

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,,,  
... Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**ALL** (*sung*): Sanctus/Benedictus (Holy/Blessed)

*Celebrant:* Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,...  
...All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church, now and for ever. **ALL:** Amen

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL** (*sung*): Our Father in heaven, ...Amen.

### **BREAKING OF THE BREAD 2**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**ALL:** We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

### **LAMB OF GOD**

### **THIS IS THE BODY OF CHRIST**

**COMMUNION SONG:** *Wind Upon the Waters* CP 408

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION – Advent 3**

**ALL:** Merciful God, may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with  
unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in  
the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.

### **DOXOLOGY**

### **BLESSING - ADVENT 3**

*Celebrant:* We have felt the sun and rainfall; we have watched flowers blossom.  
**ALL:** May God bless us in the turning of the earth.  
*Celebrant:* We have read the story of Jesus; we have found answers to our questions.  
**ALL:** May God bless us in the hearing of the scriptures.  
*Celebrant:* We have been met by the Holy Spirit; our lives have been changed and  
challenged.  
**ALL:** May God bless us in the living of our days.

*Celebrant:* So may the God of Joy bless us, Planter, Nourisher and Fertilising Spirit,  
this day and for evermore.

**ALL:** Amen

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING SONG:** *Rejoice the Lord is King* CP 379

### **DISMISSAL - ADVENT**

*Celebrant:* Go in peace, in joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord.  
**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

## **Advent 3 - December 15 2019**

**GATHERING:** *Prepare Ye!*

**OPENING:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* CP 425

### **TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

### **GATHERING - GRACE**

### **GATHERING - COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God...  
**ALL:** to you all hearts are open all desires known and from you no  
secrets are hidden. 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.

### **OPENING RESPONSES - ADVENT 3**

*Leader:* As farmers wait for rainfall, as prisoners wait for freedom

**ALL:** We wait for the coming of God,

*Leader:* As exiles yearn for home, as peacemakers yearn for justice

**ALL:** We long for the coming of God,

*Leader:* As travellers search for shelter, as disciples look for answers

**ALL:** We prepare for the coming of God,

*Leader:* Glory in the wilderness, glory in the wastelands

**ALL:** Shout and sing for joy!

*Leader:* Strength for the weary; courage for the fearful

**ALL:** Shout and sing for joy!

*Leader:* Shelter for the traveller, justice for the hungry

**ALL:** Shout and sing for joy!

### **LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE**

*Leader:* Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

**ALL:** Jesus is the light of the world, a light no darkness can extinguish.

*Leader:* We light the candle of joy as we joyfully wait for the coming of Jesus  
Come, Lord Jesus, into our world, into our church, into our homes

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!

### **ADVENT CANDLE SONG -Verse 3 (Joy)**

### **COLLECT ADVENT 3**

God of power and mercy, you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your  
Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may  
find us waiting in awe and wonder for him who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **ALL:** Amen.

**FIRST READING:** *Isaiah 35: 1-10*      **ALL:** ...Thanks be to God

**PSALM 146: 4-9**

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \* **whose hope is in the Lord their God;**

5 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \* **who keeps his promise for ever;**

6 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* **and food to those who hunger.**

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* **the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;**

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \* **he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \* **your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

**PSALM 146 - PRAYER**

**ALL:** God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SECOND READING:** *James 5: 7-10*      **ALL:** Thanks be to God!

**SONG TO GREET THE GOSPEL:** *Hark, a Herald Voice is Sounding* CP 108

**GOSPEL (BAS)**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**PEOPLE:** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 11: 2-11*

C: The Gospel of Christ... **PEOPLE:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**REFLECTION**

**ANTHEM**

*When Will the Little King Come?*

Words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram. Jubilate Music Group.

**APOSTLES CREED**

*Celebrant:* I believe in God, the Father almighty ...

**ALL:** creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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 PEOPLE** *As directed by the intercessor.*

**THE CONFESSION**

*Celebrant:* Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. He welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God...

**ALL:** ...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 neighbours 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.

**ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**PEOPLE:** And also with you.

**OFFERING SONG**

*Hear our Praises*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS - Advent 3**

**ALL:** God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you

**ALL:** And also with you

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts

**ALL:** We lift them to the Lord

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

**ALL:** It is right to give our thanks and praise