

ST. MARY'S Episcopal Church

DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A SERVICE OF HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10 AM

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Voice of the People: Rich Dyson

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Organist: Rachel Morgan

Cantor: Emilee Smith

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You and your gifts are a blessing

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*

WELCOME • The Rev. Michael Burke

*OPENING HYMN • *All Creatures of Our God and King* • Hymnal #400, v. 1-3



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

***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 breaths 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: return!

You are called to be God's own.

From the mountains announce the good news.

God comes in justice and peace,

to all who follow his ways.

You are God's children.

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

Amen.

The candle lighter lights the second Advent candle.

-next page-

*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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

FIRST READING • Malachi 3:1-4

Reader A Reading from Malachi.

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to the temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

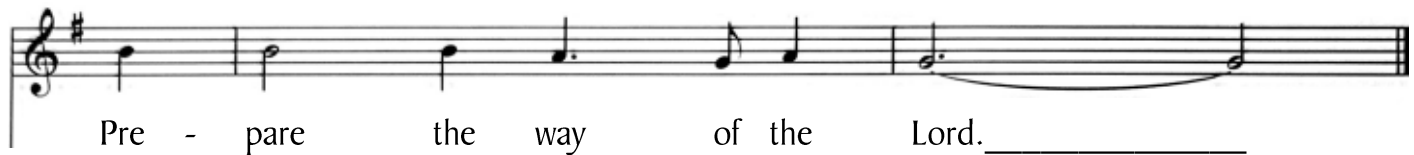
Reader The Word of the Lord.

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



CANTICLE 16 • Emilee Smith, *cantor*

ANTIPHON



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
 he has come to his people and set them free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
 born of the house of his servant David.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
 that he would save us from our enemies,
 from the hands of all who hate us,
 He promised to show mercy to our fathers,
 and to remember his holy covenant.
 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
 Free to worship him without fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight
 all the days of our life.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High.
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way.
 To give his people knowledge of salvation
 by the forgiveness of their sins.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

In the tender compassion of our God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
 shadow of death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

ANTIPHON (ALL SING)

SECOND READING • Philippians 1:3-11

Reader A Reading from Philippians.

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

-Gospel Hymn on next page-



*GOSPEL HYMN • *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* • Hymnal #334


1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
 2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
 3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

***GOSPEL • Luke 3:1-6**

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

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

Priest In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Silence

THE SERMON • The Rev. Israel Portilla-Gomez

***NICENE CREED • BCP, p. 358**

***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 • *Dona Nobis Pacem* • arr. Hopson

*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!*

*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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SANCTUS • WLP 854

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

6 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

10 San - to, san - to, san - to es el Sen - ñor. Ho -


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


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

21 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.** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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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 xudingifnek*

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 on next page-

COMMUNION HYMN • *Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness* • Hymnal #339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found-ed— high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par-ta-ker of this bless-ed food from
 vast and deep its trea-sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign-eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign-eth.
 hea-ven, for our good, thy glo-ry, giv-en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re-ceive me.

*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 or 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 • *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* • Hymnal #68

1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vac - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

DISMISSAL

Priest Stand up and raise your heads,
because your redemption is drawing near.
As we await our coming Savior
Let us walk in in Peace with Christ.

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

POSTLUDE • Rachel Morgan, *organ*



St. Mary's Christmas Services

December 24 at 4:00pm: Family Christmas Service

December 24 at 9:00pm: Christmas Eve Service

December 25 at 10:00am: Christmas Day Service

December 29 at 10:00am: Lessons and Carols

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GROUPS CURRENTLY ACTIVE AT ST. MARY'S

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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 – *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)	Alaska Native Medical Center
Alaskans for Better Choices / Volunteers of America (DUI re-education / victim impact panels)	pastoral care department
Alaska Coalition to End Homelessness	Brother Francis Shelter
Best Beginnings (early childhood education)	Beans Café
Standing Together Against Rape	99+ 1 (Homelessness)
Partners in Homeless Education	First Christian Church After School Program
United Thank Offering (UTO)	Nasenga Primary School (Malawi)
Malawi Children's Village	The Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission
Children's Lunchbox – Hunger Program	Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
The Episcopal Diocese of AK	Heifer Project International
Episcopal Native Ministries	Nets for Life (Malaria Prevention)
Faith Into Tomorrow	Episcopal Relief and Development
Diocesan Investment Committee	Older Persons Action Group
Commission on Ministry	Christians For Equality
South Central Deanery	Homeward Bound / Karluk Manor
Episcopal Prison Ministry	Hope Community Resources
Fellowship In Serving Humanity	Anchorage Interfaith Council
Helping Hand Bags	Sand Lake parishes- Malawi, Africa
P.L.U.M.E. Ecumenical Ministry	Identity, Inc. – civil rights
Anchorage Faith In Action -	The Alaska Christian Conference
Congregations Together (AFACT)	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

Bread for the World
Open Arms Orphan Nursery (Malawi)
Choosing Our Roots (COR)
Arciniega Productions Youth Program
Covenant House Alaska
Hope Community Resources
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
The Listening Post
Cafecito Bonito
Anchor Gardens
Facing Foster Care
Cub Scouts / Scouting
Tudor Elementary School
The Alaska Conference of the United
Methodist Church
Inside Out Faith



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

December 8-15, 2024 

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Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 9 am ***Light of the World* Book Study**
Cay's Room
- 9 am **Children's Chapel**
Chapel
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am **Christmas Pageant Rehearsals**
Various classrooms
- 10 am **Godly Play**
Room 1
- 11:15 am **Clare House Meal Prep**
Waldron Hall Kitchen
- 11:20 am **Fellowship Hour**
Waldron Hall
- 1:30 pm **Memorial Service for Bob Libbey**
Sanctuary
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary

Monday, December 9

- 5:30 pm **Jr. Warden Team Meeting**
Cay's Room
- 6 pm **Fierce Women Bible Study**
Room 7 (downstairs)
- 6:30 pm Vestry Meeting
Cay's Room & online;
ID 945 8664 7527

Tuesday, December 10

No scheduled church events

Wednesday, December 11

- 7 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 584 949 088
- 6:15 pm **Choir Rehearsal**
Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm **Praise Singers Rehearsal**
Sanctuary

Thursday, December 12

- 6 pm **Parish Christmas Party**
Waldron Hall

Friday, December 13

- 1 pm **Book of Job Bible Study**
Cay's Room

Saturday, December 14

No scheduled church events

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8 am **Service of Holy Eucharist**
Chapel
- 9 am ***Light of the World* Book Study**
Cay's Room
- 9 am **Children's Christian Formation**
Downstairs classrooms
- 10 am Service of Holy Eucharist
Sanctuary & online; ID 940 3189 1877
- 10 am **Godly Play**
Room 1
- 11:30 am **Third Sunday Potluck Lunch**
Waldron Hall
- 4 pm **Evening Prayer**
Sanctuary
- 6 pm **Book Launch and Reading**
Waldron Hall