



## ***3rd Sunday in Advent***

*December 11th, 2022*

*9:30 am In Person and FaceBook Live*

*| Advent 3; Year A |*

*The Holy Eucharist Rite Two*

### ***Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church***

***If you are visiting, welcome!*** Please fill out a visitor card (on one of the entry tables), and place it in the offering plate or pass it to one of our ushers.

**Note:** we video cast our services. Please silence your cell phone.

You can read **today's prayers and hymns** on the screens at the front of the sanctuary, as well as in the Book of Common Prayer (red) and the hymnal (blue) under the seat in front of you.

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#### **Our Mission**

*To know Christ and to make Christ known!*

#### **Our Vision**

*Celebrate God, Cultivate Growth, Communicate Love!*

#### **Our Values**

◆ **Worship** *Experiencing God through liturgy that is historical and relevant, music that is excellent and grounded in tradition, and services that involve participation of the parish in various ways.*

◆ **Diversity** *Appreciating and celebrating our differences in backgrounds, occupations, cultures, ethnicities, genders, generations, orientations, citizenships, and perspectives.*

◆ **Hospitality** *Sharing radical hospitality with all who visit and attend All Saints Episcopal Church.*

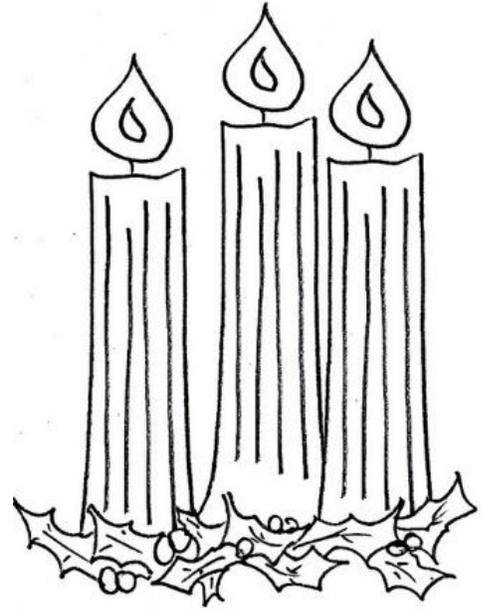
◆ **Community** *Loving and respecting all people, and their expression of singleness or family, with fellowship and education for all throughout their spiritual journey.*

**Entrance Hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*  
(*Veni, veni, Emmanuel*) (H 56)**

**O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel**

**O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**



**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*      Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People*        You come to your people and set them free.

**Collect for Purity (BCP p. 355)**

**Opening Anthem *S 100 Holy God (Hurd)* (BCP p. 356)**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

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 Lessons

### First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

<sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

<sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God’s people;  
no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

<sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.

<sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm: Psalm 146:4-9

*Remain seated.*

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

<sup>5</sup>Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise forever;

<sup>6</sup>Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the  
blind; \*

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

<sup>8</sup>The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord shall reign forever, \*

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

## Second Reading: James 5:7-10

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the letter of James.

<sup>7</sup>Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

Sequence Hymn *Stay awake, be ready* (MHSO 62)

*All stand.*

Go back, (clap, clap) tell John (clap, clap)  
all that you have heard and have seen me doing,  
Go back, (clap, clap) tell John (clap, clap)  
the wonders that you see.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The wonders that you see.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

*All stand.*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>2</sup>When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’

<sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Reverend Deacon Karl Gustafson**

**The Creed (BCP p. 358)**

**The Prayers of the People Form III (BCP p. 387)**

**Confession of Sin (BCP p. 360)**

**The Peace**

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, Celebrations,  
and Other Prayer Requests**

**Watch over your servants, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

### Choir Anthem *Come, Emmanuel*

We will receive our offering during this time. You can contribute in the offering plate or online, using this QR code.



### Offertory Hymn *Watchman, tell us of the night* *(Aberystwyth)* (H 640)

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP p. 367)

Sanctus (BCP p. 367) *S 124 Holy, holy, holy (Hurd)*

The Lord's Prayer, Contemporary (BCP p. 363)

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem (BCP p. 364)

Communion Hymn *"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee*  
*(St. Flavian)* (H 615)

## **Post-Communion Prayer (BCP p. 365)**

*Celebrant:* And now, united with those who are not able to receive the Blessed Sacrament and have joined us virtually, in solidarity with them we pray this prayer together.

*Celebrant and people*

**God of infinite mercy, we thank you for Jesus our Savior,  
our true Parent who feeds us and gives us eternal life.**

**Though our sisters and brothers joining us virtually  
cannot receive these gifts of bread and wine,  
we thank you that all of us have received  
the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins,  
and all other benefits of Christ's passion.**

**Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and  
for ever. Amen**

**Blessing**

**Post-Communion Hymn *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*  
(*Winchester New*) (H 76)**

**Dismissal**

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## Announcements

We are collecting **gift cards** to local fast food restaurants (5 or 10 dollars each) as well as grocery store gift cards. These allow us to bless those who are in need, allowing them to choose the meal they desire.

You can help us bring color and beauty to our Christmas services by donating to the Altar Guild's **poinsettia fund**. If desired, you can honor a loved one with your gift.

**New prayer requests?** Need to update a request? E-mail [ruthinthedesert@gmail.com](mailto:ruthinthedesert@gmail.com)

Are you looking for an opportunity to serve or a **ministry** with which you can become involved? Check the list on the bulletin board near the back of the sanctuary.

The **liturgical calendars** for 2023 are available for a \$5 donation. They are on a table at the back of the sanctuary.

**Would you like to receive all the church announcements and our financial updates via email?** Contact the office ([office@allsaintslv.com](mailto:office@allsaintslv.com)).

## Weekly Events

### Sunday Adult Bible Study

**This is our last week to meet in 2022.** Stay tuned for an exciting new study series, beginning January 8. Questions? Contact Ruth Leamy

### Tuesday Book Study Group

We meet from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. every Tuesday in the Parish Hall. We are currently reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. **Tuesday is our last meeting in 2022.**

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, December 17, Greening of the Church.** We need help from all ages and skill levels as we decorate the church for Christmas. 9 a.m.

**Saturday December 17, Needlers Meeting,** 10 a.m. in Room 11.

**Saturday December 17, Spanish Christmas Concert and Posadas.** Music, Food, and More. 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve services:** 5:30 p.m. English, 7:30 p.m. Spanish, 10:30 p.m. English

**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:** Usual Sunday schedule, 9:30 a.m. English service, 11:30 a.m. Spanish service

## Financial Update

2022 Pledge & Plate offerings as of 12/4 \$150,186

2022 Pledge & Plate Budget: \$185,000

(Feel free to ask the office for a more detailed report)

## Serving Next Week (December 18)

**Lector** Ruth Leamy

**LEM** Marilyn Chappell

**2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice** Christin Brooks, **3<sup>rd</sup> Chalice** Heather Paige

**Ushers** Roy and Linda Orr

## Lessons 4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16, Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-25



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