



**December 11, 2016**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Year A    Rite I    8:00 a.m.**

**Prayer of St. Francis**

BCP p. 833

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Collect of Purity**

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**Gloria**

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**Collect of the Day:** 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 Lesson:** Isaiah 35:1-10 *(see back page)*

**Canticle 15:** The Song of Mary BCP p. 50

**The Epistle:** James 5:7-10 *(see back page)*

**The Gospel:** Matthew 11:2-11 *(see back page)*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. Christopher Brathwaite

**The Creed:** The Nicene Creed BCP p. 326

**The Prayers:** Prayers of the People BCP p. 328

**Prayer for Our Parish:** *Heavenly Father, send your Holy Spirit to guide and direct your church as we look to the future with true understanding of the revelation of your promises. Give the leadership the right thinking, speaking and actions, that they in turn may encourage the entire congregation to the richness of your bountiful goodness, so that your Name may be glorified in all we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**A Prayer for Our Candidate:** *O God, look with favor on John, whom you have called to a special ministry in your church. Guide him from distractions, protect him from all snares of the evil one, and keep him focused on the journey to ordained ministry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Confession of Sin** BCP p. 330  
**The Peace** BCP p. 332

**Welcome, Notices, Announcements, Birthday/Anniversary Blessings**

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer II)** BCP p. 340  
**The Lord's Prayer** BCP p. 336  
**Prayer after Communion** BCP p. 339  
**The Blessing** BCP p. 339

**WE PRAY FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING FOR THOSE LISTED:**

Bertram & Norma Branford, Gloria Carter, Laverne Carter, Rachel Doyle, Walter & Monica Foster, Helen Iehl, George Jenkins, Larry Laney, Bonnie McClure, Hugh & Lois McGlashon, Mary Elizabeth Merlin, Helen Millington, Sally Phillips, Jeannette Stokes, Perry T., David Williamson, Robbie Williamson, Aldwyn Ifill, Carolyn Turner, Skip McGlashon, Carol Roh, Elaine John, Oscar Phillips, Ted & Betty Bast, The Rev. Kevin Nourie, and Betty Browne.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:**

Michael L, Danny S, James W; Ashli A, Jean A, Quinton B, Steve C, Merrill D, Craig J, Bryan S, Andre S; Clark S; Adam C, David M., Casandra R, Patrick S; Betsy C, Anna N; James B; Chad W. and all other military personnel serving our nation at home or abroad.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:**

Pray for Iglesia Episcopal San Cristobal, Orlando and St. John the Baptist Church, Orlando.

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