

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



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READER: Betty Brown

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Laurna Prantil and Tom Wellnitz

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS: Stella Reinhardt, Finn Wellhausen, Josiah Roschke

OPENING SONG “Now the Heavens Start to Whisper” *Bringle*
(next page)



- 1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
- 2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
- 3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in;
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.



OPENING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

Holy Light, God of faithful prophets, shine in our hearts with all the joy of your returning Son. Deliver us from our current woes, even those we brought upon ourselves. Let our vision not be overdazzled by artificial glitz, but drawn in by the quiet pull of one candle's flame.

We praise You with wonder and adore You with joyfulness. **Amen!**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 25: 15-18a

Betty Brown

15 For thus the Lord, the God of Israel, said to me: **Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath**, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. 16 They shall drink and stagger and go out of their minds because of the sword that I am sending among them.

17 So I took the cup from the Lord's hand and made all the nations to whom the Lord sent me drink it: 18 Jerusalem and the towns of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, an object of hissing and of cursing.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

REFRAIN

Send forth your Spir - it, O Lord, and re - new the
face of the earth. Send forth your Spir - it, O
Lord, and re - new the face of the earth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

Matthew 10: 40 – 42

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

The Good News of Jesus Christ as written in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 10, verses 40 – 42:

Glory to you, O Lord.

40 “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. 41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, 42 **and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones** in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

“The Cup”

*Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland***SERMON SONG**

“When We Are Living”
(Prayer squares are collected)

*Red Book 639***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”
(next page – vs 1,2; prayers, vs 3,4)

Dunstan/Rowan



1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
fore you; do not run from me in fright."
side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG

"Joy"

Kirk Franklin

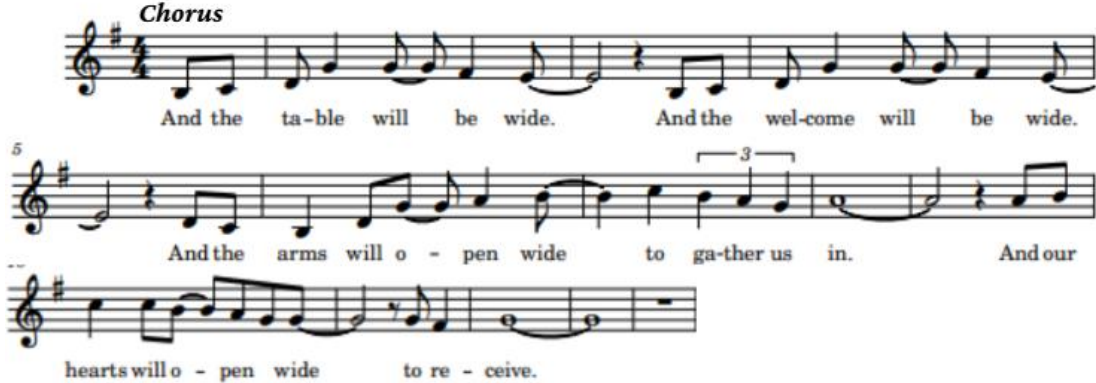
OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

Gracious God, we thank you for blessing us with your presence, comfort, and direction in our lives. You inspire us to do what we can to help others. Bless these gifts that they will be used with wise and faithful stewardship for the flourishing of this parish, this city, and throughout the world. In Jesus' name, **Amen**.

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland



Presider's Prayer

Reprise "And the Table Will be Wide"

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

COMMUNION SONG "Blessed Be the God of Israel"

Red Book 250

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Brittany Wilson

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BLESSING

Be people of joy.

Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet.

Share joy by seeing the good in each other.

Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come.

Share joy by praying for our world.

In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy.

As you go out into the wonder of God's creation, share joy, peace, and hope with those you meet. Go with the sincere blessing of the Holy Creator, Sustainer, and Inspiration. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Joy to the World"

Red Book 267

DISMISSAL Go in Joy! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Pastor Lisa recommends this 10-minute daily podcast for Advent:

God with us: An Advent Devotional. *Written by Erin Beasley.*

Read by Ross Lester.

Available wherever you find your podcasts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open, 9 – 1, Monday – Thursday. Call 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment with the pastor.

BIBLE STUDY – MONDAY

- Bible Study is held each Monday afternoon from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. To prepare for Monday, next week's Gospel is **Luke 1: 46 – 55**. We will be meeting in Conference Room #2.

DONATIONS

- If you do stock donations to Fidelity, please make sure you alert Lisa Walter at finance@redeermilwaukee.org. She needs the date, the amount and the name of the stock.
- Please make sure any donations sent in are clearly marked for regular tithes or Forward in Faith.
- **If you are bringing a donation of clothing, please let the staff ok the donation first before putting it in the clothes pantry.**

CHOIR REHEARSAL

- Jeff will be holding choir rehearsal for 30 minutes after Sunday services. Choir sings again Christmas Eve. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Jeff at music@redeermilwaukee.org.

LUNCH AT OLGA'S

- Lunch is served Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alex at operations@olganws.com.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Our last Wednesday in Advent: December 17 at noon.
 - We will gather for soup at noon, and then move to the Event Space for Advent Worship.
- Christmas Eve Worship – 6:00 PM
- Christmas Day – Brunch Worship – 10:00 AM (Event Space)