

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2021 ■ 10:30 A.M.**



**Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church has worshipped on this corner of North James and Mulberry Streets in Goldsboro since 1857 — in the same building! We welcome you to our historic building, but more than that, we are happy to have you worship with us.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**VOLUNTARY**    *Koxxxxen*

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**ADVENT WREATH LITURGY**

**Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christ**

Compiled and written by the Rev. Matthew Kozlowski

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Celebrant: Today we light the first, second, and third candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE, and the third candle is JOY.

*The candles are lit.*

Scripture: Isaiah 55:12 – You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

Prayer: Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy, and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

## HYMN xx

*Prxxxxxxon*

Celebrant      Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
People      **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.**

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.**

## TRISAGION S-102

The musical score for Trisagion S-102 is written for a vocal soloist and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The key signature is one sharp (F#), indicating G major, and the time signature is 4/4. The first system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,". The second system contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score concludes with a double bar line.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

## THE LESSONS (Please be seated.)

**The First Reading:** *Zephaniah 3:14-20*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 9**

**The First Song of Isaiah** *Ecce Deus*

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

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 forever. Amen.**

**The Second Reading:** *Philippians 4:4-7*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN xx**

*Thxxxxxng*

**The Gospel:** *Luke 3:7-18* (Please stand.)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand,

to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. David Wyly

## **THE NICENE CREED** (All stand.)

**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.**

## **ADVENT PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Deacon:* Let us pray to God for our own needs and for those of others.

*Leader:* Gracious God, in your mercy, grant wisdom and courage to your Church. Enlighten us that we may unify in your mission and continue to discern your hand at work in the world; give us a spirit of compassion for ourselves as well as others.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, in your mercy pour down the light of your Holy Spirit on those in authority in our nation. May justice roll down and peace and goodness breakthrough.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we are not well as people together in this world. Your light seems far from us. We lament the brokenness we are living in and long to do what we can to help restore basic civility in our culture. Guide us in ways that help us be sources of your light in this dark world.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, comfort all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Bob Cagle, Will Fickling, Debby Hickey, Ann Hine, Frank Joyner, Melissa Knebel, Sue McDonald, John Peacock, Suzanne Thorne, Betsy Toomey, Lloyd Turlington and those we name either silently or aloud. Shine your light on all of us that we may care for each other and drive out all darkness.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we give you thanks for the abundant blessings of this life, especially for those celebrating birthdays this week Kitty Sauls, Noah MacDonald and

Tom Yarboro. And those celebrating anniversaries. And for all other thanksgivings we name now either silently or aloud.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Gracious God, we pray for those who have died especially those we name now either silently or aloud... May your loving light shine upon them.

With hearts of hope we pray

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant:* Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have faithfully asked, grant that we might obtain effectually, all to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Celebrant and People**

**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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**



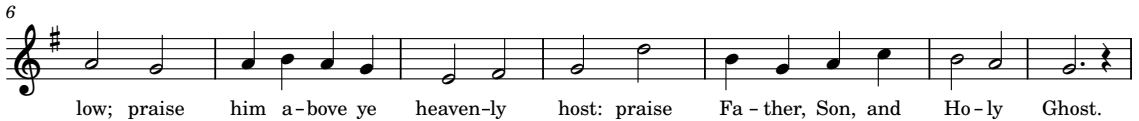
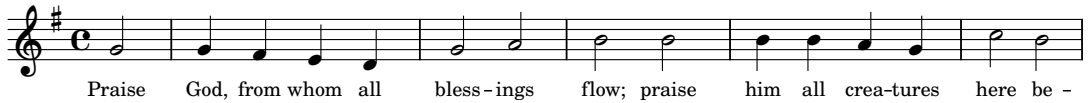
## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People: **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Blexxxael*

Perxxxxood

## THE DOXOLOGY



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(Here a Proper Preface is added.)*  
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:  
**Celebrant and People:**

## Sanctus S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,

and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues:

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

## FRACTION ANTHEM S167

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God

**HYMN xx**

*Sxxxxxe!*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Celebrant and 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

**HYMN xx**

*Cxxxxxxxple*

*The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ

**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**VOLUNTARY**

*Fxxxxr*

*Jxxxxh*

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Paul's birthday, by Mary Lee Jeffreys.

*You are invited to choose a Sunday and make a donation to the Flower Fund so that a Memorial or Thanksgiving event can be observed. The required donation for two arrangements is \$120; if the cost is prohibitive, maybe a joint donation can be made? Please contact Vicky Bailey at the Church Office at [admin@ststephenschurch.com](mailto:admin@ststephenschurch.com) or 919-734-4263 to send details of the Memorial/Thanksgiving.*

## SERVING TODAY

**Celebrant:** The Rev. David Wyly

**Organist:** Christopher Pharo

**Usher:** Todd Brantley

**Live Stream Technician:** Steven Smith

**Acolyte:** xxxxxx

**Lectors:** xxx

## Licensing Information for Music

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #280 Canticle 20, Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #125 The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music - #154 The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

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