



Sunday, December 15, 2024

*Third Sunday of Advent*

10 am



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### Weekly Services

Sunday, 8:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I, spoken
Sunday, 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir (Godly Play for ages 3–8, Sunday School for ages 9-12)
Sábado, 7:00 pm	La Santa Misa, en español

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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 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 and wine will be offered (or a rice wafer/separate chalice for those allergic to wheat/ gluten intolerant). If you do not wish to receive communion, 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

*Trumpet Dialogue*

Alfred Fedak

*At the tolling of the bell, all stand*

### Opening Hymn (59)

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding*

Merton

### Opening Acclamation (BCP 355)

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 (S 100)

*Holy God*

David Hurd

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

Celebrant: Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A Reading from Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Canticle 9/Isaiah 12:2-6

Robert Knox Kennedy

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



Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.

|| Cry aloud inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**A Reading from Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn (481)**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

Gopsal

**Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18**

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 I (BCP 383)**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this town of Herndon, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Timothy and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To you, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*Celebrant will add 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 and forgive 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 and Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

### The Offering

## Choral Anthem

*“Advent Message”*

Martin How

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

O come quickly,

Come, Lord Jesus.

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,

Prepare ye the way of the Lord,

Make straight in the desert,

A highway for our God.

Yea, come quickly,

Come, Lord, Come,

Amen.

*Please stand as able.*

## Presentation Hymn

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Veni Emmanuel

The musical score 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! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!"

## 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 (S 124)

*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.

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 (S 154)**

*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 (640)**

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

Aberystwyth

*Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

**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 this 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 (76)**

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Winchester New

**Dismissal (BCP 366)**

**Celebrant:**    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

**Postlude**

*People, Look East!*

arr. Kristina Langlois

## PRAYER LIST:

*(Please email [careteam@saint-timothys.org](mailto:careteam@saint-timothys.org) with any prayer concerns.)*

**Health:** Eric Barr (hip replacement), Julia & Jay Gartrell, Geoff Bloomfield (car accident), Katherine (pain), Valerie R., Dick Joyce, Beth Hwoshinsky

**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, Jerry Vandenberg, Chris Connelly (Barb Kimmel's brother, severe depression), Barb Benson (friend of Bob Kimmel, Parkinson's), Susan Kruchten, Elizabeth Martinson, Ted Grivetti, Will LaWalt, Cecelia Kimble (Shon Beury's mother), David Caines (cancer)

## THIS WEEK at ST. TIMOTHY'S

### Sunday, December 15

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

### Monday, December 16

12:15 PM Step Into Recovery AA

7:00 PM Hope For Today AI Anon

8:30 PM Monday Night Milkshake Group AA

### Tuesday, December 17

9:15 AM Staff Meeting – Conference Room

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

6:30 PM Scouts Troop 159

7:00 PM Vestry Meeting - Narthex

### Wednesday, December 18

12:15 PM Advent Healing Eucharist – Sanctuary

4:00 PM DanceWorx – Narthex

7:30 PM SA Meeting

### Thursday, December 19

7:00 PM Debtors Anonymous

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal – Music Room

### Friday, December 20

No Events

### Saturday, December 21

9:00 AM Altar Guild Set-Up – Sanctuary

7:00 PM La Santa Misa – Sanctuary

## WEDNESDAY HEALING EUCHARIST – December 18<sup>th</sup>

Join us for our final Advent Wednesday Healing Eucharists at **12:15 pm in the Sanctuary (please note the adjusted time)**. Come celebrate this liturgical season with a moment of meditation and prayer amidst the busy month of December.

## ANGEL TREE PART II – Collecting Hats, Scarves and Gloves

This week our Service Ministry team will be out purchasing gift cards for the 32 children and four senior citizens. If you happen to be out shopping, please consider purchasing a warm hat, a pair of water-resilient gloves or a warm scarf and place it in the bin near the Christmas Tree in Henry Hall. We will take **NEW items only**, for children of all ages and adult men and women. **Donations will be accepted through December 30<sup>th</sup>**, then delivered to the Embry Rucker Shelter and the Hypothermia Shelter. Thank you for *putting your faith to work* to keep our neighbors warm during this exceptionally cold winter weather.

## **MINISTRY LEADERS:**

Please submit any outstanding vouchers for 2024 to the church office by **December 19<sup>th</sup>**. This is important because it allows our bookkeeper to close the books out for this year!

## **HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!**

Come All Ye Parishioners: Everyone is invited to help decorate the sanctuary after the **10 a.m. service on December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Poinsettia's need to be bagged, candles and sconces need to be placed on the wall, the creche needs to be displayed, and countless other decorating needs to be done in time for Christmas Eve. Lunch will be served for those helping.

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

Poinsettia dedications should be to the church office by Monday, **December 16<sup>th</sup>**. You may call or email your dedication at [office@saint-timothys.org](mailto:office@saint-timothys.org). **If paying by check, note "Poinsettia" in the memo.** You may also make your donation and dedication through the St. Timothy's website giving portal, selecting "Christmas Flowers" from the drop down.

## **2025 VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTIONS**

**In January we will be electing 4 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 a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee which, per our Bylaws, consists of Carolyn Hamm, Betsy Bosworth, Maria LaWalt and Kristie Rudolph (departing vestry members), as well as Dave Dopsovich and Tom Davis (non-vestry members).

## **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Advent/Christmas Hymn Festival – December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM.** Music by Michael Burkhardt, readings from the writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

**Christmas Eve Family Service - December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.** No-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for kids, families, and all ages. Kids come at 4:30 – 4:45 pm to pick out costumes in Henry Hall.

**Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist - December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM.** Special choral, handbell, and instrumental music at 7:15 pm.

**Lessons & Carols - December 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM.** All the Carols you missed in the holiday rush!