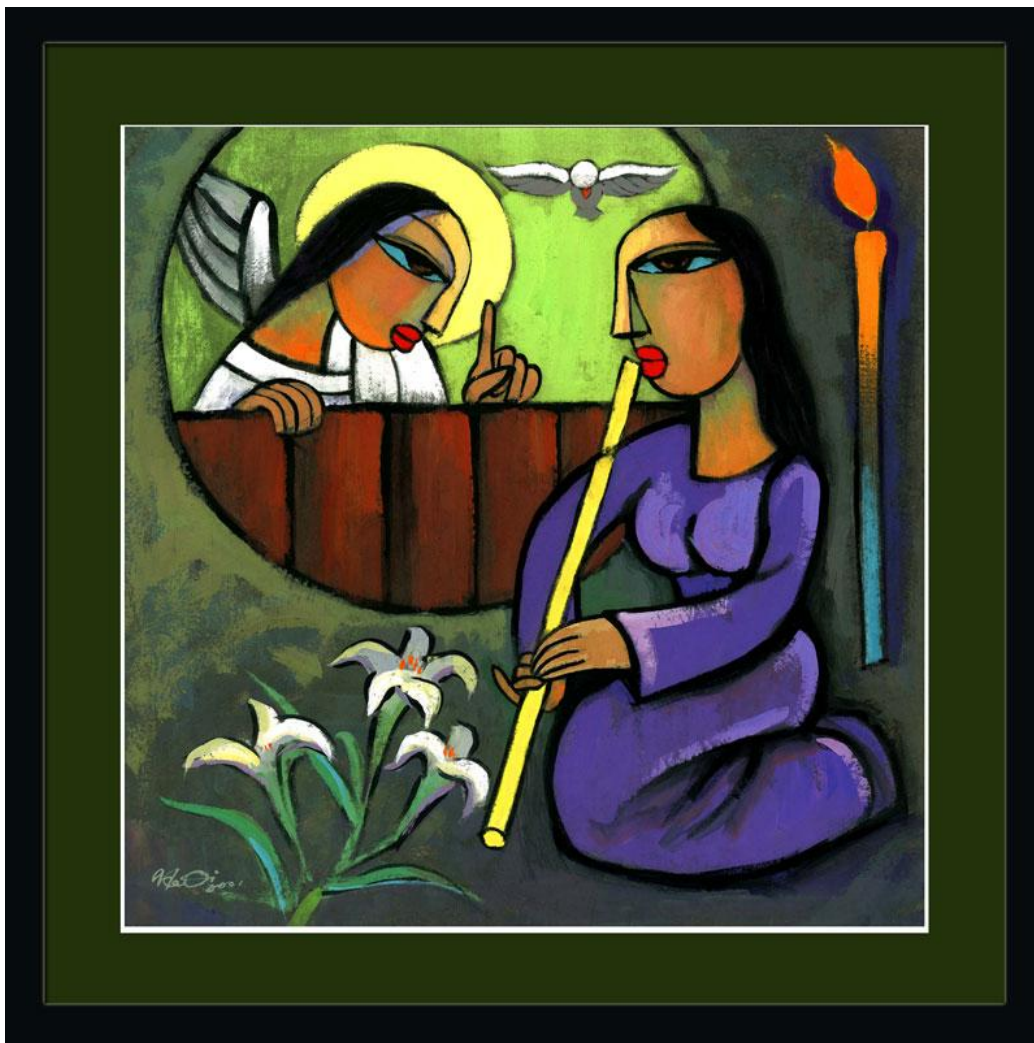


Saint Thomas' Episcopal Parish



December 16, 2007
The Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WHEREVER YOU MAY BE ON YOUR FAITH JOURNEY,
THERE IS ROOM AT GOD'S TABLE FOR YOU.

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Prelude

Alleluia: Per te Dei Genitrix

Thomas Tallis

✠ *A bell rings, all stand. The ministers process in silence.*

Advent Wreath Prayer: Week 3

Celebrant: Let us prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by remembering all of the children who are born to us somewhere in the world every day who suffer from poverty and hunger, who are our brothers and sisters, who are the least among us, whom Jesus taught us to love.

✠ *As the first (blue) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope
Is to believe that history remains open to the dream of God.*

✠ *As the second (blue) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope
Is to dream a different world,
Without hunger, without injustice, without discrimination.*

✠ *As the third (rose) candle is lit, all say:*

*To have hope
Is to be a courier of God
And a courier of men and women of good will,
Tearing down walls, building bridges.*

Help us to be a light of hope and stand with those who are hopeless, to lift their voices and eyes to you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen*

✠ *The Celebrant continues,*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

McNeil Robinson



The musical score for 'Kyrie Eleison' is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. It features three distinct melodic phrases. The first phrase is marked 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics 'Ky - ri - e e - le-i- son.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody, with the first phrase marked 'All' and the second 'Cantor'. The lyrics 'le - i- son. Chri - ste e - le - i- son. Ky - ri - e e -' are written below. The third staff concludes the piece, marked 'All', with the lyrics 'le - i- son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i- son'. The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some notes beamed together.

Collect of the Day

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.

✠ *All are seated*

First Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

☩ *Sung by all*

Psalm 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

Plainsong, Tone 5



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

5

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is / in them; *
whose promise a- / bides for ever;

6

Who gives justice to those who are op- / pressed, *
and food to / those who hunger.

7

God sets the prisoners free;
and opens the eyes of the / blind; *
God lifts up those who / are bowed **down**;

8

God loves the righteous;
and cares for the / stranger; *
God sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the / way of the wicked.

9

God shall reign for / ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. /
Alleluia!

Second Lesson

James 5:7-10

☩ *All stand*

☩ *A Cantor sings the Alleluia, all respond. The Cantor sings a verse, all sing alleluia.*

Alleluia / Verse



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

Sermon

The Rev. John F. Dwyer

✠ All stand

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People Form II

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

✠ All are seated

Announcements



INVITATION TO HEALING

The Healing Rite is offered today during the Eucharist, and on the third Sunday of every month. You are invited to receive healing prayers for yourself or on behalf of someone else at the healing station. A healing minister from the Pastoral Care Ministry Team will offer prayers and the laying on of hands serving as a vehicle for God's healing power and love.



The Holy Communion

*St. Thomas' invites all to share in the gifts of bread and wine from God's Holy Table.
If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine but would like a blessing, please come forward
and cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders and a priest will provide a blessing.*

Offertory Motet

Ave Virgo Gloriosa

Richard Dering

Hail, glorious Virgin, sweeter than the honey-comb: glorious Mother of God, star far brighter than the sun, you are the lovely one, than whom nothing is more beautiful: redder than the rose, whiter than the lily.

✠ *All stand*

Presentation Hymn

Hark! the glad sound!

Hymnal 72

Eucharist Prayer C

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✠ *Sung by all*

Sanctus and Benedictus

Sine nomine

Timothy Hagy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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. 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 for ever. Amen.



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A place to find and be found by God.

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