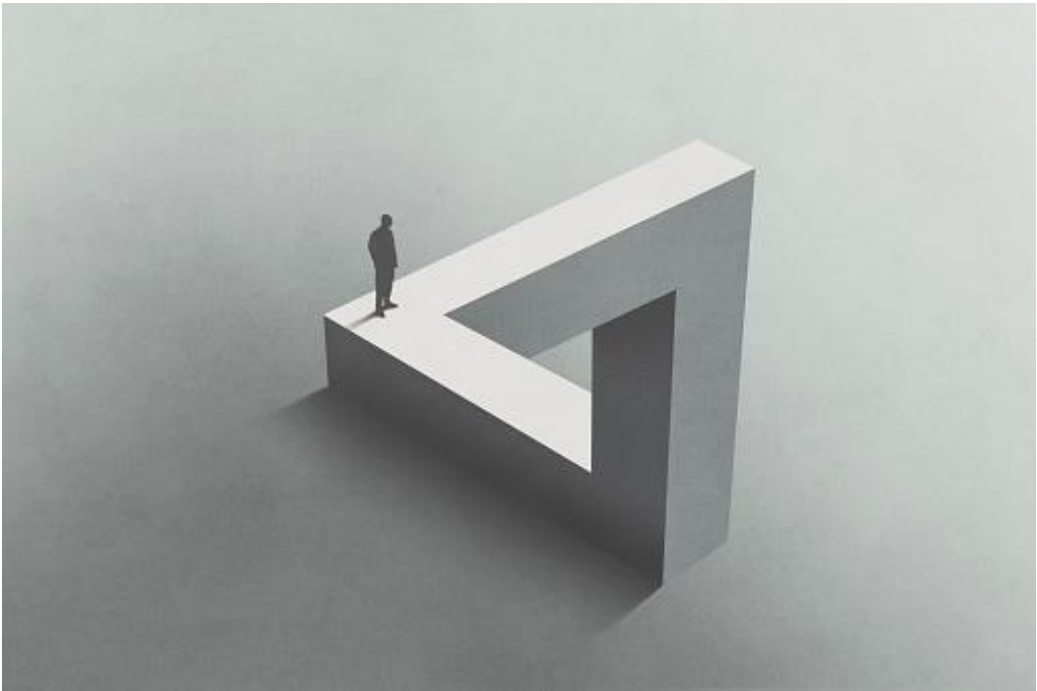


St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



Paradox

7:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

Prelude

Opening Hymn #535 Ye Servants of God *Paderborn*

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The Collect for Purity page 323

Lighting of the Advent Wreath O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 3) Hymnal 56

Collect, Readings and Gospel (*pages 3-5 of Bulletin*)

Sermon The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry

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Prayers of the People Form IV (*pages 5-6 of Bulletin*) page 388

Confession and Absolution page 331

The Peace

Announcements and Birthdays (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I page 333

Sanctus page 334

The Lord's Prayer page 336

The Breaking of the Bread—Agnus Dei page 337

Prayer of Humble Access page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #65 Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden väg för Herran*

The Dismissal

Postlude



10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Prelude

Opening Hymn #535 Ye Servants of God *Paderborn*

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Vs 3) Hymnal 56

Collect and Readings (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

Sequence Hymn #53 Once he came in blessing *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

The Gospel (*page 4-5 of Bulletin*)

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Offertory

Offertory Hymn 380 (v.3) *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A page 361

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (*either insert in Hymnbook, or S130 in Hymnal*) *Richard Proulx*

The Lord's Prayer page 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (*either insert in Hymnbook, or S164 in Hymnal*) *Richard Proulx*

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

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Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #65 Prepare the way, O Zion *Bereden väg for Herran*

The Dismissal

Postlude



The Collect

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 First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Canticle 15

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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 Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What

then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Prayers of the People – Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially...

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Diocese requests that during the pandemic we no longer dip the wafer into the wine (intinct). Here are our choices:

- Receiving communion in “one kind”—bread only or wine only. In the Episcopal church, receiving in one kind is considered receiving in both.
- Drink from the common cup
- Cross hands over chest after receiving the bread and the Chalice Bearer will say, “the blood of Christ” but will not distribute the wine.

Please help the Lay Eucharistic Ministers by choosing one of these three options. Please do not intinct.



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Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).*

Liturgical Ministers

Celebrant & Preacher:
Deacon:
Organist:

The Rev. Canon Lisa Fry
The Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass
Clarissa Brown, Minister of Music

7:30 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Shirley Fierro

Lay Readers: Terry Mello, Pat Ayers

Prayers of the People: Jan Lyle

Usher: Carlos Mello

10:00 a.m. Liturgy

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Dean Jackson

Acolytes: Esme Black

Lay Readers: Charlotte Watkins, Russ Eagleston

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