



**St. Michael's**  
Episcopal Church  
COLORADO SPRINGS

December 12, 2021  
8:00 AM Worship Service  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
Advent 3

**Welcome & Introduction** *(8:00 AM Service)*

**Prelude** Meditation on “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

Craig Phillips

**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**

**Opening Acclamation** *(8:00 AM Service)*

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Collect of Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg 355

**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.

### Gloria (8:00 AM Service Spoken)

Hymn S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### 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.

### A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah (3:14-20)

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

**Canticle 9**

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 86

***The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus***

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

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.

***People*** 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 First Letter of Paul to the Philippians (4:4-7)**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

***People*** Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Prepare the way of the Lord"

**"Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,  
and all people shall see the salvation of our God"**

**The Gospel**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke. (3:7-18)

***People*** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to



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** *(8:00 AM Service)*

*Leader* In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, help us prepare our hearts and minds; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

*Leader* O God, surely it is you who saves us. We pray for the Church and her leaders. We hold before you our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Bishop, Kym, and our clergy, Matt, Angela and Gary. Unite us and make us one.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Your deeds, O Lord, are known among all peoples. We pray for our nation, and every nation, as you guide the people of the earth.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people comfort and your presence. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Ray, Scott, and all those we pray for during our Wednesday healing service.

*Prayers being offered at Wednesday Healing Service for: Bob, Roger, Kelsey, Claudia, Charolette, Laura, Edwina, Debbie, Christina, Cheryl, James, Carol, Ji-bril, John, Tracy, Donald, Tristan, Kitty, Kathy, Leona, Miles, Venessa, & Austen.*

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Heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.  
 As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for all who by their work and calling are in harms way. We remember those who are deployed and serving in the military, especially Ben, Carson, Corey, Garrett, Antoine, Daniel, Thomas, and Rick.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We know you are here with us, and we give you thanks for your presence with those we love but see no longer, especially Melissa Heminway, sister of Nancy Oswell, & Kathy Parker, sister-in-law of Lee Kulbitski.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We also give thanks to God for the baptism of Ashton Cecilia Lerena & Jayden Penelope Lerena. May they grow in love, courage, and compassion all the days of their lives.

In this season of preparation for the birth of your Son, may we celebrate the birthdays in our community this week, especially for Sharon D., Karen H., Marna, Sonja, Sue B., Kate, John P., Nathan B., Candy, Melissa, Heather, Monica, Evan F., Jane L., & Tim T. We also give thanks for the anniversary of Jim & Marion Moore.

As we prepare our hearts, Lord Jesus,

***People* Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, help us prepare our hearts and minds; that we may be ready for your coming. All this we pray in the name of your Son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

***People* Amen.**

**The Confession** (8:00 AM Service)

The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 360

*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

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

*(You are encouraged to use your cell phone to exchange the peace via text message)*

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## Instrumental Offertory Music *(8:00 AM Service)*

**Offertory Choral Anthem** "Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring" J.S. Bach, arr. Alan Ridout  
Sung by St. Michael's Choir *(10:30 AM Service)*

**Presentation Hymn** "O come, O come Emmanuel" Hymn #56, v. 6

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A** The Book of Common Prayer Pg. 361

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### Communion Hymns:

#### “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

1. Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,  
help me cradle this child divine;  
God reward thee and all that's thine in  
paradise,  
so prays the mother Mary.

##### Refrain:

**He came among us at Christmas-time,  
at Christmas-time, in Bethlehem;  
let us bring him from far and wide Love's  
diadem;  
Jesus, Jesus,  
lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and  
frees us!**

2. Gladly, dear one, lady mine,  
help I cradle this child of thine;  
God's own light on us both shall shine in  
paradise,  
as prays the mother Mary.

##### Refrain

3. All shall come and bow the knee;  
wise and happy their souls shall be,  
loving such a divinity, as all may see  
in Jesus, Son of Mary.

##### Refrain

#### “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy”

1. The virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
and they say that his name is Jesus.

##### Refrain:

**He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.  
he come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.**

**Oh, yes! believer!  
Oh, yes! believer!  
He come from the glory,  
he come from the glorious kingdom.**

2. The angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
the angels sang when the baby was born,  
and they say that his name is Jesus.

##### Refrain

3. The shepherds came where the baby was  
born,  
the shepherds came where the baby was  
born,  
the shepherds came where the baby was  
born,  
and they say that his name is Jesus.

##### Refrain

## "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

1. There's a star in the East on Christmas morn;  
rise up, shepherd, and follow;  
It will lead to the place where the Christ was  
born;  
rise up, shepherd, and follow.

### Refrain:

Follow, follow,  
rise up shepherd, and follow,  
follow the star of Bethlehem.  
Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2. If you take good heed to the angel's words,  
rise up, shepherd, and follow;  
you'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your  
herds;  
rise up, shepherd, and follow.

### Refrain

## Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 365

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** "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

Hymn #107

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow,  
and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss;  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He hath opened heaven's door,  
and we are blest for evermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice  
with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
to gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth preparing our hearts for Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude** Fantasia on “In Dulci Jubilo”, BWV 729 J.S. Bach

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## Holy Baptism

December 12, 2021 10:30 AM

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant:* There is one Body and one Spirit:  
*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People:* **One God and Father of all.**  
*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (*see Service Bulletin for the Collect of the Day, Lessons, and Gospel*)

### Presentation of the Candidate

*Celebrant:* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.  
*Sponsors:* I present Ashton Cecilia Lerena & Jayden Penelope Lerena to receive the sacrament of Baptism.  
*Celebrant:* Will you be responsible for seeing that these children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?  
*Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.  
*Celebrant:* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?  
*Sponsors:* I will, with God's help.  
*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?  
*Answer:* I renounce them.  
*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?  
*Answer:* I renounce them.  
*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?  
*Answer:* I renounce them.  
*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?  
*Answer:* I do.  
*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Answer:* I do.  
*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?  
*Answer:* I do.  
*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?  
*Congregation:* **We will.**  
*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### The Baptismal Covenant, BCP Pg. 304

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**  
*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

### Prayers for the Candidate, BCP Pg. 305

*Celebrant:* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.  
*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over Water

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.** (*Celebrant continues ...*)

### The Baptism

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*People:* **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*(The Service continues with The Peace and Holy Eucharist)*