

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

All Saints Parish

December 21, 2025 10:30am Hybrid Service

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The Liturgy of the Word

Introit Prepare Ye (Sing twice. First time cantor or choir, second time all)

Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord.

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Words & Music: Stephen Schwartz

Welcome The Venerable Jennifer McKenzie

An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
“Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 1:20

Celebrant

On this fourth Sunday of Advent we remember God’s promise fulfilled in surprising ways.

Through the prophets, God promised a Messiah.

Through Mary and Joseph, God entered fully into human life.

In the birth of Jesus, God chose vulnerability over power and closeness over distance.

The promise of Emmanuel - God with us - was made flesh.

Today we relight the candles on our Advent wreath. (The first, second and third candles are relit) Their light reminds us that God has not abandoned the world, but meets us in courage, trust and love. (The fourth candle is lit) The flame of this fourth candle proclaims God’s faithfulness and strengthens us to live as people of promise.

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

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 7:10-16

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

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

Response At the beginning of the psalm, the cantor will sing the Response once; the congregation joins in the second time. The Lector will read the verses of the psalm; please sing Responses where indicated.

*The Response is verse 18; that verse will be sung as the Response at the end of the Psalm.



Re-store us, O God of hosts; show the light of your coun- te-nance and we — shall be saved.

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us. **Response**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn. **Response**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your Name. **Response**

The Epistle

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans 1:1-7

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

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord *Thanks be to God*

*****Sunday School Time! *****

Gradual Hymn Canticle 15 - The Song of Mary

Antiphon
Unison or harmony



1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness
of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

Cantor

1 From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

2 He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. *Antiphon*

(continued on following page)

- 3 He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 4 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly. *Antiphon*
- 5 He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 6 He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 7 The promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever. *Antiphon*

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. *Antiphon*

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As you are able, please stand, or adopt a posture of reverent prayer

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 1:18-25

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

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

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

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon The Rev. Chip Tucker

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory Gentle Joseph, Joseph dear

1. "Gen - tle Jo - seph, Jo - seph dear, stay with me, for the
2. "Glad - ly Mar - y, Mar - y mine, I will cra - dle the
3. "Peace to all and God's good - will," heav'n and earth with this

4
ba - by's near; God will sure - ly your good - ness hear, as
child di - vine; Here will heav - en and earth com - bine, for
7
song will fill; Soon will God, in the eve - ning still, be

you will love this new - born child," say Mar - y.
you will bear God's child, O dear - est Mar - y."
born in Beth - le - hem, the child of Mar - y.

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As the gifts of bread, wine and money are carried forward to the altar, the congregation stands.

The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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 God thanks and praise.

Then the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might Heav - en and earth are

2
full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the high - est.

4
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for wa - ter, man - y still thirst.

9
Make us your bread, — bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed. _____

17
Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. shine through the dark - ness. Christ be our light!

28
Shine in your Church gath - ered to - day. _____

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

These are the gifts of God and we are the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated. If you wish to accept the invitation to communion, the ushers will direct you to the altar rail.

COMMUNION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion here.

Please note that the wine we use in communion contains alcohol. If you prefer, you are welcome to receive communion in one kind – that is, bread only. There are also gluten-free wafers available upon request. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of communion, please indicate by folding your arms across your chest.

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people, saying:

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.]

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

Communion Hymn O God, unseen yet ever near



1 O God, un - seen yet ev - er near, thy pres - ence may we feel;
2 Here may thy faith - ful peo - ple know the bless - ings of thy love,
3 We come, o - be - dient to thy word, to feast on heaven - ly food:
4 Thus may we all thy word o - bey, for we, O God, are thine;



and thus in - spired with ho - ly fear, be - fore thine al - tar kneel.
the streams that through the des - ert flow, the man - na from a - bove.
our meat the Bo - dy of the Lord, our drink his pre - cious Blood.
and go re - joic - ing on our way, re - newed with strength di - vine.

Words: Edward Osler Music: St Flavian from Day's Psalte

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray

As you are able, please stand or adopt a posture of reverent prayer

Celebrant 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

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*

Sending Hymn People look East



1. Peo - ple look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of ___ the year. Make your house
2. Fur - rows be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant ed there: give up your
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. E - ven the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be -
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life ___ to earth. Set ev - ery



5 fair as you are ab - le, trim ___ the hearth and set ___ the tab - le, Peo - ple look
strength the seed to nour - ish, that ___ in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple look
hour when wings are fro - zen God ___ for fledg - ing time has cho - sen. Peo - ple look
yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun ___ and moon to - geth - er, Peo - ple look
9 peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple look

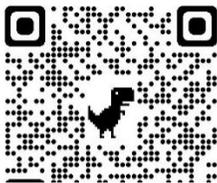


East and sing to - day: Love, the guest is on ___ the way.
East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on ___ the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the bird is on ___ the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the star is on ___ the way.
East and sing to - day: Love, the Lord is on ___ the way.

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Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.





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If you are new to All Saints, welcome! We're glad you're here!

Please fill out a leaflet found on the back of the pew and place it in the Offering plate, or hand it to an usher

Ushers 8am: Mary Ballard, Julie Schardt, Nate Pope, Abigail Peterson

10:30am: Katlin Bagdovitz, Valentine Garcia, Matt Schatz, Charles Sadler

Worship Leaders 8am: Sarah Kinch & Lloyd Kinch **10:30am:** Mary Benson, Malane Silver & Cheryl Thompson

During the 10:30 service a staffed Nursery for young children is available in the Parish Hall.

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