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Sunday, December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m.



Weekly Services:

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II with choir (Godly Play for ages 3–9 in Rm. B-1)
Sábado, 7:00 p.m.	Santa Eucaristía Rito II, en español

Staff

Church office hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Friday.

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Information For Our First-Time Guests

We invite you to fill out a Welcome Card in the pew rack in front of you or on the podium in the Narthex. Please place the completed card in the offertory plate or give it to an usher.

Children are welcome to stay with parents in the Sanctuary or they may head downstairs for Godly Play after the reading of the Collect. For your convenience, there are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary to soothe the little ones and worship bags with quiet activities in the Narthex.

We invite you to share in Holy Communion. To receive, come forward and kneel/stand at an open space on the altar rail. Both bread (gluten free available on request) and wine (either sip from the chalice or allow the chalice-bearer to intinct) will be offered. If you don't wish to receive, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that by placing your arms across your chest.

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

arr. Martha S. Kelsey

Opening Hymn (66)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Opening Acclamations (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion (S100)

Holy God

David Hurd

Opening Collect (BCP 212) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: 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 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 (Luke 1:46-55)

Robert Knox Kennedy

Move to the next note of the chant on the underlined text.



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.

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.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (249)

To the Name of Our Salvation

Grafton

A Reading from Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

People: Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Edward M. Hasse, III

The Nicene Creed (BCP 358)

People:

We believe in one God,
the Father 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.

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

The Prayers of the People, Form II (BCP 385)

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people Pray for the church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the families of the departed. Pray for the families of who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin (BCP 360)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution (BCP 360)

Celebrant: 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.

Please stand.

The Peace (BCP 360)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Welcome/Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Offering

Choral Anthem

Magnificat

Roland E. Martin

(If you would like to reflect on the text while you listen, it can be found in Canticle 15, BCP pg. 91).

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea-tures here _____ be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:
praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - joice! Re - joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer D (BCP 372)

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus (S124)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

David Hurd

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you,
 we give thanks to you,
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Timothy and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.

We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

**All: 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. And 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and
 ever. Amen.**

Fraction Anthem (S154)

Christ our Passover

David Hurd

The Invitation (BCP 364)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Administration of Communion

Communion Hymn (60)

Creator of the Stars of Night

Conditor alme siderum

Postcommunion Prayer (BCP 365)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Blessing

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

Closing Hymn (56 v 5-8)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Dismissal (BCP 366)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

In dulci jubilo
(Good Christian Friends, Rejoice)

J. S. Bach

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PRAYER LIST

(Please email careteam@saint-timothys.org with any prayer concerns.)

Rest of the Soul: Shannon Dailey (Ted & Chrissa Mankin's sister-in-law)

Health: Mark Thompson, Florita Tildon, Laura Ferguson, Jack Hamm (Andrew Hamm's brother, heart surgery), Norma Fernandez (stroke)

Long Term: Sid, Maryanne, Chris W., Donna W., Chris, Chuck and Peggy, Christine Y., Sarah (recovering from brain surgery), Brad Rundlett, Catherine Hutcheon (Long Covid), David & Mabel Tettyfio (stroke, arthritis, hip pain), Brian Law, Jane Perry, Caroline Arlington (stroke), AG Miamée (Parkinson's disease & Alzheimers), Jerry Vandenberg, Fred McBride, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression)

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, December 24

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up - Music Room
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary/Livestream
5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service – Eucharist w/Pageant
6:00 PM Donuts and Cider - Henry Hall
7:30 PM Christmas Eve Service – Festival Eucharist w/Choir
with pre-service music at 7:15 PM
7:30 PM Serenity Seekers Al Anon - Virtual

Monday, December 25 - Office Closed

8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

Tuesday, December 26 - Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27 - Office Closed

7:30 PM SA Meeting
8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

Thursday, December 28 - Office Closed

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

Friday, December 29 - Office Closed

10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA

Saturday, December 30

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up - Sanctuary
7:00 PM Rite II Santa Eucarista - Sanctuary

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Family Service – December 24th at 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist – December 24th at 7:30 PM
Lessons and Carols – December 31st at 10:00 AM

POINSETTIA FLOWERS

Thank you for all who contributed to beautify the sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. Please feel free to come to the church after the January 7th service to pick up your plant.

2024 VESTRY ELECTIONS

In January we will be electing 3 new vestry members and 1 alternate. This is a great way to get more involved and help our church! Each vestry member is a liaison to a ministry and the vestry meets once a month. Questions? Please ask any of our current vestry members and they will be glad to fill you in on anything or email vestry@saint-timothys.org.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Year's. If you have an urgent matter, please email the church office at office@saint-timothys.org and someone will get back to you.

