

Morning service 13.12.2020
3rd Sunday of Advent

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Preach: Brian Jones

Welcome & Lighting of Advent Candles

Prayer of Praise

**Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted.**

**Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.**

**Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

Isaiah 12:4-6

Hymn - Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

Confession

God, with us,
As we go deeper into this season of longing and waiting,
we struggle to be still and to seek you,
Be patient with our impatience.

You have journeyed alongside us from the beginning of time,
Yet still we miss the signs of your presence.

When we are blinded by the brashness of this season:
Open our eyes to the glimpses of your glory.

When we want simple answers:
Open our minds to the hints of incarnation.

When we are deafened by our own shouting:
Open our ears to the whispers of your grace.

May we share with you in longing for restoration and renewal
and may we be watchful for the light that breaks through the darkness of our world.
In Christ's name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist
to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4,8-end

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon

Song - Light of the world

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices

Hymn - Great things

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and may the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Ending

Our Lord says, "I am coming soon."
All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,
Find us watching and waiting.
All **Amen.**