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HYMNAL

PRAYER BOOK

PRELUDE (v. 3 and 4) "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" #56, *Veni, veni Emmanuel*

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Third Sunday in Advent: God of **peace**, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of **Peace**, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your **peace** in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. Amen.

*As we light this third Advent candle that reminds us that Joy and **Peace** may we be stopped in our tracks as the voices of angels proclaim the promised birth.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #68 "Rejoice! Rejoice, believers" *Llangloffan*

OPENING ACCLAMATION **BCP 355**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

A SONG OF PRAISE S-236 John Rutter

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 35:1-10

THE SECOND LESSON: **JAMES 5:7-10**

SEQUENCE HYMN #640

"Watchman, tell us of the night"

Aberystwyth

GOSPEL: **MATTHEW 11:2-11**

SERMON

The Rev Lee Wilkins

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for bishops, priests, deacons, all who serve faithfully in your Church. Help us to live in the light of your coming. and give us a longing for your kingdom.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for our President, for our governor, mayor and all who hold power and authority. Before you rulers will stand in silence.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter.

We pray for (*names will be read each week*) Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember all those whom we love and see no longer. Give us and them a share in your victory over evil and death.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, and all your saints and angels we

may live and reign with you in your new creation.

Maranatha: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.

By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Come Peace of God"

Eugene Butler

Come, peace of God, and dwell again on earth,
Come with the calm that hailed thy Prince's birth,
Come with the healing of thy gentle touch,
Come, peace of God, that this world needs so much.

Break every weapon forged in fires of hate,
Turn back the foe that would assail thy gate:
Where fields of strife lie desolate and bare,
Take thy sweet flowr's of peace and plant them there.

Bring selfish lives from shadowlands of loss,
Into the radiance of the Savior's cross,
Wherein that gift so precious, yet so lone,
Life finds its brotherhood and love its throne.

Come, blessed peace as when in hush of eve,
God's benediction fall on souls who grieve;
As shines a star when weary day departs,
Come, peace of God, and rule within our hearts.

DOXOLOGY #380 (v.3) “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” *Old 100th*
(*Vaughan Williams Harmonization*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER A **BCP 361**

SANCTUS S-125 *Proulx*

THE LORD’S PRAYER **BCP 364**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM S-155 “Christ our Passover” Gerald R. Near

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER **BCP 365**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #615 “Thy Kingdom come!” *St. Flavian*

THE DISMISSAL

Holy Comforter Choir

Denny Brown, Tom Cagle, Dennis Endicott, John Harrell,

Mary Lois Monroe, Michael Paul, Roy Paul, Jan Pope, Annette Taylor, Jeri Tippit

Vestry

John Harrell, Michael Paul, Steven Speaks, Hannah Williams, Jeri Tippit

Senior Warden: Paul Hard Junior Warden: Stephen Roberts

Treasurer: Mark Semler Clerk: Jan Pope

Hybrid Ministry

Michael Paul, Randy Woodland

Ushers

Roger Brewer, Lyn Frazer, Scott Lollar, Nelya McKenzie, Rand Neeley,

Terry Seanor, Mark Semler, Jamie Taylor Head Usher: Alden Monroe

Altar Guild

Leanne Barber, Libby Bryan, Trish Clark, Dorothy Gidiere, Melanie Kelley, Carol Kendrick,

Rose Lollar, Mary Lois Monroe, Zola Powers, Julie Speaks, Jeri Tippit

Flower Guild

Kathy Albree, Roy Paul, Zola Powers, Jeri Tippit

Holy Comforter Staff

Accompanist/Choir Director: Kristofer Sanchack Finance Administrator: Sandra Kelly

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