



4th Sunday in Advent

December 18th, 2022

9:30 am In Person and FaceBook Live

| Advent 4; 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.

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 Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.
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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Remain seated.

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, ***
stir up your strength and come to help us.

³Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O Lord God of hosts, ***
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors, ***
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

¹⁶**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, ***
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; ***
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

The people sit.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

¹Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,
⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may follow.

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

All stand.

By the pow'r (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)

Mary will give birth to a son called Jesus.

By the pow'r (clap, clap) of the Spirit (clap, clap)

Emmanuel is near.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Emmanuel is near.

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Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

All stand.

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

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

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of

David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”

which means, “God is with us.”²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Nicholas Neubauer

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

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

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



Offertory Hymn *How bright appears the Morning Star (Wie schön leuchtet)* (H 496)

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 *God himself is with us (Tysk)* (H 475)

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

Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (Stuttgart)* (H 66)

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

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).

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

No meetings until 2023.

Upcoming Events

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 12/11 \$154,140

2022 Pledge & Plate Budget: \$185,000

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

Serving on Christmas Eve

5:30 Service: LEM Ruth Leamy **2nd Chalice:** Christin Brooks

3rd Chalice: Heather Paige **Ushers:** Nancy LaCombe & Jimmy Bailey

Lector Nancy LaCombe

10:30 Service: LEM Ruth Leamy **2nd Chalice:** Benjamin Bishop,

3rd Chalice: Denis Winslow **Ushers:** Roy and Linda Orr,

Lector Maria Ipharr

Lessons on Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:6-12, Titus 3:4-7, Psalm 97, Luke 2:(1-7)8-20

Serving Next Sunday (December 25)

Lector: Marilyn Robinson, **LEM** Steven Ninemire

2nd Chalice Benjamin Bishop **3rd Chalice** Denis Winslow

Ushers *Volunteer*

Lessons on Christmas Day

Isaiah 9:2-7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

JOIN US AS WE SERVE TOGETHER

ALTAR GUILD

If you would like to learn about preparing the altar for worship, and caring for the altar materials, call or text Pam Martin for more details. (702 591-2034)

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

This is a ministry for women who are seeking a deeper spiritual life. For more information, contact Rosaleen Runnalls at 928-420-2786.

COFFEE HOUR SET-UP

Margo Scruggs could use some help on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

FINANCE TEAM

We meet in the office on Tuesdays at 11 a.m. E-mail the Office for more information.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Every second Tuesday, from 9 a.m. until 11, the Just One Project distributes food in our parking lot. Come help us in this important ministry.

PANERA BREAD PICK-UP & BREAD BAGGING

Fridays at 9 p.m. If you would like to help with this, contact Liz Bates (mail4liztoo@gmail.com).

RECYCLE CANS FOR GALILEE

Roy and Linda Orr collect aluminum soda or beer cans to recycle to raise money for Camp Galilee.

SOCKS FOR VETERANS

Father Jim collects socks, mittens, hats and scarves to give to veterans.

STREET TEENS

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., we prepare the donations, and then deliver the food at 1 p.m. We need more volunteers.

THRIFT SHOP ORGANIZATION & STAFFING

Help us organize the donations and the storage area. Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. or volunteer in the thrift shop on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.



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