



CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025

SERVANTS OF THE WEEK

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Officiant / Leader	Fr. Thad Butcher	
Sharer	Fr. Thad Butcher	
Altar Guild	Vicky Dean	Vicky Dean
	Fritz Calkins	Fritz Calkins
Chalice Bearer	Danny Kaluza	
Lay Reader	Jon Dean	Jan Thorne
Ushers	Tom Vivian	Bill Queer
	Sandy Vivian	Allan Miller
Sunday School	Cynthia Weems	Cynthia Weems
Music	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Order of Worship	Daniel Groth	Daniel Groth
Sound & Video	Charlie & Jim	Charlie & Jim

WELCOME VISITORS!

There are visitor cards near the entrance, please fill one out and give it to an usher.

The nursery is available for children up to 4 years old. The nursery is the first room on the left going down the hallway.

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table.

A NOTE ABOUT LITURGICAL WORSHIP

Liturgy means the work of the people. Its purpose is to engage people in active participation in drawing near to God. An analogy that helps us understand why we follow a liturgical form of worship is that of a trail leading up to a mountain vista. We follow the trail not only to arrive at a particular destination, but we enjoy the journey en route! We enjoy the sounds of rushing streams and singing birds, the smell of the forest and fresh earth, the beauty of the sunlight and the changing scenery. In a similar way in our journey to the vista of the adoration of Jesus Christ, we pass through prayers that point and direct us to His character, the songs that enliven our heart with images of His glory, the Word of God that proclaims His truth, and the communion that draws us to His heart. Would you journey with us today through the landscape of the Lord's goodness?

HOLY COMMUNION



Third Sunday in Advent

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*Please silence your cell phone
and other electronic devices before
the service begins. Thank you.*

*Five minutes before service we will enter a time of reflective quiet as
we ready our hearts for the Lord.*

THE PROCESSIONAL

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

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THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Surely the Lord is coming soon,
Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to 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

The Celebrant then reads the Summary of the Law.

Hear what our 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 it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

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.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Officiant and people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“O Come Emmanuel”

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
And order all things, far and nigh;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

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3RD CANDLE

JOY

Layperson says

Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE. Now we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord:

“But be glad and rejoice in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.” - *Isaiah 65:18*

Layperson lights the first purple candle

Layperson lights the second purple candle

Layperson lights the rose third candle

Layperson continues

Let us pray together

We ask you to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of your coming enlighten our darkened minds: You who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

"Lord I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me ***[Chorus]***

Bridge

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay ***[Chorus]***

Ending

**My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

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“He Will Come and Save You”

Say to those who are fearful hearted,
Do not be a-fraid,
The Lord, your God, is strong
With His mighty arms,
When you call on His name;
He will come and save.

Refrain

**He will come and save you,
He will come and save you
Say to the wear-y one,
Your God will sure-ly come,
He will come and save you**

**He will come and save you,
He will come and save you
Lift up your eyes to Him,
You will arise again,
He will come and save you.**

Say to those who are broken-hearted,
Do not lose your faith;
The Lord your God,
Is strong with His loving arms
When you call on His name;
He will come and save. ***[Refrain]***

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

The Celebrant prays the Collect.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient toward the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world, we may be found a people acceptable in your sight; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

A Reading from Isaiah 35:1-10 *(Page 595)*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

- ¹ Praise the LORD, O my soul; *
while I live I will praise the LORD.
- ² Indeed, as long as I have my being, *
I will sing praises unto my God.
- ³ Put not your trust in princes, nor in any child of man, *
for there is no help in them.

- ⁴ For when one breathes his last, he shall return
again to the earth; *
and in that day all his thoughts perish.
- ⁵ Blessed is the one who has the God of Jacob for
his help *
and whose hope is in the LORD his God;
- ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that
is therein; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- ⁷ Who does right to those who suffer wrong; *
and who feeds the hungry.
- ⁸ The LORD sets prisoners free; *
the LORD gives sight to the blind.
- ⁹ The LORD helps those who have fallen; *
the LORD loves the righteous.
- ¹⁰ The LORD cares for the strangers in the land;
he defends the fatherless and widow; *
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.
- ¹¹ The LORD shall be King for evermore, *
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Praise the Lord.

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

NEW TESTAMENT

A Reading from James 5:7-20 (*Page 1013*)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

“We Fall Down”

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus,
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.

Refrain

**And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.**

THE GOSPEL

All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John 12:1-8 *(Page 898)*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN CONCLUDES

By Your grace, we come today
Just to love You, Jesus
For all our days we'll give You praise,
You are worthy, Jesus. *[Refrain]*

Refrain

**And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy,
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb.**

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THE SERMON - THE REV. THAD BUTCHER

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People Standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Please add your vocal petitions at the free intercession **

The person appointed says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For Archbishop Stephen Wood and his wife Jacqueline, Bishop Phil and Julie, Suffragan Bishop Mark and Cindy, Father Brian and Jen, Deacon Nan and Charlie, Grace Anglican in Sheridan with Fr. Kevin and Chris, and for all the clergy, congregations and people of our diocese.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; for the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes, and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service; especially Donald our president, Greg our governor, members of congress, and those who serve in the courts.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Together

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

**At this time additional prayers may be added, either silently or aloud.*

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say the following sentences, first saying

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have
eternal life. *John 3:16*

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an
offering, and come into his courts! *Psalms 96:8*

“O Come to the Altar”

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling

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Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ [Repeat]**

Bridge

Oh, what a Savior! Isn't He wonderful?
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him for He is Lord of all
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen [Repeat]

Chorus

**O come to__ the altar__
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness__ was bought with__
The precious blood of Jesus Christ**

Ending

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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THE DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow.
Praise Him all crea-tures here be-low.
Praise Him above, ye heavn'ly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Amen.**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE SURSUM CORDA (HEARTS LIFTED)

The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



SANCTUS

“Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts

Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry

Hosanna__ in the highest.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna__ in the highest. Hosanna__ in the highest.

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THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." 🙏

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." 🙏

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:


Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit  to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, † that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant and People pray together

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE FRACTION

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

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THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who are baptized and followers of the Lord Jesus are welcome at His table. Gluten free is available please ask. Healing teams are available to pray with you during Holy Eucharist, in the back of the church.

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Sing To Jesus”

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe nailed to a tree
Christ our God spilling His holy blood
Bowing in anguish His sacred head

Chorus 1

Sing to Jesus Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus, Honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness
Pouring His life out unto death

Come you weary and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn lay on His breast
Christ who died risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, giver of life

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Chorus 2

**Sing to Jesus His is the throne
Now and forever he is the King of heaven
Sing to Jesus we are His own
Now and forever
Sing for the love our God has shown**

[Instrumental]

Chorus 3

**Sing to Jesus Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts
He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name *[Chorus 2]***

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“Beautiful One”

**Wonderful so wonderful is Your unfailing love
Your cross has spoken mercy over me
No eye has seen no ear has heard
No heart could fully know
How glorious how beautiful You are**

Chorus

**Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing**

**Powerful so powerful Your glory fills the skies
Your mighty works displayed for all to see
The beauty of Your majesty awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous how wonderful You are *[Chorus]***

Bridge

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew
You captured my heart with this love
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You

Chorus

Beautiful One I love You
Beautiful One I adore
Beautiful One my soul must sing

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING, MILESTONES, & CLERGY BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL

“Tell Out My Soul”

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children’s children and for evermore!

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING TO THE MASSES IN THE WILDERNESS

Pieter Brueghel the Younger
(1564-1638)

“Jesus had just commanded his disciples as to what to do and what to take with them as they followed his command to go out and preach to the people, but not to the Gentiles or Samaritans. After this, John the Baptist sent a message to Jesus, from prison, asking: “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?

“Jesus answered at great length that they were to tell others of his miracles, raising the dead to life and more. In Matt 11:6, “And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” (offended (*skandalizo*) “to put a snare or stumbling block in the way...used metaphorically of that which hinders right conduct or thought, hence, ‘to cause to stumble.

““And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent ‘take it by force.’ The text does not make clear if the kingdom of God is the victim of violence or it, as the kingdom advances in victory, it does to through violent spiritual conflict and warfare. But the context does. Jesus; references to the nonreligious style of John and the confrontive, miraculous ministry of Elijah teach that the kingdom of God makes its penetration by a kind of violent entry opposing the human status quo.” (*The Spirit Filled Life Study Bible*)

The Spirit Filled Life Study Bible defines “disciples” as “learners,” “...coming from the Greek *mathetes* to learn. This is one who follows both the teaching and the teacher. The word is used first of the twelve and later of Christians generally.”

Brueghel, a Netherlandish artist, painted scenery as well as the costumes worn as he saw them in his own country, the Netherlands. This was often the case in this time period using the local landscape in their biblical scenes, most artists not having not ever having taken trips to the Holy Land.