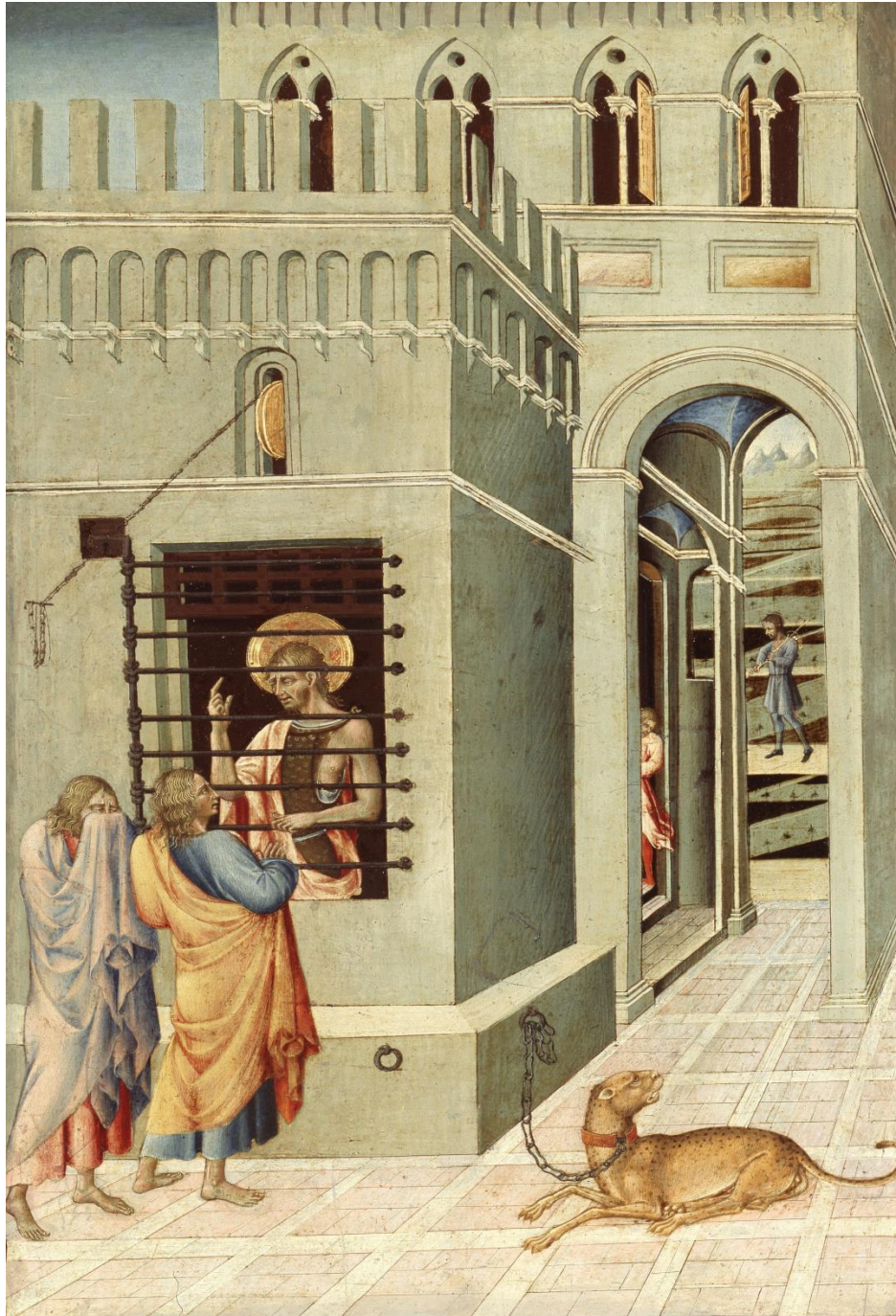


TRINITY

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN FINDLAY, OHIO
WELCOMES YOU



Saint John the Baptist in Prison Visited by Two Disciples, Giovanni di Paolo, 1455-60

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

Holy Eucharist

WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS
and we invite all baptized Christians to receive Holy Communion

Prelude

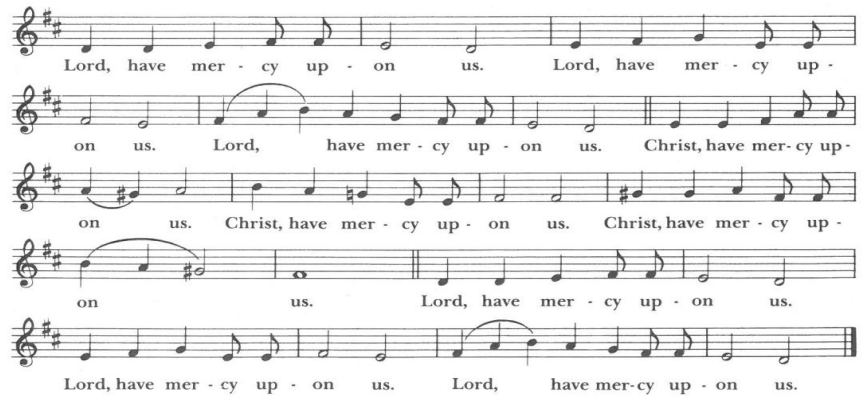
65 Entrance – *Bered väg för Herran*

The Opening Acclamation, Collect for Purity, and Summary of the Law

BCP 323

Then is sung

S91 *Kyrie*



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (35:1-10)

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

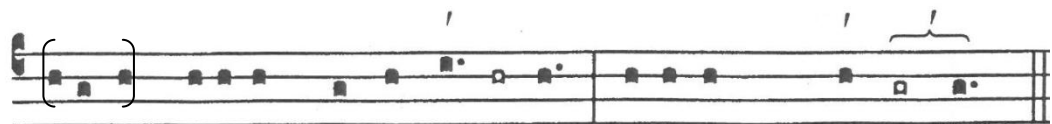
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 146:4-10

Lauda, anima mea, Dominum

Tone VI 6

**The incipit (in brackets) is only sung at the first verse by the cantor. The congregation may join in singing at the second verse.*



Cantor

4 Bless-ed is he that hath the God of Jacob • for his help, * and whose hope is in the Lord his • God:

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5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that • therein is; * who keepeth his promise for ev•er;

6 Who helpeth them to right that • suffer wrong; * who feedeth the hun•gry.

7 The Lord looseth men • out of prison; * the Lord giveth sight to the • blind.

⁸ The Lord helpeth them • that are fallen; * the Lord careth for the right•eous.

⁹ The Lord careth for the strangers; he defendeth the father•less and widow: * as for the way of the ungodly he turneth it upside • down.

¹⁰ The Lord thy God O Sion shall be King for•evermore * and throughout all genera•tions.

A Reading from the Epistle General of St. James (5:7-10)

Be patient brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

76 Sequence Hymn – *Winchester New*

The Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:2-11)

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, “Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?” Jesus answered and said unto them, “Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me.” And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, “What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.’ Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed 327

Prayers of the People 328

The Confession, Absolution, and Peace 331

68 Offertory – *Llangloffan*

The Holy Communion

S114 *Sanctus and Benedictus*

333

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

336

The Bread is broken and silence is kept, after which is sung

S158 *Agnus Dei*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

272 Communion Hymn – *The Truth From Above*

Post Communion Prayer, Blessing, and Dismissal

339

72 Closing Hymn – *Richmond*

Postlude

ORGANIST

Neil Bartlett

LECTORS 8:30 a.m. – Anna Rider

10 a.m. – L1 Jim Miller L2 Nancy Arellano

LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Annie Stricklin

GREETER

Ginny Lee Pilstl

ALTAR SERVER

Anna Funke

COFFEE HOUR

Lisa Robeson

THE CHOIR will not meet December 14th. Rehearsals resume at 9 a.m. on December 21st and at 6:15 p.m. on Christmas Eve. On December 28th and January 4th the choir will meet at 9 a.m. in the parish hall to rehearse for the Christmas program.

WE ARE COLLECTING pick-me-ups for the workers on the Motor Vessel *Findlay*, who will be away from their families for Christmas and whom we sponsor through the Seamen's Church Institute (snacks, travel toiletries, puzzle books, blank stationary, and any Christmas cards you might make for them). The deadline is **Sunday, December 14th**. We're also adopting three households through Cancer Patient Services, and so we'll need help with monetary contributions, shopping for presents, wrapping, and delivering. Our adoptees are low-income local families who have a member undergoing cancer treatments. We try to get them a mix of practical help (gas cards and grocery cards, mainly) and nice little gifts to brighten a difficult time. This year we'll have at least one family with small children. Let Annie know what you might like to do to help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 14 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:30 Holy Eucharist (said), NO Choir, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung), Coffee hour, Vestry meeting, deadline for Seamen's Church Institute gifts.

Monday, December 15

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Tuesday, December 16

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Wednesday, December 17

8 a.m. Morning Prayer, Lunch Bunch reservations due

Thursday, December 18

8 a.m. Morning Prayer

Friday, December 19

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch

Sunday, December 21 4th Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said), 9 a.m. Choir, 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (sung), church decorating, wrapping services, pizza lunch.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION will not meet during December.

OUTREACH In addition to the above...Our monthly trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission will be on Saturday, December 20th, from 4 - 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us! The December wish list for Darrel the Barrel includes cream of mushroom and cream of chicken soup, beef and chicken broth, and beef and chicken powdered bullion. Additionally, we have been approached by the Hancock County ADAMHS Board to collect toilet paper, paper towels, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies for the people living in their board-owned housing. (These 30 households include those who are living with severe and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorders.) Contact Annie Stricklin at 870-307-9058 or stricklina@gmail.com with any questions about Outreach.

IN DECEMBER the Lunch Bunch will return to the Hancock Hotel for our Christmas celebration. Note the change in date to the 3rd Friday. Please let Ginny Lee or Nancy O know by Wednesday, December 17th if you can join us Friday, December 19th, 11:30 a.m., Mancy's, Hancock Hotel.

Thought for the week...I'm not going outside until the temperature is above my age.

THE FALL 2025 directory is available in the parish hall or you may have it mailed or emailed to you. Please let Deborah know if you'd like one sent to you and how.

YOU MAY make your tithes and offerings through Tithely, our on-line banking option.

TIME TO UPDATE – please review the prayer list and let us know if changes are needed.

2026 FLOWER AND COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULES are now posted on the bulletin board.

YOU MAY ORDER Christmas poinsettias now through Sunday, December 21st.

2026 CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED and are available in the parish hall.

Let us pray for...

MONDAY

Corrie Abels
Beth Abshire
Ali
Don Allen
Karen Allen
Lori Amstutz
Kathleen Anderson
Nan Anderson
Ann Marie
Athan
Angie Baker & family
Sandy Baker
Kristi Bedlion
Greyson Biglin
George Billerman
Gavin Bingamon
Lisa Blair
Tom Boltz
Katie & Boucher family
Brooks Bosse
Tom Bova
Judy Brann
Mary Brater
Kay Brodes
Natalie Elise Brown
Georgia Browning
Bud & Ginny
Don Burgess
Larry Burrell
Caitlan
Carol Bryant

THURSDAY

Kallie
Keith
Elizabeth Kelly
Amy Kempher
Terri Kempher
Jane Kindsfater
John Koch
Jeanna Kolhoff
Kynslee Monroe
Carol Lehman
Ed Lenz
Sarah Leroy
Leslie
Li Su Lan
Linda
Cathy Linhart
Carol Litten
MAF
MAL
Malcolm
Mandy
Marria and Viktor
Bill McCulloh† and family
Richard McCoy
Linda McPherson
Joe Meehan
Sharon Lee Meibeyer
Melanie
Linda Metzger
Vince Metzger
Paul McBride
Lylah Micatrotto
Barbara Millholland

TUESDAY

CAL, Jr.
Richard Child
Chris
Chuck & Jo
Daniel J. Churchey
Cigere
Rob Cleary
Sharon Cole
Jody Combs
Nathan Constable
John Curtis
Dalton
Jude Davidson
Ken Davis
Denise
Sadie DePalma
Bob Doebel
John Dohr
Easton
Delores Edelbrock
Codie Edler
GKE
Ellen
Paul Esselman
Esther
Gene Fernandez
Jan Foster
Cindy Fox
Mary Funke
Frank Gamper
Joe Gardi

FRIDAY

Jim Miller
Ron Miles
Missy
Tom Mitchell
Allen Mosley
Joe N.
Bruce Neikirk
Barry Niswander
Jim O'Malley
Sue O'Malley
Mike P.
Nixon Palte
Marcos, Patricia, and Keira Parra
TEP
Paul
Linda Perry
Jane Peschel
Matt Pfirsch
Claudia Phillips
Ronnie and Mary Pinckly
Duane Place
Gayle Pohl
Joe Reffitt
Diane Regan
Mike Riecker
S. Saldana
Shirley Salerno
Sam
Andrani Samuel
Sandy
Marj Schott
Chris Schutz
Tara Semantel

WEDNESDAY

Tony Girvin
Coolidge Greer
Greg
Shane Griesser
Ruth Gulliford
Susan H.
Susan Lee Hamilton
Harper AnnaMae
Sally Hartzell
Kristi Hancock
Laurie Hansen
Teddy Hartley
Tom Heimann
Kim Hindman
Joanne Hosbach
Nathan & Lisa Hoy
Hunter
Monica Hunyadi
Lorraine Ignarski
Jim Iliff
James
Janice
Jason
Jessi
Jimmy
Joanie
Joel
JPF
C Julius
Clancy Johnson
Jennifer Kahn
SATURDAY
Sharon
John Sharninghouse
Melanie Sherger
T. Shnego
Steve Siferd
SMC
Bette Snyder
Fred Snyder† and family
Madeline Sommer
Dr. Larry Spees
Joyce Sullivan
Susan
John Tallman
Jim Thompson
Jackie Thornberg
Dave Unkefer
Harrison VanDorn
Tom Voea
Rick Walter
Natalie Ware
Steve Ware
Diana Warnement
Joanne Weeks† and family
Philip Whitney
Doug Wilhelm
Ken Wolfe
Alex Wolper
Bill Wolph
Chuck Wolph
Gloria Wolph
Jackson Wolph
Travis Wolph
Bart Z.