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Sunday, December 3, 2023

First 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

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HOLY EUCHARIST

The Word of God

Prelude

Veni Emmanuel
At the tolling of the bell, all stand.

arr. August Mackelberghe

Opening Hymn (57)

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Helmsley

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 211) - *Children may head downstairs after this reading.*

Celebrant: 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 Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden

your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Robert Knox Kennedy

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



- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my

God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn (51)

We the Lord's People

Decatur Place

Holy Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Charles R. Cowherd

Please stand as you are able.

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

Lord, Before This Fleeting Season

Libby Larsen

Lord, before this fleeting season is upon us,
Let me remember to walk slowly.
Lord, bless my heart with love and with quiet.
Give my heart a leaning to hear carols.
Grace our family with contentment,
And the peace that comes only from You.
Lord, help us to do less this busy season;
Go less; stay closer to home; kneel more.
May our hearts be Your heart.
May we simply, peacefully, celebrate You.

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: 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. 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 (53)

Once He Came in Blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

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

Closing Hymn (WLP 721)

Signs of Ending All Around Us

Ton-y-Botel

Dismissal (BCP 366)

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

arr. Robert Hobby

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PRAYER LIST

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

Rest of the Soul: John Rognlie (son-in-law of Nora St. Arnold), David Hixon

Health: Nelson Perez Jr. (grief), George Wiggin

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 Miamee (Parkinson's disease & Alzheimers), Jerry Vandenberg, Fred McBride, Shannon Dailey (Ted Mankin's sister-in-law)

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS – December 3rd at 5 PM

Come hear the lessons of Advent and listen to the St. Timothy's choir sing your favorite Advent hymns and anthems in a combined choir from three area churches. This event will be held at the Church of the Holy Cross at 2455 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA. Hope to see you there!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – December 6th

St. Timothy's will be hosting its bimonthly Red Cross Blood Drive on December 6th from 10-3:30 pm in Henry Hall. Go to redcrossblood.org to learn more.

THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

Sunday, December 3

8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary
9:00 AM Adult Forum - Gospel of Mark, part 1
9:15 AM Adult Choir Warm-up - Music Room
10:00 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist - Sanctuary/Livestream
5:00 PM Advent Lessons & Carols - Church of the Holy Cross
7:30 PM Serenity Seekers Al Anon - Virtual

Monday, December 4

12:15 PM Step Into Recovery - AA
4:00 PM DanceWorx - Narthex
7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal - Music Room
7:00 PM Hope For Today Al Anon
8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

Tuesday, December 5

4:00 PM DanceWorx

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive
12:00 PM Advent Healing Eucharist
1:00 PM Shawl Ministry Meeting - Narthex
4:00 PM Community Engagement - Kitchen
4:00 PM DanceWorx - Narthex
7:30 PM Latino Ministry Prayer - Offsite
7:30 PM SA Meeting
8:00 PM New Hopefuls AA

Thursday, December 7

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Friday, December 8

10:00 AM Friday Gratitude AA

Saturday, December 9

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

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

Thanks to all those who have pledged already for 2024. As of 11/28, we have received 109 pledges for \$459,729. This includes 19 new pledges along with 90 returning pledges. Last year, we ended the campaign with 109 pledges and our goal for this year is around 120 and \$500,000!

Please do return your pledge card, either in person or email to office@saint-timothys.org.

WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST - (12/6, 12/13, 12/20).

We have begun our Advent Wednesday Healing Eucharists at 12 pm in the Sanctuary. Come celebrate this liturgical season with a moment of meditation and prayer amidst the busy month of December. This year, we will focus on the Old Testament lesson with contemplative homily and visual image projected beyond the half-wall. Please write to priest@saint-timothys.org with any questions and to get involved!

LAST WEEK FOR ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

All donations for the Angel Tree program are due by Sunday, December 3rd. As you've heard over the past weeks, Service Ministry partners with Cornerstones Gifts for Kids Program to make the holidays special for children in need in our community. Families will receive gift cards in early December so that they may shop for their children. We will also be supporting five senior citizens with gift cards (new this year). We ask for a financial donation to the [Service Ministry Fund](#). We will purchase the requested gift cards from various vendors and deliver them directly to Cornerstones. Your donation will appear on your giving statement. Ways to give:

- by credit card from the church website **St. Timothy's Credit Card Giving**, selecting the Service Fund from the drop down box;
- by **check made out to St. Timothy's with Service Fund on the memo line**, placed in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

Contributions are appreciated by December 3rd. The need is great, so please, consider *putting your faith to work* by supporting our youngest and oldest neighbors through the Angel Tree project. Questions? Contact Carolyn Hamm at **service@saint-timothys.org**.

CHRISTMAS REVELS – December 15th at 6 PM

On **Friday, December 15th**, please join your church family for an informal evening of fellowship, entertainment and s'mores around a warm crackling bonfire. **This year's Revels will take place at our "new" firepit down in the Chapel Garden area.** The evening will comprise entertainment provided by yourselves, whatever the spirit moves you to do, or feel free just to come, watch and provide encouragement and applause. Please consider contributing something, such as a song, a poem, a reading, a joke, or a skit. If you have a contribution, please let Joe Weeden (**joeweeden99@yahoo.co.uk**) know in advance. Please don't be shy! The evening will start at 6 pm and will be outdoors. If it is raining, we will move indoors.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Would you like to donate for a poinsettia plant to be displayed in our sanctuary during our Christmas services? **If you wish, you may dedicate the plant to a friend or loved one.** Please contact the church at **office@saint-timothys.org** by **December 18th** with your special dedication. **Mark your check, "Poinsettia".**

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 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.