



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

11:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

16 December 2012

Prelude

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Shepherds Wake*

Bernard Reichel  
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## ***Soon and very soon***

***LEVAS 14, Insert***

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

- 2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! *Refrain*
- 3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! *Refrain*
- 4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King;  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King! *Refrain*

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity and Summary of the Law

BCP 323

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

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 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9 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.**

A Reading from Paul's First 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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

***O Spirit of the living God***

***Hymnal 531***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

3.7-18

**Glory to thee, 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 ax 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 326

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

Confession of Sin BCP 331

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And with thy spirit.**

## **LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

Announcements and Offertory Sentence

*Choir Anthem*

***Our father's God, to thee*** (*My country, 'tis of thee*) ***Hymnal 717, v. 4***

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*** (*From all that dwell below*) ***Hymnal 380, v. 3***

The Great Thanksgiving BCP 333

***Sanctus*** ***Insert***

Eucharistic Prayer 1 BCP 333

The Lord's Prayer BCP 336

The Breaking of the Bread *A period of silence is kept*

***Agnus Dei*** ***Insert***

Prayer of Humble Access BCP 337

The Invitation

***Father, we thank thee who has planted*** ***Hymnal 302***

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: “My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!”

*“And I will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of my hand.”*

2 Snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God’s wings your refuge  
with faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

3 For to the angels God’s given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

Advent Blessing and Dismissal

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

***Blest be the king whose coming***

***Hymnal 74***

Postlude

*Comfort Ye My People*

George Boehm

**In Memoriam**

John Pride Hunt IV (1944-1962)

17 December 1962, being the fiftieth anniversary of his death

May John’s soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

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