Jeremy Kitto, Venâncio Marcos, Bonnie Jones, Thea Ferguson,

Ushers: Rick Glover, Mary Upton

Counters: Mary Upton, Fred Schroeder

Organist: Chris Teichler

Flutist: Sarah Teichler

Videographer: Ben Teichler

Altar Guild: *Melissa Keenan, Karen Wall, Ginger King*

Altar Flowers: Twila Lockaby

“For Blessings received”

Prayer List

Kathleen Leid, Conner Ekerberg, Jordan Orr, Ryan Bernard, Nyla, Jim, Tom, Shayne,
Steve, Donna

Calendar

TODAY **Hanging the Greens**, after service

Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.
 EFM, 7 p.m.

Friday A.A. meeting, lounge 6:30 p.m.

Sun, Dec 24th Advent Bible Study, Lounge, 9 a.m.
 4th Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist, 10:15 a.m.
 Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Mon, Dec 25th Christmas Day, Morning Prayer, 10:15 a.m.

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