

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

DECEMBER 22, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

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MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

The ministers of St. Mary's are all the people of St. Mary's.

Presider: The Rev. Michael Burke, Rector

Preacher: The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez, Associate Rector

Gospel Reader: The Rev. Lydia Wilson

Readers: Charlene Davis and Thad Hunter

Voice of the People: Deb Kennedy

Prayers of the People: Sherrie Simmonds

St. Mary's Choir, directed by Annie Nilsson

Organist: Rachel Morgan

Cantor: Braydon Perrupato

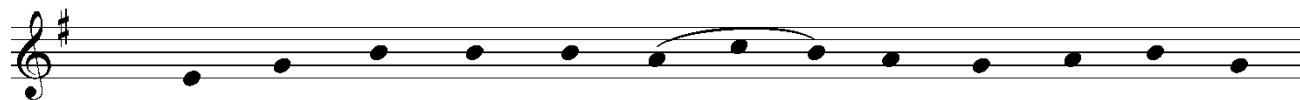
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GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* • Hymnal #56, v. 1, 2 & 7



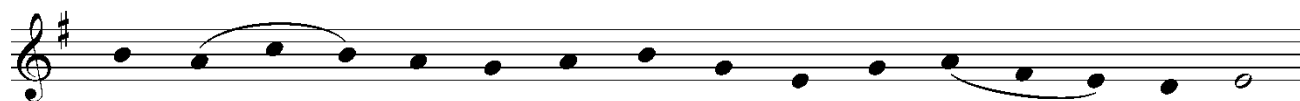
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

***OPENING SENTENCES AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Celebrant We gather on the lands of the Dena'ina people.

People *From many places and many peoples we come to this house in prayer.*

Celebrant We gather in the presence of God:

People *The Creator who is the source of all that is, seen and unseen*

Celebrant In hope we walk together with Christ:

People *Our Companion who walks with us and with all peoples on the path of reconciliation.*

Celebrant God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us:

People *The Divine Wisdom who transforms us and all life.*

Celebrant In this time and place, together, people of God from every language, culture, and nation:

People *We are made new by the holy and life-giving Trinity*

***ADVENT CANDLE-LIGHTING**

Reader People of God: be glad!
Your God delights in you,
giving you joy for sadness
and turning the dark to light.
Be strong in hope therefore;
for your God comes to save.
You are God's children.

People *Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ in Joy
today and for ever.*

Amen.

The candle lighter lights the second Advent candle.

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*GLORIA • *Glory to God in the Highest* • WLP # 901

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to
 peo - ple on earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther,
 we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a little slower
 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; -
 — you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

a tempo
 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Priest God be with you.

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

Priest 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.***

FIRST READING • Micah 5:2-5a

Reader A Reading from Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
 from you shall come forth for me
 one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old,
 from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
 then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
 in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
 to the ends of the earth;
 and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

CANTICLE 15 • *Magnificat* • Braydon Perrupato, cantor

ANTIPHON

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "My soul pro - claims the great - ness of the Lord." The word "claims" is underlined in the original image.

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My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
 the Almighty has done great things for me,
 and holy is his Name.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

He has mercy on those who fear him
 in every generation.
 He has shown the strength of his arm,
 he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
 and has lifted up the lowly.
 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 and the rich he has sent away empty.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
 for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
 The promise he has made to our fathers,
 to Abraham and his children for ever.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Hebrews 10:5-10

Reader A Reading from Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

***GOSPEL HYMN • *Savior of the Nations, Come* • Hymnal #54, v. 1, 2, and 4**



1	Sa - vior	of	the	na - tions,	come!	Vir - gin's
2	Won - drous	birth!	Oh,	won - drous	child	of
3	Thus	on	earth	the	Word	ap - pears,
4	Come,	O	Fa - ther's	sav - ing	Son,	who
						o'er



Son,	make	here	your	home.	Mar - vel	now,	both
Vir - gin	un - de -	filed!	Might - y	God	and		
his	cre - a -	ted	spheres;	hence	to	death	and
sin	the	vic -	tory	won.	Bound - less	shall	your



heaven	and	earth,	that	the	Lord	chose	such	a	birth.
Ma - ry's	son,	ea -	ger	now	his	race	to	run!	
hell	de -	scends,	then	the	heaven - ly	throne	a -	scends.	
king - dom	be;	grant	that	we	its	glo -	ries	see.	

***GOSPEL • Luke 1:39-45(46-55)**

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Priest In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence

THE SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

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*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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

As we come to the time of the prayers of the people, I invite you to stand or kneel as you are able. There will be a brief time to share our own prayers aloud, if you wish you may also leave your prayers in the offering basket when it is passed so that it can be delivered to our prayer team to be prayed over by the congregation throughout the week. For those online your prayers as well will be delivered to the prayer team, even if they are not read aloud.

Pause before continuing.

In hope we pray to God our Creator.

Silence

O God, who sent to us our Savior, whose Body is your Church, grant that all who wait for Christ may be united in your truth, live in your peace, and reveal your love to the world.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, whose Kingdom holds heaven and earth as one, grant our leaders and all in authority would be convicted to love justice and govern rightly so that all people might live in safety; and where there is oppression, injustice, and inequity, we pray that your light would show forth and that the world might be healed.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, whose Spirit comes among us to inspire and to restore, grant peace, healing, and hope to the sick, the hungry, the naked, and the imprisoned; the migrant, the refugee, the unemployed, and the unhoused; those who are victims of violence, those who struggle with mental health, and those whose lives are overtaken by turmoil and chaos.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who created this lovely world, grant to your people the desire, the knowledge and the determination to be proper stewards of the earth, that all may share in your bounty and your peace.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who knows our needs and concerns, and cares for us even as you care for the birds of the air and the flower in the field, we lift up these petitions that weigh on our hearts this week.

Silence, the people may add their own prayers or petitions here.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

O God, who brings us the living water and leads us to eternal life, grant to the dying and those who mourn your comfort and your peace.

Silence.

God, in your mercy;

Hear our prayer.

Silence may be kept.

A Priest says

Together, praying,

Minister and People

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.***

A Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Still, Still, Still* • an Austrian Carol, arr. Luboff

*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!*

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

Celebrant:

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Creator,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory
for ever praising you and *singing*:

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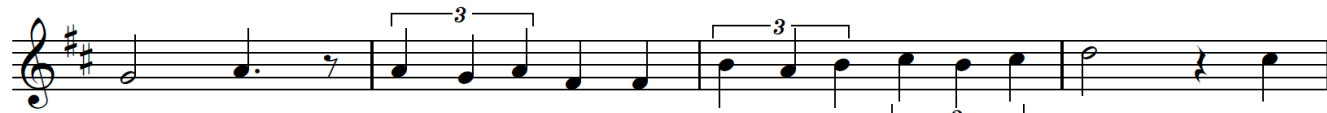
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. San - to,



san - to, san - to es el Se - ñor. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el



cie - lo. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

A priest continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another,
and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family,
and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.


On the night before he died for us,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat:

This is my Body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.” 

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.” 

A priest says Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.


A priest continues

Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your children, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever. **AMEN.** 

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Priest As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, each in the language of their heart,

People and Celebrant

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer in Deg Xinag

*Dinaxito' ngi'ezre' yan' ngizrenh.
Yitots'in' yoye dhedo.*

*Yitots'in ngutl'ogh xiye
Tr'ididl'tth'e.*

*Go dranh nighantl'itthin dinadhong
he' on.*

*Tr'ixet'ixdi xits'in' dinatighelalin.
(Yitots'in) trixet'xdi xits'in
Dinak'odz xudingilnek*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE LORD'S TABLE

This is Christ's Banquet. It is made ready for those who love God, and for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often, and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow, and you who feel you have failed.

Come, because it is Christ who invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN • *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding* • Hymnal #59

Descant

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

*THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

After Communion, a priest says

Let us pray.

Priest and People

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

*in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

BLESSING

SENDING OUT EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: (Name), in the name of this congregation, we send you to share our Eucharist with _____. May you take the prayers of all of us as you deliver the sacrament of Christ's presence.

All: We who are many are one body, because we all share in the one cup!

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS

Watch over your child, O God, as their days increase; bless and guide them where ever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding, abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Send, O God, your blessing upon these your servants. Sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. Amen.

SOBRIETY

Bless, O God, your servant in their work of recovery; defend them in their sobriety; and bless them with strength and wisdom now and always. Amen.

WORK TRANSITION OR RETIREMENT

Gracious God, we thank you for the work and witness of your servant who has enriched this community and brought gladness to friends and family; now bless and preserve them at this time of transition. Guide them in the continued use of your gifts; provide sustenance for temporal and spiritual needs, friends to cheer

the way, and a clear vision of the ministry to which you are now calling them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING SONG

May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son. And may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days.*

**Spirit of Peace [second verse]*

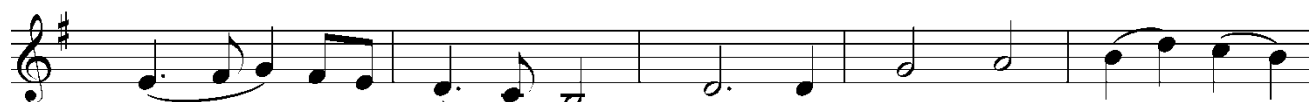
*RECESSIONAL HYMN • *Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending* • Hymnal #57



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

DISMISSAL

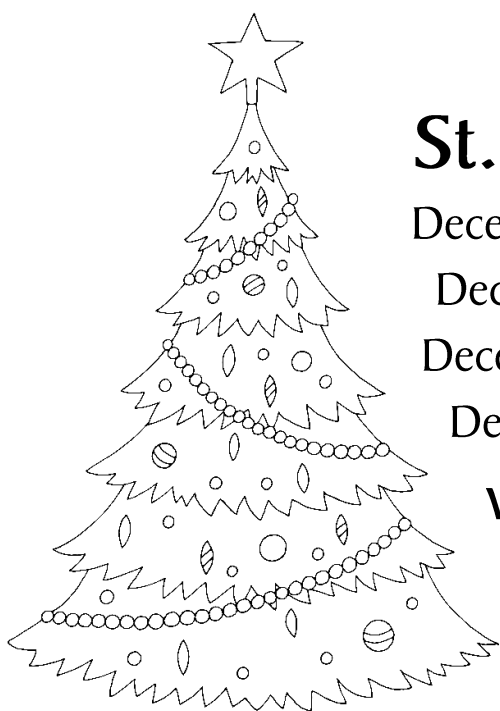
Priest Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a child,
and shall call his name Emmanuel

As we await our coming Savior

Let us walk in the Joy of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*



St. Mary's Christmas Services

December 24 at 4:00 pm: Family Christmas Service

December 24 at 9:00 pm: Christmas Eve Service

December 25 at 10:00 am: Christmas Day Service

December 29 at 10:00 am: Lessons and Carols

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Short Informal Service, followed by breakfast – *Wed. mornings 7:00 -7:20 am*

Men's Small Group Bible Study – *Thurs. mornings 7:00 - 8:00 am*

Fierce Women's Bible Study – *Mondays at 6:00 pm*

Afternoon Bible Study (Book of Job) – *Fridays at 1:00 pm*

Women's Book Group

Christian dream work and reflection groups

Taizé-style worship – *Third Thursdays at 7pm in the Chapel (in the A-frame)*

Scouts, *for info call Brad Sewell, 346-4314*

Women's Knitting Circle

Bazaar Team (craft making, jams, jellies, fabric art). *Times vary throughout year*

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation, *various times, Waldron Hall*

Sr. High Youth Group activities, *trips and events, various times*

Jr. High Youth Group activities, *trips and events, various times*

Sunday School, *ages 4-19 Sundays 11:30 am-12:30 pm downstairs level*

Godly Play (*Montessori-based exploration of the stories of Jesus (ages 4 and up),
Sundays, 10 am, downstairs level*)

Sanctuary Choir, *Rehearse Wednesdays 6:15 – 7:15 pm*

Praise Singers roots music group. *Rehearse Wednesdays 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm*

Christians for Equality (Social Justice) *Meets monthly 563-3341 ext. 14 for info*

Anchorage Faith and Action – *Congregations Together. Community organizing.*

St. Mary's Creative Playschool events

Numerous events at The Thomas Center for Senior Leadership

And various retreats, workshop, presentations, outreach teams, & celebrations all year long. Looking for community, fellowship, and service? Come join us!

PARTNERS in SERVICE: In 2023-2024, St. Mary's has partnered with over seventy-five groups and organizations through a combination of joint programming, provision of services, building use, or pastoral care services or funding.

Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)	Brother Francis Shelter
Alaskans for Better Choices / Volunteers of America (DUI re-education / victim impact panels)	Beans Café
Alaska Coalition to End Homelessness	99+ 1 (Homelessness)
Best Beginnings (early childhood education)	First Christian Church After School Program
Standing Together Against Rape Partners in Homeless Education	Nasenga Primary School (Malawi)
United Thank Offering (UTO)	The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission
Malawi Children's Village	Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
Children's Lunchbox – Hunger Program	Heifer Project International
The Episcopal Diocese of AK	Nets for Life (Malaria Prevention)
Episcopal Native Ministries	Episcopal Relief and Development
Faith Into Tomorrow	Older Persons Action Group
Diocesan Investment Committee	Christians For Equality
Commission on Ministry	Homeward Bound / Karluk Manor
South Central Deanery	Hope Community Resources
Episcopal Prison Ministry	Anchorage Interfaith Council
Fellowship In Serving Humanity	Sand Lake parishes- Malawi, Africa
Helping Hand Bags	Identity, Inc. – civil rights
P.L.U.M.E. Ecumenical Ministry	The Alaska Christian Conference
Nkope School for the Blind	Thomas Center for Senior Leadership
Dancing in the Spirit Ministries	Red Cross - Disaster Relief
Numerous 12-Step recovery groups:	New Chance Ministries Ukrainian Refugee Relief
St. Mary's Creative Playschool	The Lullaby Project at Hiland Mountain
Alaska Native Medical Center	Bread for the World
pastoral care department	Open Arms Orphan Nursery (Malawi)

Choosing Our Roots (COR)
Arciniega Productions Youth Program
Covenant House Alaska
Henning, Inc. (Homelessness)
AK Cubs Closet (kids and families)
St. Mary's Rapid Rehousing Fund
The Queen's Guard
Knitters of the North
Community Yoga for Elders
Girdwood Chapel
Hospice of Anchorage
I-Act Little Ripples Program
PILA Global (kids at the border)
AK Correctional Ministries

Assist Ukraine (refugees)
Underground Pride
Water.org (safe water - developing world)
Magic Yarn Project (kids w/cancer)
Newborns in Need – AK Chapter
Cafecito Bonito
Anchor Gardens
Facing Foster Care
Cub Scouts / Scouting
Tudor Elementary School
The Alaska Conference of the United Methodist Church
Inside Out Faith



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December 22-29, 2024



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Sunday, December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

9 am Christian Formation

Cay's Room & classrooms

10 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Sanctuary & online;

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10 am Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

Various classrooms

11:20 am Fellowship Hour

Waldron Hall

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

Monday, December 23

No scheduled church events

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant and Service

Sanctuary

9 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Vigil

Service

with organ choir, Sanctuary & online;

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Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas

Day

10 am Christmas Day Service

with piano & guitar, Sanctuary

Thursday, December 26

No scheduled church events

Friday, December 27

1 pm Book of Job Bible Study

Cay's Room

Saturday, December 28

No scheduled church events

Sunday, December 29

8 am Service of Holy Eucharist

Chapel

10 am Service of Lessons & Carols with

Eucharist

Sanctuary & online;

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11:20 am Fellowship Hour

Waldron Hall

4 pm Evening Prayer

Sanctuary

