



**SAINT FRANCIS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF WILLOW GLEN

# *Morning Prayer*

*The Season of Advent*

*Week of Advent 1A*

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World AIDS Day

10:15 a.m.

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## ~Morning Prayer, Rite II~

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When 2 people are reading: READER 1: Plain Text *Reader 2: Italics* **Both: Bold**

You are invited to begin the service by lighting a candle.

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*Officiant:* In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. *Isaiah 40:3*

### Invitatory and Psalter

#### *Opening Acclamation*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

#### *Invitatory Psalm (100)*

*Officiant and People*

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \***

**serve the Lord with gladness**

**and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; \***

**he himself has made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;**

**go into his courts with praise; \***

**give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;**

**his mercy is everlasting; \***

**and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

#### *The Psalm or Psalms Appointed*

Psalm 18:1-20

1 I love you, O LORD my strength, \* O LORD my stronghold, my crag, and my haven.

2 *My God, my rock in whom I put my trust, \**

*my shield, the horn of my salvation, and my refuge; you are worthy of praise.*

3 I will call upon the LORD, \* and so shall I be saved from my enemies.

4 *The breakers of death rolled over me, \* and the torrents of oblivion made me afraid.*

5 The cords of hell entangled me, \* and the snares of death were set for me.

6 *I called upon the LORD in my distress \* and cried out to my God for help.*  
7 You heard my voice from your heavenly dwelling; \* my cry of anguish came to your ears.  
8 The earth reeled and rocked; \*  
the roots of the mountains shook; they reeled because of your anger.  
9 *Smoke rose from your nostrils and a consuming fire out of your mouth; \*  
hot burning coals blazed forth from you.*  
10 You parted the heavens and came down \* with a storm cloud under your feet.  
11 *You mounted on cherubim and flew; \* you swooped on the wings of the wind.*  
12 You wrapped darkness about you; \* you made dark waters and thick clouds your pavilion.  
13 *From the brightness of your presence, through the clouds, \*  
burst hailstones and coals of fire.*  
14 O LORD, you thundered out of heaven; \* O Most High, you uttered your voice.  
15 *You loosed your arrows and scattered them; \* you hurled thunderbolts and routed them.*  
16 The beds of the seas were uncovered, and the foundations of the world laid bare, \*  
at your battle cry, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.  
17 *You reached down from on high and grasped me; \* you drew me out of great waters.*  
18 You delivered me from my strong enemies and from those who hated me; \*  
for they were too mighty for me.  
19 *They confronted me in the day of my disaster; \* but the LORD was my support.*  
20 **You brought me out into an open place; \* you rescued me because you delighted in me.**  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

**First Reading:** [Isaiah 2:12-22](#)

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up and high; against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up; and against all the oaks of Bashan; against all the high mountains, and against all the lofty hills; against every high tower, and against every fortified wall; against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft. The haughtiness of people shall be humbled, and the pride of everyone shall be brought low; and the LORD alone will be exalted on that day. The idols shall utterly pass away. Enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. On that day people will throw away to the moles and to the bats their idols of silver and their idols of gold, which they made for themselves to worship, to enter the caverns of the rocks and the clefts in the crags, from the terror of the LORD, and from the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth. Turn away from mortals, who have only breath in their nostrils, for of what account are they?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle 8: Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13**

*The Song of Moses*

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; \*  
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.  
The Lord is my strength and my refuge;\* the Lord has become my Savior.  
This is my God and I will praise him, \* the God of my people and I will exalt him.  
The Lord is a mighty warrior; \* Yahweh is his Name.  
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; \*  
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.  
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them;\* they sank into the depths like a stone.  
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; \*  
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.  
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? \*  
who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
You stretched forth your right hand; \* the earth swallowed them up.  
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; \*  
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.  
You will bring them in and plant them \* on the mount of your possession,  
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, \*  
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.  
The Lord shall reign \* for ever and for ever.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians.

*Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we decided to be left alone in Athens; and we sent Timothy, our brother and co-worker for God in proclaiming the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the sake of your faith, so that no one would be shaken by these persecutions. Indeed, you yourselves know that this is what we are destined for. In fact, when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were to suffer persecution; so it turned out, as you know. For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith; I was afraid that somehow the tempter had tempted you and that our labor had been in vain.*

*But Timothy has just now come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love. He has told us also that you always remember us kindly and long to see us—just as we long to see you. For this reason, brothers and sisters, during all our distress and persecution we have been encouraged about you through your faith. For we now live, if you continue to stand firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.*

*Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

***Canticle 19: Revelation 15:3-4***

*A Song of the Redeemed*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God, great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.

*Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \* O King of all the ages.*

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord, and sing the praises of your Name? \*  
for you only are the Holy One.

*All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \*  
because your just and holy works have been revealed.*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People*

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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 for ever. Amen.

### *The Suffrages*

*The officiant recites the versicle (V), the people respond (R)*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### *Collect for the Day: For Persons with HIV/AIDS (by Stephen Helreich)*

O Lord Jesus, Healer of our every ill, during your ministry you cured those who suffered from both the disease and the stigma of leprosy. Now we confront the global epidemic of HIV/AIDS. Today, as before, support and heal all people living with the disease, comfort those who have lost friends or lovers, strengthen and encourage families, caregivers and activists in their daily tasks, guide doctors and researchers on their quest, lead politicians and governments to policies of compassion, and enlighten those whose hearts are filled with prejudice, hate, and error. **Amen.**

### *Collect for Social Justice*

*Almighty God, who created us in your image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

### *Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving*

*Please add your own intercessions, supplications and thanksgivings here. This may include prayers from the previous Sunday bulletin.*

### *Collect for the Mission of the Church*

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. **Amen.**

### *The General Thanksgiving*

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.****

### *A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

*Reader* Let us bless the Lord.

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

*Officiant:*

God's blessing be with us,  
Christ's peace be with us,  
the Spirit's outpouring be with us,  
now and always. **Amen.**

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## Equalize - World AIDS Day 2022

The inequalities which perpetuate the AIDS pandemic are not inevitable; we can tackle them. This World AIDS Day, 1 December, UNAIDS is urging each of us to address the inequalities which are holding back progress in ending AIDS. The “Equalize” slogan is a call to action. It is a prompt for all of us to work for the proven practical actions needed to address inequalities and help end AIDS. These include:

- Increase availability, quality and suitability of services, for HIV treatment, testing and prevention, so that everyone is well-served.
- Reform laws, policies and practices to tackle the stigma and exclusion faced by people living with HIV and by key and marginalised populations, so that everyone is shown respect and is welcomed.
- Ensure the sharing of technology to enable equal access to the best HIV science, between communities and between the Global South and North.
- Communities will be able to make use of and adapt the “Equalize” message to highlight the particular inequalities they face and to press for the actions needed to address them.

Data from UNAIDS on the global HIV response reveals that during the last two years of COVID-19 and other global crises, progress against the HIV pandemic has faltered, resources have shrunk, and millions of lives are at risk as a result. Four decades into the HIV response, inequalities still persist for the most basic services like testing, treatment, and condoms, and even more so for new technologies.

Young women in Africa remain disproportionately affected by HIV, while coverage of dedicated programmes for them remains too low. In 19 high-burden countries in Africa, dedicated

combination prevention programmes for adolescent girls and young women are operating in only 40% of the high HIV incidence locations.

Only a third of people in key populations— including gay men and other men who have sex with men, transgender people, people who use drugs, sex workers, and prisoners—have regular prevention access. Key populations face major legal barriers including criminalisation, discrimination and stigma.

We have only eight years left before the 2030 goal of ending AIDS as a global health threat. Economic, social, cultural and legal inequalities must be addressed as a matter of urgency. In a pandemic, inequalities exacerbate the dangers for everyone. Indeed, the end of AIDS can only be achieved if we tackle the inequalities which drive it. World leaders need to act with bold and accountable leadership. And all of us, everywhere, must do all we can to help tackle inequalities too.

“We can end AIDS – if we end the inequalities which perpetuate it. This World AIDS Day we need everyone to get involved in sharing the message that we will all benefit when we tackle inequalities,” says UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima. “To keep everyone safe, to protect everyone’s health, we need to Equalize.”

Source: <https://www.unaids.org/en/2022-world-aids-day>