

ST. AMBROSE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CONTEMPLATIVE MASS
DECEMBER 13, 2015
8:00 A.M.



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THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

THE TRISAGION (THREE TIMES)

Priest Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

Response Have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE Canticle 9: Isaiah 12:2-6 The First Song of Isaiah

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.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-7

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Minister The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mycal Xavier Brickhouse,
Duke Divinity School

THE NICENE CREED *(All)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV, BCP Page 388

The Leader bids the prayer. People respond after the leader says, "Lord in your mercy."

Leader Lord in your mercy

Response Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

Page 333 in the Prayer Book

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

[The Celebrant includes a Proper Preface]

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying

SANCTUS **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

[[The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer]

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

[The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer]

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

DISMISSAL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR to the glory of God

THE GIVING TREE- Help sponsor a family at Fuller Elementary for Christmas, including a meal and clothes for children. Call the church for information.

WELCOME CARDS- We invite Worshiping Guests to fill out the Welcome Card in the pew. All may use them for prayer requests and/or comments. Thanks to the Stewardship Ministry for these cards. Place in the offering plate.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING - There will be hospitality committee today, December 13 following the 11:15 worship service.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES - 2016 Church Directories are available in the church office. Please review and complete an information form found in the back of the church with corrections and/or additions by today, December 13. An addendum will be available December 20.

NEW TESTAMENT COURSE - Starting January 19, St. Augustine's will offer REL 234: New Testament Survey. Eager for a deeper understanding of the New Testament please see Mother Nita.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY - Please join the Bible Study group, with Christ Church, led by The Rev. Meg Buerkel Hunn every Tuesday morning, at St. Ambrose, from 9:30-11:00am.

2016 MINISTRY BUDGET REQUEST - Ministries get your budget requests in! Please email them to the Treasurer at pagray52@att.net.

FAITH FORMATION WEDNESDAY, 6PM- Will resume in January. The Dream of God: A Call to Return by the African American theologian, Verna J. Dozier.

FINANCIAL AND IN-KIND GIFTS - All contributions for the 2015 tax year must be received in the office or postmarked by Thursday, December 31. Anything received after December 31 will be considered a 2016 contribution. The administrator's office will be closed Christmas Day through January 3, please plan accordingly. If you have any further questions please contact the treasurer, Phyllis Gray.

LIFE AT ST. AMBROSE

Sunday, December 13

8:00am Contemplative Mass
9:15am Jazz Mass
11:15am Choral Mass
12:45pm Hospitality Committee Mtg

Monday, December 14

12:15pm Midday Bible Study
5:45pm COVENANT CHOIR
 Rehearsal [2nd-5th gr]

Tuesday, December 15

9:30am Morning Bible Study
6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday, December 16

12:15pm Midweek Eucharist
1:00pm WEDNESDAY SINGERS
 Rehearsal [Adults]
5:30pm CHERUB CHOIR
 Rehearsal [K-1st grade]

6:00pm
6:30pm Vestry Meeting

Thursday, December 17

6:30pm St. Ambrose Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 18

Saturday, December 19

9:00am Flower Ministry
9:00-12:00 Pageant Rehearsal
9:00am Dance Ministry Rehearsal
2:00pm Chess Team
8:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, December 20

8:00am Contemplative Mass
9:15am Jazz Mass
11:15am Choral Mass
4:00pm Behold That Star!

December 13	December 20
<u>Lectors & Intercessors</u>	<u>Lectors & Intercessors</u>
8:00	8:00
9:15	9:15
11:15	11:15
<u>LEMs</u>	<u>LEMs</u>
8:00 Hilda Ragland	8:00 Odell Watson
9:15 Phyllis Hilliard	9:15 Emily Cadogan
11:15 James Revis	11:15
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
9:15 Allie Williams	9:15 Joe Winters
Kathy Breland	Carolyn Winters
Kevin Brockenbrough	Percy Merritt
11:15 Michael Minor	11:00 Karen Stroud
Levi Bowen	Larry Stroud
<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
9:15	9:15
Server Aira Weistardt	Server Elizabeth Hardy
Crucifer Ryte Weistardt	Crucifer Taylor Young
Torches	Torches Tyler Henderson
	Darius Merritt
11:15	11:15
Server Jade Peterson	Server Teeghan Wiggins
Crucifer Kristina Peterson	Crucifer Erielle Baker
	Torches

HIGHLIGHTS AT SAINT AMBROSE

December 20 – NATIVITY PLAY Behold That Star! 4:00 PM

December 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

Jazz Mass, 6:00 PM Midnight Choral Mass, 11:00 PM

December 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY 10:00 AM

January 6 - EPIPHANY DAY

Festival of Lights and Twelfth Night Party, Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 PM

December 20 Lessons

Micah 5:2-51, Canticle 15 [Luke 1:46-55], Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

PRAYER LIST

For Those Who are Sick

Marie H. Adams
Joan Barrax
Levi Bowen
Mamie Brewington
Gary Bryson
Anna Burnside
Betty Camp
Patricia Caple
Alois Chalmers
Gwen Chunn
Lauren Creech
Stephanie Cross
Lemuel Delany
George W. Flemming
Antoinette Foxwell
Maggie Gill
Nathaniel Harris
Rose R. Hayes
Esther Hayes
Marielle Haywood-Posey
Norma Haywood
Marshall Harvey
Steven Hawkins
Eddie Jacobs
Harold Johnson
Amos Link
Gladys Lundy
Oscar Mayers
Stan McElveen
Maggie Melvin
Gloria Mooney
Brodie Patterson
Enid Patterson
Elaine Perry
Katie Probst
Aura Radlin
Carolyn Roberts
Charlsie Royster
Sylvia Solomon
Glenda Springer
Mary Thomas
Doris Young
Antoinette Venable
Richmond Wall, Jr.
Crystal Walton
Harold Webb
Lucille Webb
Margaret Whitaker
Tim Whitaker
Naomi Williams

For Those Who Grieve

The Anders Family
The Abron Family
The Bowen Family
Kathleen and Jake Breland
Dr. Pat Caple
The Cloud Family
Dr. Deidre Crumbley
The Faheem Family
The Handy Family
Jessie Harris
The Haywood Family
Lythel Hickerson Family
The Hilliard Family
The Horton Family
Elbert Laws
The Mallette Family

The McKnight and Dunn Families
The Moody Family
Lou Padro and Family
James Revis
The Sams Family
Charles Seberry Family
Joe and Glenda Springer
The Taylor Family
The Watson Family
The Winters Family
Mable Wright

For Those in Need of Special Prayer

Jake and Kathy Breland
The Ellison Family
Keenan Henderson
The Hudson Family
The Lee Family
Glen & Francesca Kamery
Anthony Perry
Joe and Chelsea Price
Percy and Linda Taylor
Donna Wright
President Barack Obama
The Unemployed
The Armed Forces
The people of Haiti

For Those Who Have Died

Lillian B. Abron
Purdie Anders
Thelma Anders
The Rev. Joseph H. Banks
Harold N. Breland
J. Dave Breland
John Brown
Bobby Cannady
The Rev. Wilson Carter
Sylvellie Cloud
Kenneth Echols
Karen Dunn
Doreatha Handy
David L. Haywood, Sr.
Hubert Eugene Hayes, III
Lythel Hickerson
Charles Higgs
Arthur Johnson
Mae Johnson
Melissa Legister
David Mallette, Sr.
Mary Mallette
Pamela Mangum
Shirley B. Page
Almetta Revis
Robert Wendell Sams
Charles Seberry
Mable Winters
Mercedes Winters Burgess
Avisse Young

For Those Who are in Rest Homes/ Assisted Living

Dorothea Chavis
Elaine Perry
Doris Young

CHURCH STAFF

Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
All Baptized Members, Ministers of the Church
The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Anne Hodges-Copple, Bishop Pro Tem of North Carolina
The Rt. Rev. Peter Lee, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. Jemonde Taylor, Rector
The Rev. Joyce Corbin Cunningham, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Nita Byrd, Assisting Clergy
Mrs. Ruth W. Hoffman - Minister of Music/Organist
Mr. Bobby Moody, Director - Jazz Mass Quartet

THE VESTRY

Class of 2015

Peter Henderson
Deidra Hudson
George Jones
Bobby Moody

Class of 2016

Jada Bing
Carl Harper
Jackie Reid
Larry Stroud

Class of 2017

Harold Mallette
Phyllis Pickett
Allison Williams
Ashley Winters

LEADERS IN LAY MINISTRY

Senior Warden Jackie Reid
Junior Warden..... Carl Harper
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Financial Secretary Jada Bing
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 Adult Church School Will Hudson
 Youth Church School Patrice Hardy
 Vacation Church School Jackie Reid
Environmental Justice Norman C. Camp III
Communications & Technology Committee..... Allison Williams
Building and Grounds Carl Harper
Altar Guild Directress Lillian B. Currin
Flower Ministry Brandi Delany
Head Ushers Phyllis Hilliard & Joe Winters
Acolyte Wardens Vanessa French-Harris, Fay Bowen & Paul Flanagan
Lay Eucharistic Ministry..... Gloria Merritt
Hospitality Committee Mellisa Smith & Tamika Henderson
Absalom Jones Prayer Guild Enid D. Patterson
Outreach Committee..... Harold Mallette
Care Givers Guild Donna Haywood
Episcopal Church Women Benita Merritt & Emily Cadogan
Episcopal Laymen Orrin Haywood
Episcopal Young Church People Tiffany & Paul Flanagan
Young Adult Ministry..... Adonya Hood
Stewardship, Retain, Reclaim (SRR)..... Cassandra Deck-Brown & Michael Minor

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS! Sonja Edwards 1, Ashley Gupton 2, Mallory Mbalia 2, Jake

Breland 5, Lacy Colson 6, George Chunn 7, Marshall Harvey 8, Jemonde Taylor 12,
Christopher Cadogan 13, Ronald Johnson 15, Essan Flanagan 15, Robert Bridges 16, Maya
Smith 17, Cliffie Young 17, Imani Jacobs 18, Patricia Caple 19, Phyllis Hilliard 20, Harold
Mallette 21, Michelle Mallette 21, Norman Camp 23, Adonya Hood 24, Paul Daniels, Jr. 24,
Karyn Thomas 27, Alvin Ragland 27, Charles Young 30
