

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Christ Church

Pastor John Nothwang, Worship Leader

Katrina Gentsch, Organist

Nick Bettwy, Acolyte

Prelude

Moments of Concern

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Ashley & Susan Rishel

Call to Worship: Psalm 143:7-8 Answer me speedily, O Lord; my spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, lest I be like those who go down into the pit. Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, for in You do I trust; cause me to know the way in which I should walk, for I lift up my soul to You.

Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 51 (page 36)

Call to Confession: Lamentations 3:40 Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD.

Prayer of Confession: Father, have mercy for our hearts are rebellious. We take lightly our sins. We are not grieved when we violate Your holy law. We fail to love You with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength. For the sake of Christ our Savior, remove the hardness of our hearts. Teach us to forgive each other. Teach us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling we have received as Your servants. Break sinful habits within us. Lead us into the light and joy of Your presence daily. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie: (recited, not sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will

subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri: (recited, not sung)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Lord, we are grateful for Your patience with us when we are weak or distracted or turning away from Your gracious provision for us. Bring us to maturity, that the sacrifice of our Savior will have its full effect in us. We pray through Jesus who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

***Old Testament Lesson:** Isaiah 42:1-3 (page 641)

***Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 12:15-21 (page 860)

Missions Moment

Children's Sermon

Sermon: Isaiah 42:3

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude