

Giving of Communion

CW 181

All baptised Christians are invited to participate in the Communion, everyone else is welcome to receive a Blessing.

Prayer after Communion**The Dismissal****Notices****Final Hymn**

CP #53

Hark ! The Herald-angels Sing

The Blessing and Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Order of Service

*Third Sunday in Advent
a Short Said Eucharist*

*The congregation and all guests are warmly invited to gather for Refreshments following the service at the Anglican Centre (**children to go across accompanied by an adult**)*

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St. Catherine's Anglican Church

16 December 2018

11.15

Celebrant and Preacher: Revd Kara K Werner

Music: St Catherine's Worship Group

→ CP = Common Praise (*hymn book*)

Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn

CP #66 omit v3,4
Once in Royal David's City

The Gathering

The Greeting

CW 167

Stand up and raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near.

The Collects

CW 376/8

Advent Candle Liturgy

*God comes in justice and peace to all who follow his ways..
You are God's children.*

Lord make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A Song of Joy

Please sit

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.

This is the word of the living Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Advent Alleluia Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths
straight and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading: John the Baptist fulfils his calling

Luke 3.7-18

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you O Lord.

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 Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

This may be followed by a short period of silent reflection

Creed

Please stand

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Prayers of Intercession

R: Let us pray to the Lord

Lord have mercy.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

*In the tender mercy of our God the dawn from on high shall
break upon us to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in
the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

All are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

CP #63 omit

v3

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Preparation of the Altar

*Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;
Draw us from hatred to love;
Make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.
Amen.*

Taking of the Bread and Wine

The Eucharistic Prayer D

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The Lord's Prayer

In whichever language suits you.

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Breaking of the Bread

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