



St. Michael's
Episcopal Church
COLORADO SPRINGS

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist II

Prelude

“Veni Emmanuel”

by Philip Moore

Opening Hymn

“Angels, from the realms of glory”

Hymn #93

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:

*Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.*

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:

Refrain

3. Sages, leave your contemplations;
brighter visions beam afar:
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star:

Refrain

4. Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending,
in his temple shall appear:

Refrain

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

People

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.

Cantor *Assembly*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor *Assembly*

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Cantor *Assembly*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.**

Children's Chapel (10:30 AM Service)

Children will return during The Peace

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say 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."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then 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; the 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. A 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. No 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. And 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.

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of James (5:7-10)

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

Gospel Acclamation

“Prepare the way of the Lord”

Taizé

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
And all people will see the salvation of our God.**

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (11:2-11)
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

As 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? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly 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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation “Prepare the way of the Lord” Taizé

Sermon The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Meditation (8:00 & 10:30 AM Service) “Almost There” by Michael W. Smith, Wes King & Amy Grant, arr. Heather Sorenson

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

The Nicene Creed The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 358

**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.

The Prayers of the People – Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 387

Leader God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those asked to serve on behalf of this nation: Tyler, John, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, Rick, Ben, Carson & Jason. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially; Ruth, Robert, Charlie, Pat, Allison, Molly, Ron, Wes, MaryAnn, and those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Phyllis, Tom, Tripp, Randy, Emily, Cindy, Kalob, Taylor, Ryan, Russ, Judy, Erin, Jason, Mateo, Shep, Phil, Jordan, Sarah, Kathleen, Patrick, Alex, Arleen, Mary, Michelle, Dana, Ashlynn, Marilyn, Patsy, MaryDee, Margie, Ross, Bob, Hank, JoAnn, Lorna, Cathleen, Jordan, Brian, Joy, Susan, Gail, Miles, Laura, Des, Mason, Charlette, Claudia, Ji-bril, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Leona, Austen, Millie, Courtney, Ron, Julia, Valerie, Peyton, Terri, & Sharon.

If you would like to be added to Sunday prayers of the people or to the Wednesday healing service, please email Rev. Angela at angela@stmikeschurch.com or call 719-598-3244.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give you thanks for those with birthdays; Aria Quinn B., Keith K., Beverly R., Sharon D., Ky G., Karen H., Marna M., Sonja A., Sue B., Kate D., Ruth W., John P., Nathan B., Candy C., Melissa G., Heather T., Monica C., Evan F., Jane L., and those celebrating anniversaries.
May we celebrate them as beloved children of God.

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Confession *(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.**

Celebrant 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 *(Please stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Digital Offering *(To make a one-time contribution to St. Michael's or to pay your pledge online;)*

- Text the word GIVE to 719-223-3446, and follow the secure link.
- Scan the QR code using your phone's camera.



Doxology

Hymn # 381 (verse 4)

(8:00 AM Service Spoken)

(10:30AM Service Sung)

Celebrant
People

All things come of thee O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

**God the Father, Light Creator,
to thee laud and honor be;
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally;
Holy Spirit, Light-Revealer,
glory, glory be to thee;
Mortals, angels, now and ever
praise the Holy Trinity!**

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 367

Celebrant
People

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Celebrant
People

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is a right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(An appropriate Proper Preface is offered here and the service continues as follows.)*

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 (Sung)

Hymn S129

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel or stand in body or spirit)

Celebrant 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,

People **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant 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 all of 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 364

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to receive communion at St. Michael's. At this time we are only offering intinction. Please come to the altar rail and place one hand in the other, like a manger or bowl. Once you receive the bread, you may consume it, or wait for the wine. When the wine comes to you, you may dip your wafer into the wine and then consume and return to your pew. If you would like to receive a blessing only, simply cross your arms in an X form across your chest and a priest will offer you a blessing.

Communion Hymns

“Wait for the Lord”

Taizé

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

“It came upon a midnight clear”

Hymn #89

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats
o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains
they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel-sounds
the blessed angels sing.
3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not
the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife
and hear the angels sing!

“A child is born in Bethlehem”

Hymn #103

1. A child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia!
therefore rejoice Jerusalem, Alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain:

*Come, join the angel throng
in songs of joy,
in one accord
adoring Christ the Lord.*

2. The babe within a manger poor, Alleluia!
will rule the world for evermore, Alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain

3. Upon this joyful holy night, Alleluia!
we bless your Name, O Lord of Light, Alleluia,
alleluia!

Refrain

4. We praise you, Holy Trinity, Alleluia!
adoring you eternally. Alleluia, alleluia!

Refrain

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Sending

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant In the name of God and this community, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

***People* We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

(Please kneel in body or spirit)

Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

***People* 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.**

Final Blessing

Closing Hymn

“O come, O come, Emmanuel”

Hymn #56, vs. 1-4

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to thy tribes of Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!
4. O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

“Winchester New”

by Christopher Tambling

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- December 11, 9:15 AM in St. Mary's – "Staying Warm" Make no-sew blankets for our partner organizations. No sewing experience required.
- Communion Education for Children – Sunday, December 11 9:30AM in sanctuary
- The Lord's Dinner – Sunday, December 11 @ Academy Christian Church 5:00PM
- Light Festival: Friday & Saturday - December 16 & 17 from 6:00PM – 8:00 PM
- Blue Christmas Service – December 13 at 7:00PM *
- December 15 – January & February Archangel Deadline
- Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 18 during the 10:30AM Service
- Christmas Eve Services, December 24 – 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM*, 11:00 PM
- Christmas Day Service, December 25 – 10:00 AM*
- New Year's Day – Lessons & Carols – January 1 – 10:00 AM*

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