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The Third Sunday of Advent
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Thank you for joining us in worship.
We are glad you are here.

Please let us know what questions you might have
And if you would like to be on our mailing list.

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We Love God

St. Mark's is a community of people who believe in the power of God's love as expressed through God's son, Jesus Christ.

We Love Each Other

Our love for God compels us to love and welcome others with open arms regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or social status.

We Love Our Community

Our love for God compels us to serve our community by being active in service to those in need.

We Love Our Faith

We celebrate our God, for each other and for our community through Episcopal worship that keeps us grounded in our faith.

Advent is a strange, contemplative season to be grasped in the language of silence and poetry. It is a time to remember that what we long for and desire has already come and yet is to come in its fullness; a time to remember that we in our day are to be like Mary, to consent to cooperate with God so that God might complete what God began long ago.
---**John Westerhoff**

Basic Liturgics

Liturgy: "Liturgy" comes from the Greek word *leitourgia*, which literally means "work of the people." It was used to refer to a public work done at private expense and could be used to classify projects like a privately-financed bridge that was being built for the use of a whole town. The public libraries built by Andrew Carnegie could also be considered a *leitourgia*. In church usage, **liturgy** is the act of worship that we do on behalf of ourselves, the wider Church, and the world.

Eucharist: The word Eucharist comes from the Greek word *eucharistia*, which means "thanksgiving." For this reason the Prayer Book also calls the Eucharistic Prayer by the label "The Great Thanksgiving." The service of Holy Communion is our great act of thanksgiving to God.

The Structure of the Eucharistic Liturgy:

The Eucharistic Liturgy is divided into two main parts:

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| (1) The Liturgy of the Word | (2) The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table |
| - The Gathering Rite | - The Offertory |
| - The Lessons & Sermon | - The Eucharistic Prayer |
| - The Creed | - The Lord's Prayer |
| - The Intercessions and Confession | - The Fraction or The Breaking of the Bread |
| - The Peace | - Holy Communion |
| | - The Post-Communion Prayer |
| | - Blessing and Dismissal |

Terms for Those Who Help With Worship:

Celebrant, Presider, Officiant: A priest, bishop, or deacon who presides at the liturgy.

Deacon: A person ordained to the diaconate can help with reading the gospel, leading the Prayers of the People, leading the Confession, setting the Altar at Offertory, distributing Communion, cleaning up after Communion, or the Dismissal.

Crucifer: Someone who carries the processional cross.

Acolyte: Literally this means "torch-bearer."

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Lay people who have been authorized by the Bishop and the Rector to help distribute Communion, usually by being *chalice-bearers*.

Book-bearer: The person who carries the Gospel Book in procession and holds it during the Gospel Reading.

Preacher: A person who gives a sermon or homily.

Lector: A person who reads a lesson from the Bible.

Intercessor: A person who leads the Prayers of the People.

Oblation-bearers: Those who bring up the gifts of bread and wine at Offertory.

Usbers: Those who help people find their seat and the bulletin, who collect the offering and present it, and who help direct people during Communion.

Greeters: Those who, after the Dismissal, welcome new people and invite them to coffee and social time.

Altar Guild: The team of people who help prepare the Altar area and are responsible for cleaning the vessels and linens.

Floral Guild: Those who create the floral arrangements for worship.

Preparing for Worship

In today's hectic world, it is good to have time for silence. Take time to sit quietly and open yourself through silent prayer, meditation, or reading over the bulletin.

Holy Eucharist-Rite Two

The Word of God or The Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Two Toccatas

Johann Pachelbel

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 56 (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

O come, o come Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Verses 1, 6-7



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



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

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.

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.

Trisagion

Hirten

(sung 3 times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and
might-y. Ho - ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

A prophet and angel's words sent Mary and Joseph on their journey to Bethlehem. The same angel's words came to the most unlikely of characters – shepherds in the field. Tending sheep was a lonely and smelly business and shepherds were often the most necessary but overlooked people in the world. But an angel sought them out to share with them the good news of the light coming back into the world. And though afraid, they listened and got up and went in search of this new light.

As we light this candle let us remember to invite those we might overlook to our table, and to learn with them what it is to follow and live into the promised light.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

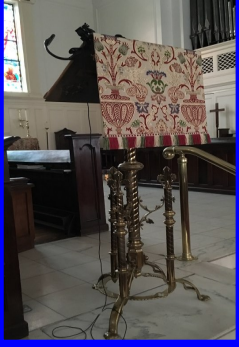
Presider: Let us pray.

Presider: 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.

(Please be seated)

The Lectern



The lectern is the stand from which the Hebrew Scripture (First or Old Testament), the Psalm, and the Epistle (New or Second Testament) are read. It is a visible expression of the significance of Holy Scripture to the life of the church. In colonial churches, the lectern was often incorporated as the middle level of a multi-tiered pulpit.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Howard Pugh

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

A Reading from First Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Jennifer McCauley

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

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(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn 65 (1982 Hymnal Blue Book)

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Herran



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.



The Pulpit

The pulpit is reserved for the sermon suggesting the important role of reflecting on scripture. The canopy is designed to reflect sound and comes from the time when that was the means of amplification to the congregation.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to John
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Children ages 4-11 are invited to join Malinda for Children's Worship.

(Please be seated)

The Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett



The Baptismal Font

Through the sacrament of baptism we become members of Christ's family – the church. The presence of the baptismal font in the church is a reminder of our own baptism and the commitments that we made or that were made on our behalf.

(Please stand as you are able)

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Advent Prayers of the People

Kent Slonaker

Intercessor: Beloved in faith, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Intercessor: O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Michael our presiding bishop, Mark and Gayle our bishops, Benjamin, Buck, and Sarah our priests, Micki and Scott our wardens, our vestry, and the people and clergy of St. Asaph's, Bowling Green, and St. John's, West Point.. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

All: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

Intercessor: O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

All: Come and redeem us for our life together.

Intercessor: O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

All: Come save us and do not delay.

Intercessor: O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for those who lack employment, for those who lack shelter, for those in prison, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

All: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.

Intercessor: O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially Cooper, Tamara, Betty, Phillip, Lisette, Becky, Robin, Carole, Mike, Steve, Ethel, Margaret, Phyllis, Julette, Marsha, Diane, David, Samantha, Bill, Doris, Clair, Ginny, Debbie, Ronnie, Judy, Bev and Larry, Caroline, the Tracy Family, Bianca, Shelby, the Hardison family, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard, Alice, Garry, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise, Gloria, William, Henry, Rick, Gene, Karen, Rick, Amy, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Kristy, Martha, Carolyn, Randi, Nancy, Marion, Hollis, and Donna. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

All: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.

Intercessor: O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died, especially Roy Scherer, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

All: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

Intercessor: O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Saviour, We give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for all those who celebrate birthdays, especially Kenneth, Jason, Diane, Odin, Peter, Reeves, Andrew, and David; for those who celebrate anniversaries, especially Allison and Michael; and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud.

Pause

Intercessor: Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

All: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Concluding Collect

The Confession of Sin

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

***All: 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 your Son 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.***

The Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **AMEN.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please stand as you are able. All greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

(Please be seated)

Announcements and News of the Church Community



The Altar or Holy Table

The altar is a table, usually in the sanctuary which is the space that is generally behind the altar rail, on which the bread and wine used for the eucharist (or Holy Communion or the Lord's Supper) service are consecrated.

The Holy Communion or The Liturgy of the Table

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Remain seated)



SCAN ME TO DONATE

Offertory

O nata lux

Morten Lauridsen

Translation of the Latin:
O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.

(Please stand as you are able)

At The Presentation, Doxology

The Eighth Tune

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.***



The Communion Vessels

The Eucharist (from the Greek meaning Thanksgiving), or Holy Communion, is a sacrament at the center of Episcopal worship. A sacrament is “an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace” in the words of *The Book of Common Prayer*. The vessels used are a chalice for wine, a paten for bread (or “host”), and a flagon for additional wine. They are placed on a square white linen cloth called the corporal.

(Please stand as you are able)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hirten

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glor-y, Ho - san - na
 in___ the high-est, Bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord,
 Ho - san - na in___ the high-est._____

(Please stand or kneel as you are able)

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Mark and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All: 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.
And 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,
forever and ever. AMEN.**

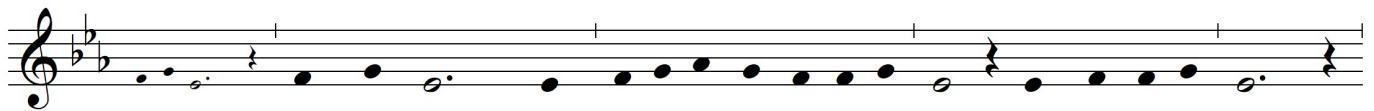
The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem, Agnus Dei

Hirten



The Holy Communion: *ALL are welcome to share in Communion.*

Holy Communion

Come forward as the ushers direct you. When you arrive at the rail you may put out your hands to receive the bread/wafer. You may then either consume it, dip it lightly into the chalice, or take a sip of wine from the chalice. If you prefer a blessing only - cross your arms across your chest.

If you have any mobility concerns please alert the usher
and the clergy will bring communion to you.

Hymn 77 (*My Heart Sings Out*)

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Schutte



Verses



I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my
I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my
I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the



peo - ple cry.	All who dwell in deep - est sin	my hand will
peo - ple's pain.	I have wept for love of them,	they turn a -
poor and lame.	I will set a feast for them,	my hand will



save.	I who made the stars of night,	I will break their hearts of stone,
way.	I will break their hearts of stone,	I will pro - vide
save.	Fin - est bread	I will pro - vide



I will make their dark - ness bright.	Who will bear my
give them hearts for love a - lone.	I will speak my
till their hearts be sat - si - fied.	I will give my



light to them?	Whom shall I	send? _____
word to them.	Whom shall I	send? _____
life to them.	Whom shall I	send? _____

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Hymn 77 Continued

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have
heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord,
if you lead me, I will hold your people in my
heart. heart.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

The Blessing

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
 2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
 3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
 4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
 great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
 ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
 un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
 to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
 turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
 right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

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Hymn 782 Continued

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Praeludium in G minor, BWV 535

J. S. Bach

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The Ambry



The ambry is a cupboard located in the St. Mary Chapel which is at the right of the narthex (front entry of the church). It is used for reserving the consecrated hosts for communion in home or hospital visits for those who cannot attend Sunday worship and, in some Anglican Churches, to store the oil of chrism used for anointing. A light burns near it to indicate that it contains the sacrament.

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

Parishioners: Cooper Francis, Tamara Orr, Betty Leviner, Phillip Jones, Lisette Johnson, Becky Lee, Robin Goodman, Carole Shahda, Mike Oliver, Steve Row, Ethel Kutteroff, Margaret Franklin, Phyllis Iverson, Julette Iverson, Marsha Iverson, Diane Hoover, David Christiana, Samantha Ridley, Bill Piercy, and Doris Enroughty.

Our extended family and friends: Clair Schreck, Ginny Jones, Debbie Kaufman, Ronnie, Judy Conkle, Bev and Larry Green, Caroline, the Tracy Family, Bianca Constance, Shelby, the Hardison family, Nicholas, the Sonant family, the Fiedler family, the Lord and Walton family, Richard Wallace, Alice, Garry Land, Wayne and Sue, Marsha and David, Teagan and the Kuehnle family, Will, Robin, Denise Early, Gloria Wiley, William Higgins, Henry Pegram, Rick, Gene Shelton, Karen Sokohl, Rick McGeorge, Amy Burks, the Henderson family, Mary-Margaret, Kristy Rose, Martha, Carolyn Campbell, Randi Smith, Nancy Strite, Marion Broome, Hollis Daniels, and Donna Raubensine.

Those celebrating birthdays: especially Lee Kenneth Bradford, Jason Bogard, Diane Hoover, Odin Landers, Peter Walker, Reeves Boschen, Andrew Creger, and David Niemeyer.

Those celebrating anniversaries: especially Allison MacKay and Michael Evranian.

Those who have died: especially Roy Scherer.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the congregations and clergy of St. Asaph's, Bowling Green, and St. John's, West Point.

Metro Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy relationships; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly.

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Diverse, Urban, Eucharist Centered, Service-Oriented

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Please let us know how we may encourage you to serve the Lord with us by filling out the “Welcome” card found in the rack in front of you and placing it in the Offering Plate.

You may also speak to any clergy or greeters following the worship service.

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