A SERVICE OF

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2026 ◆ 10:00 A.M.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Welcome to St. Aidan's! Whether you are a visitor or long-time worshiper, we are glad you joined us today. Our service follows this bulletin and the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP);** hymns are in the blue **Hymnal 1982** and the black and red **Lift Every Voice & Sing (LEVAS).**

During the service, the congregation stands for the processions and to sing hymns; the congregation remains seated for the Lessons and the Carols sung by the choir.

*** NOTICE ***

This service is live-streamed, and recordings are posted online.

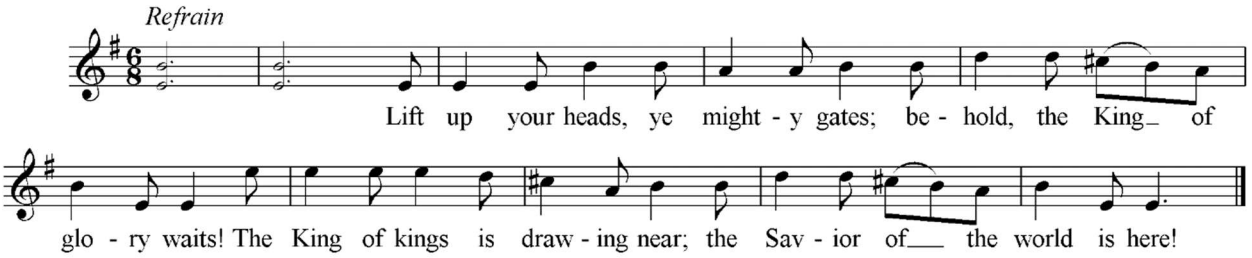
THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Voluntary: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* Johann Sebastian Bach

Trey Clegg, Organ

Choral Introit: *Christ is Coming* Music and Text: Edward Bonnemere

The Processional: "*Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates*" (*Refrain by choir, then by all; verses by choir)*



Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple set apart from earthly use for heav'ns employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy. ***Refrain***

Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; from us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love to us reveal. ***Refrain***

Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name! ***Refrain***

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appear. ***Refrain***

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. ***Refrain***

Music: Traditional Irish Tune, arranged by Mark Schweitzer
Text: Catherine Winkworth and John Mason Neale

A Bidding Prayer (BOS 22)

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

The Lord's Prayer (BOS 23)

The First Lesson **Genesis 3:1-22**

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, `You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, `You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.
I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

To the woman he said,

"I will greatly increase your pangs in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children,
yet your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you."

And to the man he said,

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife,
and have eaten of the tree
about which I commanded you,
`You shall not eat of it,'
cursed is the ground because of you;
in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;
thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.
By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread
until you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
you are dust,
and to dust you shall return."

The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them. Then the Lord God said, "See, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever."

Carol: "*Adam lay ybounden"* Music: Peter Warlock
Text: 15th Century

Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took,
as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, the apple taken been,
ne had never our lady abeen heaven queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was.
Therefore we mourn singen: Deo gracias!

The Second Lesson **Isaiah 40:1-11**

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."
A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Carol: "*And the glory of the Lord"* (from MESSIAH) Music: George Frideric Handel
Text: Isaiah 40:5

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together;
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Hymn #65: "*Prepare the way, O Zion*" The Hymnal 1982

Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story,
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

Fling wide your gates, your Savior's rule embrace.
His tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him.
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.

The Third Lesson **Isaiah 35:1-10**

The wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus 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.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
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."
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
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;
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.
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.
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.
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.

Carol: *"He shall feed His flock"* (from MESSIAH) Music: George Frideric Handel
Text: Isaiah 35: 5-6

L'Shauntée Robertson, Contralto
Leslie Hamilton Thomas, Soprano

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:
And he shall gather the lambs with his arm,
and carry them in His bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

Come unto Him, all ye that labor.
Come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.
Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him;
For He is meek and lowly of heart:
And ye shall find rest unto your souls.

The Fifth Lesson **Micah 5:2-4**

The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.

But 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.

Sequence Hymn: Hymn #66 *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"(vs. 1-3)* The Hymnal 1982

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art:
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

† The Holy Gospel † **Luke 1:26-38**

Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Sequence Hymn: Hymn #66 *"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" (vs. 4)* The Hymnal 1982

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

The Collect of the Day **BCP 211**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Peace BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory: *"Arise, Your Light Has Come"* Music and Text: David Danner

Awake, my spirit, Awake lute and harp;
I will awake at the dawn of day. Arise,
I will confess You, O Lord among the nations.
I will raise a psalm to You, for Your love, is wide as the heavens,
And Your truth reaches to the skies!

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the hieghts are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem at last.

Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Come forth you maidens! Night is past.

The bridegroom comes, awake; Your lamps with gladness take!"
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

Now let all the heavens adore you,
And saints and angels sing before You.
The harps and cymbals all unite.

Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal
We gather around Your dazzling light.
No eye has seen nor ear has yet been trained to hear.
What joy is ours!
Crescendos rise; Your halls resound Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

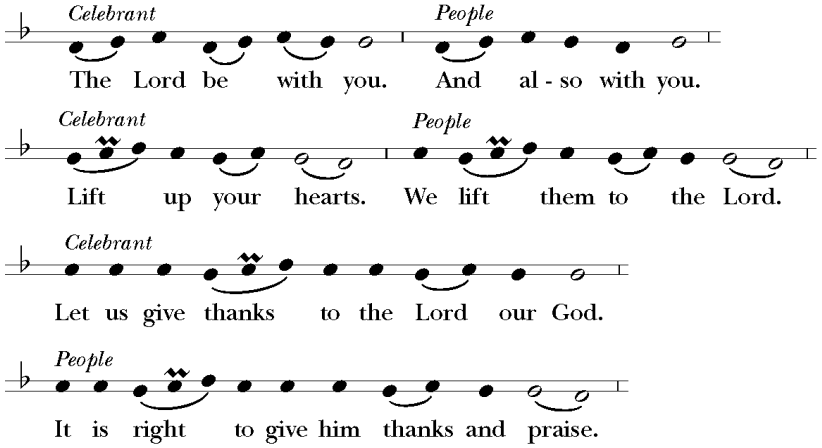
Arise, O Jerusalem! Arise clothed in light!
Your light has come, and the glory of God upon your hearts will shine.
Alleluia!

Presentation Hymn #380 *"From all that dwell below the skies" (vs.3)* The Hymnal 1982

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

Sursum Corda S 120



Sanctus and Benedictus S 128 *"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"* BCP 362

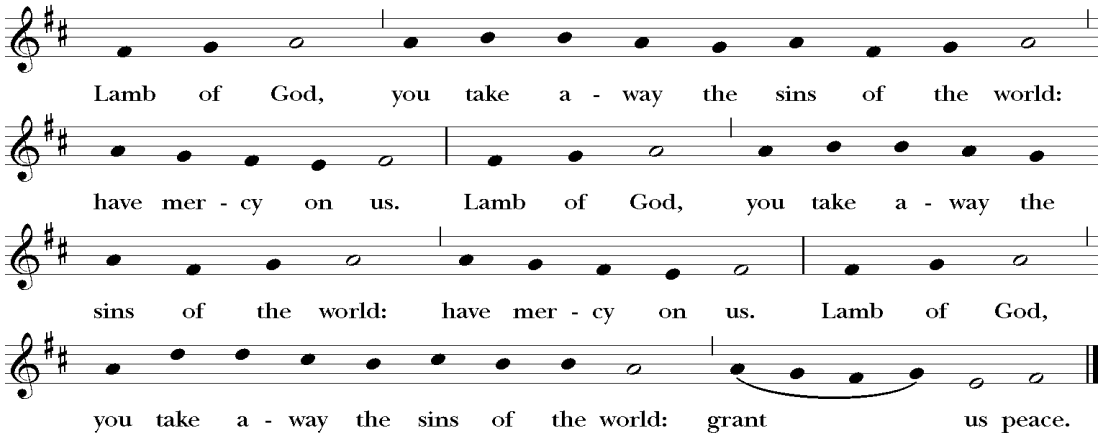
Memorial Acclamation BCP 363

The Great Amen (*spoken by all*) BCP 363

The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*) **LEVAS #264**

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Fraction Anthem S 161 *"Lamb of God" (sung by all)* The Hymnal 1982



Communion Music:

"Mary Did You Know?" Music and Text: Buddy Greene

Lauren Desrosiers, Soprano
Trey Clegg, Baritone

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?
And when you kissed your little baby, you've kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?
Did you know that your baby boy was Heaven's perfect Lamb,
and the sleeping Child you're holding is the great I AM?

"O Come, Emmanuel" Music and Text: 15th Century
Arranged by: Alice Parker

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 Dayspring, come and cheer, our spirits by Thine Advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
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.

The Post-Communion Prayer BCP 365

An Advent Blessing (BOS 10)

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. ***Amen.***

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. ***Amen.***

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen.***

The Retiring Processional: Hymn #74: *"Blest be the King whose coming"* The Hymnal 1982

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against Him barred!
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes He;
but clad as are the poorest, such His humility!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
By those who truly listen His voice is truly heard; pity the proud and haughty,
who have not learned to heed the Christ who is the Promise,
who has atonement made.

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He only to the humble reveals the face of God.
All power is His, all glory! All things are in His hand,
all ages and all peoples, till time itself shall end!

Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!
He offers to the burdened the rest and grace they need.
Gentle is He and humble! And light His yoke shall be,
for He would have us bear it so He can make us free!

The Dismissal BCP 366

Closing Voluntary: *Toccata on Veni Emmanuel* Andrew Carter

Please join us in Burtenshaw Hall after the service for a Light Reception!

♫ ***Welcome and Thank you to our Guest Musicians!*** ♫

Kylan Bibgy, Percussion
Lauren Desrosiers, Soprano Soloist
L'Shauntée Robertson, Contralto Soloist
Leslie Hamilton Thomas, Soprano Soloist

Members of The Trey Clegg Singers

♫ ***Special Thanks to*** ♫
Dr. Norma Raybon and the St. Aidan's Parish Choir

† CHRISTIAN FORMATION †

Children's Chapel every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Children will join the Congregation during The Peace.

The Gift of Years
Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)

Heroes & Heroines of Faith
Ordinary People Called to Do Extraordinary Things
Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Lower Level)
Led by Jo Woodard and Kay Towner Stallé

A Study of the Lectionary
Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)

Bible Study
Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Burtenshaw Hall Library)

Children's Bulletins & Crayons
Children's bulletins and crayons are available in the back of the nave.

☼ **Flower Guild Advent Wreath Sale** ☼
TODAY, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

† Evening Prayer †
Monday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Please join us to celebrate *Saint Andrew The Apostle.*

Confession & Spiritual Direction
Wednesdays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Pastoral Care
If you have any Pastoral Care concerns, please let us know using the cards in the Narthex or contact Father Reggie (fr.reginald@staidans.org).

We pray blessings on those celebrating their birthday this week, including:
Steve Burns, Michael Berry, and Colin Hennessy

We pray blessings on those celebrating their anniversary this week, including:
Jenna & Trent Samples

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Events

ADVENT STUDY AND SOUP LUNCH
Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., starting December 2 (Burtenshaw Hall)
Join us for a soul-nourishing lunch with homemade soup and
an enriching study of *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent,* by Amy Jill Levine.
Book available on Amazon.com at *https://a.co/d/01j0hrfa.*

♫ **ST. AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS CAROLING** ♫
Saturday, December 5, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
We will visit Arbor Terrace at 1:00 p.m.,
Mayfield Oaks at 2:30 p.m., and Cottonwood Estates at 4:00 p.m.
For more information, please contact
Keith Richards (631. 834.4061 or *golfpawkr@aol.com*)

♫ **ST. AIDAN'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT** ♫
♫ **HANDEL'S MESSIAH** ♫
Sunday, December 6, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Featuring The Trey Clegg Chamber Singers and The St. Aidan's Choir,
with Orchestra Symphoria Atlanta
Tickets available in the Narthex or via the link at *www.staidans.org.*

☼ **HOLLY DAYS CRAFT FAIR** ☼
Saturday, December 12, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
For more information, please contact *Ida Parker* (910.660.1047).

† CHRISTMAS EVE †
† THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST †
Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. – Children's Christmas Pageant (Holy Eucharist Rite II)

8:00 p.m. – Christmas I (Holy Eucharist Rite II)

11:00 p.m. – Christmas II (Holy Eucharist Rite II)

† CHRISTMAS DAY †
† THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST †
Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. – Christmas III (Holy Eucharist Rite II)

† Jesus, the Christ, Head of the Church †

The Right Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta
The Rev. W. Reginald Simmons, Rector
Thomas G. Reynolds IV, Lay Worship Leader
Trey Clegg, Director of Music
Anita Hilbun, Parish Administrator & Director of Communications
Dr. Norma Raybon, Choral Director
Glenda Gray, Directors of Choristers
Leanne Klimavicius, Director of St. Aidan's Preschool

Vestry

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