

About This Morning's Service

The season of Advent calls the church to be alert – to keep watch – for the Christ who wants to come and be born in us this Christmas. During the season of Advent, except for the 9:00 Pageant Presentation on December 18, we will keep watch by observing longer periods of silence throughout the service. We will also have less music than normal. Although our service will follow the same pattern in general, there is no printed order of service other than what you find below. We will use The Book of Common Prayer for the Great Thanksgiving. Our hope is that the silence will open us to Christ's presence. During the periods of silence, feel free to meditate on the readings, the texts below provided for reflection, or just sit in silence with God.

Third Sunday of Advent Contemplative Eucharist

December 11, 2011 11:15 a.m.

Words for Meditation

For God alone my soul in silence waits; from him comes my salvation. (Ps. 62.1)

The Father spoke one Word, which was his Son, and this Word he speaks always in eternal silence, and in silence must be heard by the soul.

Our greatest need is to be silent before this great God...for the only language he hears is the silent language of love. *John of the Cross*

How long shall I be in the world of the voice and not in the world of the word? For everything that is seen is voice and is spoken with the voice, but in the invisible world there is not voice, for not even voice can utter its mystery. How long shall I be voice and not silence, when shall I depart from the voice, no longer remaining in things which the voice proclaims? When shall I become word in an awareness of hidden things, when shall I be raised up to silence, to something which neither voice nor word can bring. *John the Solitary*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Entrance Hymn 438 Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

Collect for Purity

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A period of silence is observed following the collect.

The Hymn of Praise Magnificat: My Soul Rejoices (see attached)

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.*

A period of silence is observed following the collect.

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

A period of silence is observed following the reading.

Psalm 126 (See attached.)

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia Chant (See attached.)

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

A period of silence is observed following the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia Chant (See attached.)

Sermon The Rev. Roger S. Greene

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

Prayers of the People

The People kneel for

The Confession

Minister Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

After a period of silent reflection the Minister and People say together

Most merciful God,

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 neighbors 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.*

The Celebrant pronounces absolution: God's forgiveness.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory Anthem

This is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

Soloist: *Spencer Kuhlman*

This is the record of John, when the Jews send priests and

Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?"

And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, "I am not the Christ."

And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?"

And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No."

Then said they unto him, "What art thou that we may give an answer unto them that sent us?

What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,

'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"

(John 1:19-23)

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving begins on p. 367 of The Book of Common Prayer.

Gluten free wafers are available at all services.

Please let the clergy know when you come to the altar if you want to receive a gluten free wafer.

The Sanctus (See attached.)

Music for Communion

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Soloist: *Spencer Kuhlman*

*Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord. Thou, Lord only that makest me dwell in safety.
(Psalm 5:8 & 4:8)*

Veni Emmanuel

arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

The Glory of the Father

Egil Hovland (b. 1924)

*The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.
We beheld the glory of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*In the beginning was the Word. The Word was with God. In him was life;
And the life was the light of men. He came to his own, and his own received him not.
(Adapted from John 1)*

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 640 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

The sanctuary will be available for silent prayer following the service.

Postlude Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

James Denton

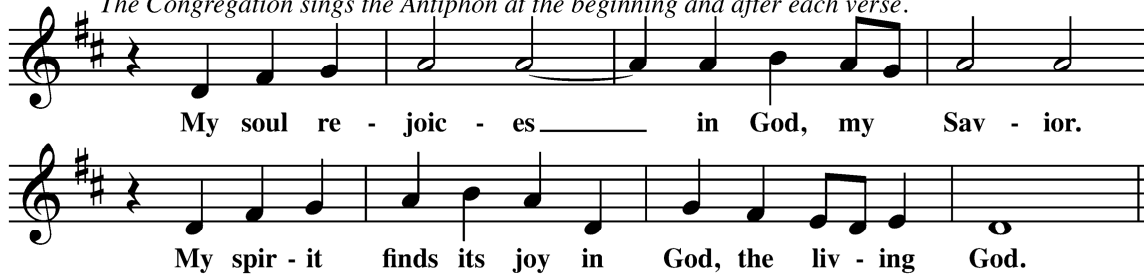
Spencer Kuhlman, *Soloist*:

Spencer is an 8th grader at Indian Hill
Middle School.

Music for the Service

Hymn of Praise Magnificat: My Soul Rejoices

The Congregation sings the Antiphon at the beginning and after each verse.



My soul re - joic - es _____ in God, my Sav - ior.

My spir - it finds its joy in God, the liv - ing God.

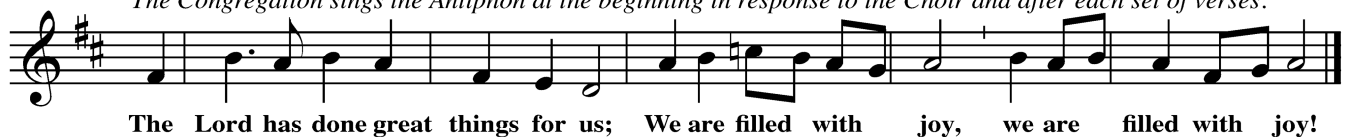
Text: Paraphrase of the Magnificat - Luke 1:46-55

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1. *My soul proclaims your mighty deeds. My spirit sings the greatness of your name.* [ANTIPHON]
2. *Your mercy flows throughout the land, and every generation knows your love.* [ANTIPHON]
3. *You cast the mighty from their thrones and raise the poor and lowly to new life.* [ANTIPHON]
4. *You fill the hungry with good things. With empty hands you send the rich away.* [ANTIPHON]
5. *Just as you promised Abraham, you come to free your people, Israel.* [ANTIPHON]

Psalm 126

The Congregation sings the Antiphon at the beginning in response to the Choir and after each set of verses.



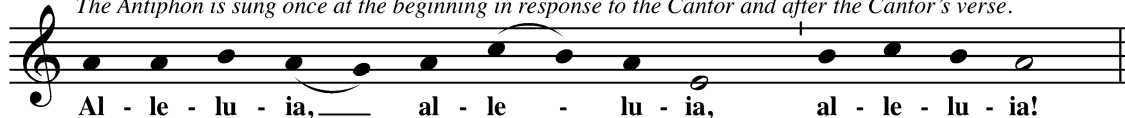
The Lord has done great things for us; We are filled with joy, we are filled with joy!

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- 1 When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. [ANTIPHON]
- 3 The heathens themselves said: "What marvels the Lords worked for them!"
- 4 What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. [ANTIPHON]
- 5 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
- 6 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. [ANTIPHON]
- 7 They go out, they go out full of tears, carrying seed to sow;
Back they come full of song, carrying their sheaves. [ANTIPHON]

Gospel Acclamation (before the Gospel)

The Antiphon is sung once at the beginning in response to the Cantor and after the Cantor's verse.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text of Verse from John 1:6-8, 19-28 (Revised Common Lectionary, Advent 3B)
Traditional Plainchant Mode II

Cantor: *"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness.
Make straight the way of the Lord." Alleluia!*

We continue to pray for those on our prayer list.

Carole Adams
Jason Albright*
Brandon Andrews*
Michael Biller*
Scott Birkley*
Braxton Boone
Matthew Bradford*
Marilyn Buckley
Connie Busemeyer
Vivienne Carlson
Michael Cassidy*
Michael J. Corban*
Chris Cravens*
Tony Creation*
John Crenshaw III*
Richie Delewski*
Jeanne Drach
Jordan Duvall*
Marilyn Erkens
Kyle M. Fester*
Nick Flannery*
Matthew Frank*
Alice Frye
Patty Fusaro
Anne Gambetta
Cindie, Gene and
Darien Garland*
Anthony Giardino*

Frank Hall
Alissa Harbolt
Shirley Hart
Susan Hymes
Anson Isaacs*
Mark Jacquez*
Helen Kello
Ken Klem
B. J. Kosak
Pfc. Kasey Kozma*
Carol Kroger
Mary Lou Lanter
Valerie Lee*
Charlie Light*
Vincent Male
Micah Maupin*
Karen McCoy
Patrick McCoy*
Quinn McHugh
Ben Menner*
Ray Middleton
Jamie Miller
Roy Mitchell*
Sam Morton*
Madeleine Mulder
Peter Nowacki*
Katherine Porter
Dan Ripley*

Ryan Robinson*
Elaine Rudd
Michael Ryan*
Pat Ryan
Andy Schloemer*
Michelle Schlosser
Judy Schumacher
Lisa Scott-MacNeil
Edward Michael Ruffennach*
Jeremy Shipley
Sammy Simonson
Brenda Simpson
Jason Smith*
Kim Smith
Pat Smith
Eric Stetson*
Mel Vadas
Dorothy Waller
Mimi Webb
Anthony Wurster*
Leeland Young*
Tim Young*
Mark
Hospice Residents
El Hogar

**members of the U.S. military*



3rd Sunday
in Advent