

The Dismissal

Post Communion Charge

MINISTER: As we go from this Table, may God give us joy that transcends all earthly and human circumstances. May we know the JOY of His presence in our midst during this holy season of waiting. **Amen.**

Please Stand

Closing Hymn: #283 *What a Day That Will Be*

Closing Prayer

Pastor Stretch Dean

Postlude: *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* - Johann Gottfried Walther

Lambert Brandes



 **WOLLASTON**
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15th, 2019 8:00AM

The Gathering

Prelude: Lo, How A Rose, E'er Blooming - Johannes Brahms *Lambert Brandes*

Please stand

Greeting:

Amy Nielson

Greetings on this Third Sunday of Advent, let us stand together in the Joy God brings as we anticipate Christ's coming again.

Please stand

Gathering Hymns: #173 Joy to the World

Amy Nielson

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle JOY #160 Messiah Brings Salvation

Vern and Ribka Wesley

LEADER #1: The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

LEADER #2: He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

PEOPLE: To proclaim the year of the Lord's favor!

LEADER #1: To comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion.

LEADER #2: To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning.

PEOPLE: And a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

LEADER #1: They will be called oaks of righteousness.

LEADER #2: A planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

ALL: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

The Lord's Prayer (All)

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

MINISTER: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

PEOPLE: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

MINISTER: Let us pray.

ALL: We come to Your table, Lord, in meekness of heart and humility of spirit, knowing that we cannot approach You in our own righteousness, but because of Your great goodness. Your nature is always to show mercy to those who justly deserve Your wrath and punishment. As we receive the elements, we eat and drink in remembrance of Him Who died for us and rose again, knowing that He has become to us both meat and drink. Help us to live in newness of life and to walk worthily before You all the days of our lives. Amen.

MINISTER: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The congregation is invited to receive communion at the altar. Please come forward and kneel at the altar as space is available. There you will receive together both the bread and the cup. If you are unable to kneel, please take a seat on the front row and you will be served. When you have finished, please return to your seat so others may kneel.

The Church of the Nazarene recognizes an "open communion." You do not need to be a member of this church to partake. Those who claim Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are welcome. If Christ invites you, then come!

The Service of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

Christine Moriarty

Gladness and joy is promised for the redeemed!

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

We are called to be patient in suffering, standing firm until the coming of our Lord

READER: The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God.*

Please Stand

Gospel Hymn: #182 *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:46-55

Rev. John Nielson

The Magnificat: Mary's Song of Praise

READER: The Gospel of our Lord

PEOPLE: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ*

Please Be Seated

Sermon

Pastor Stretch Dean

The Prayers of the People

Pastor Stretch Dean

Confession of Sin

ALL: 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.

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Assurance of Forgiveness

MINISTER Sisters and brothers, scripture declares that everyone who believes in Jesus Christ receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PEOPLE: *Thanks be to God!*

The Peace

MINISTER: The peace of the Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

Let's greet one another in the name of the Lord

Announcements

Vern Wesley

The Service of the Table

MINISTER: Magnificent and Merciful God, we come to worship you this morning with great joy and gladness. May the giving of our gifts help firm our resolve to be the Disciples of Christ that you desire for us. Thank you for the blessing of joining in your work both here and around the world. Father, you are full of compassion, mercy and lovingkindness! May we partner with you in selfless love and compassion and be found in your dwelling place all the days of our lives. In the strong name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Offertory:

Vern Wesley

Please Stand

The Presentation Hymn

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise Him All Creatures Here Below

Praise Him Above Ye Heavenly Host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. John Nielson

MINISTER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: *We lift them to the Lord.*

MINISTER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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MINISTER: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. As Mary sang so long ago, you have looked with favor on the lowliness of your servants. You are the Mighty One who has done great things for us, holy is your name. Your mercies extend from generation to generation. You have brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; you have filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. You have helped your servant Israel, in remembrance of your mercy.

Therefore, we rejoice together with all of creation in this song of praise...

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated

MINISTER: On the night in which Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, He took bread; and when He had given thanks, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to His command, O Father,

ALL: We remember His death, We proclaim His resurrection, We await His coming in glory.

MINISTER: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

ALL: Chorus of Response : (#163) Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

The Collect of Purity

LEADER: Almighty God, unto 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.

The Summary of the Law

LEADER: Hear what the Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.
 Christ, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
 Gloria, have mercy on us. Gloria, have mercy on us.
 Lord, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated