

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand*    **C**: *Congregation*    **A**: *Worship Assistant*    **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.

Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter.

Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers  
are also available in the narthex for children.

**Prelude**

*Variations on FREU DICH SEHR*  
Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

**Welcome**

↑ **Gathering Hymn**

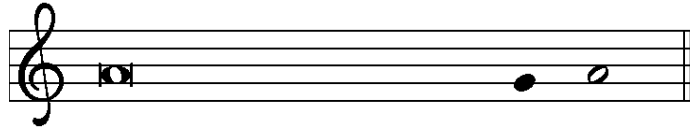
*Hark, the Glad Sound!*  
ELW Hymn 239

↑ **Greeting**

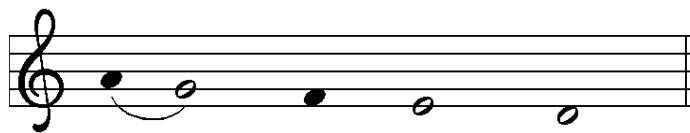
**P**: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G**: And also with you.

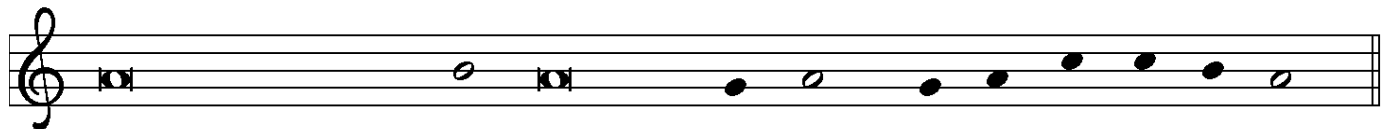
↑ **Kyrie**



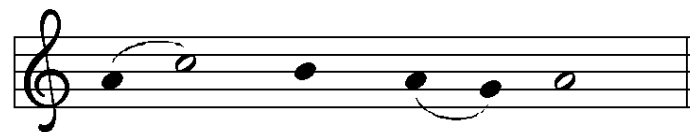
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



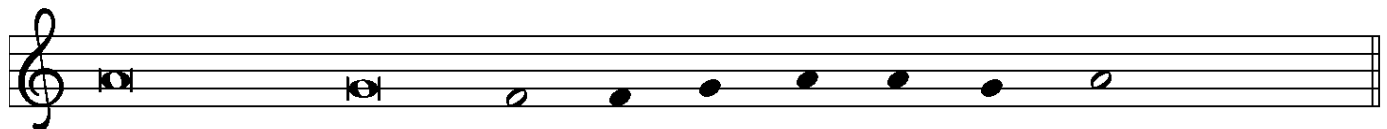
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



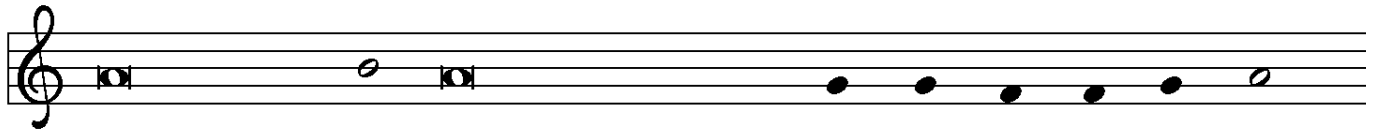
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



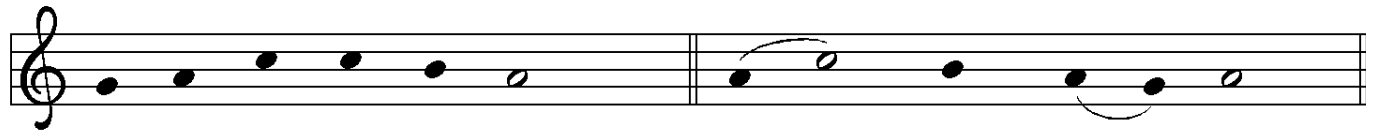
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

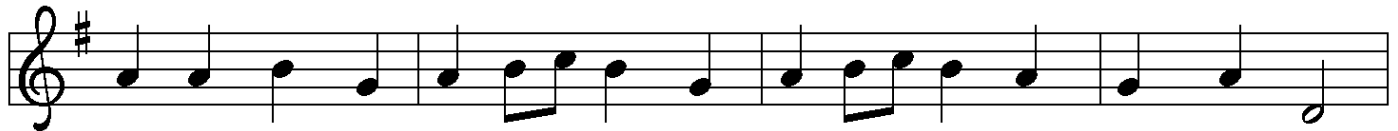
## ↑Gloria



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## ↑Prayer of the Day

**P**: Awaken us, Lord God,  
and open our ears to the preaching of John,  
that, rejoicing in your salvation,  
we may acknowledge where we have fallen short,  
and trust in the forgiveness that comes with repentance,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C**: Amen.

## Anthem

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
Kyle Haugen (b. 1973)

## First Reading

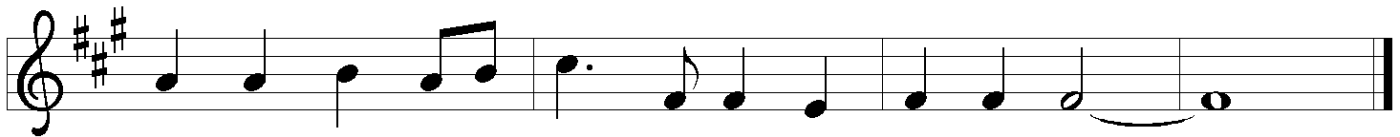
**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**A**: Word of God, Word of life.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

**Isaiah 12:2-6**



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain: The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. Then all repeat the refrain as indicated.*



*Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.*

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you | will draw water**  
**from the wells | of salvation.      REFRAIN**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;  
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;  
proclaim that this name | is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel.      **REFRAIN**

## Second Reading

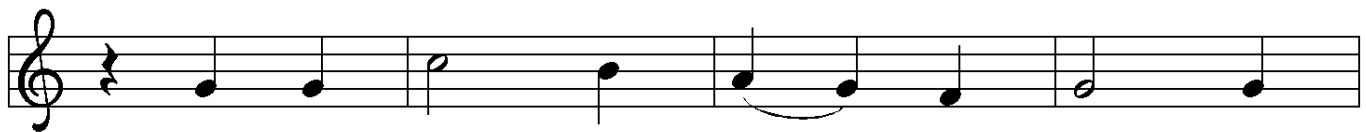
Philippians 4:4-7

**A:** Word of God, Word of life.


**C:** Thanks be to God.

## ↑ Gospel Acclamation

*Preceding and following the verse, the assembly sings the Alleluia:*



**C:** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## ↑ The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

**P:** The Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Following the reading*

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

↑ Hymn of the Day

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Stanza 1 is sung by a leader or by the choir.*

**ELW Hymn 254**

*Then all repeat stanza 1 together and sing the hymn in its entirety.*

↑ Apostles' Creed

☩: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary, 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.



↑ Prayers of the Church

☩: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

☩: hear our prayer.

## ↑ The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure.

**P**: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ↑ Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of light and life,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more rhythmic and varied than the previous section. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, the third has two measures, and the fourth has two measures.

## ↑ **Words of Institution**

### ↑ **Lord's Prayer**

**P**: Lord, help us work toward your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**G**: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread**

**and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

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**Holy Communion** – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacraments.

We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of bread and wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's resurrection.

The ministration of the Sacrament will take place in the pews with individual elements. These are available as you enter; if you missed picking one up and need one, please signal an usher now with a raised hand.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

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### ↑ **Invitation to the Table**

**P**: God invites you to this meal of grace.  
Receive the food of forgiveness.



## Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Post Communion Prayer

☐: Jesus, Bread of Life, we have received your food of forgiveness in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.

As you have nourished us in this meal,  
accepting us before you without condition,  
strengthen us to love one another as you first loved us.

☑: Amen.

## Announcements

### ↑ Benediction

☐: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

In the name of the Father, and † of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑: Amen.

## ↑ Sending Hymn

*The choir sings stanza 1. All join at stanza 2.*

*Fling Wide the Door*

**ELW Hymn 259**

## ↑ Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Be a force for good in the world.

**G:** Thanks be to God.

*Please remain seated until the ushers dismiss you from your pew, in order to maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin and hymns back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take them with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. Pastor Dan will greet you. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like; please respect others' need for social distancing.*

## Postlude

*Variations on FREU DICH SEHR*

Georg Böhm

## About today's music

Lutheran composer Georg Böhm (1661–1733) more or less invented the *chorale partita*, which is an extended series of variations on a chorale melody. The melody of last week's Gathering Hymn, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (ELW 256) is the basis for the variations we hear today. Many of the variations are especially joyful, tying into today's second reading. In fact, today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is known as *Gaudete*, meaning "rejoice." The third candle of the Advent wreath is often rose in color to signify this theme.

– Cantor Kyle