

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 30, 2025
8:00 AM (spoken) 10:15 AM (with music)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II



All Saints Episcopal Church
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*The ringing of the bell signals that our worship is about to begin.
Please stand as you are able.*

Opening Hymn: #66 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Stuttgart

Welcome

Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

FIRST SUNDAY - Hope for God's Presence

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

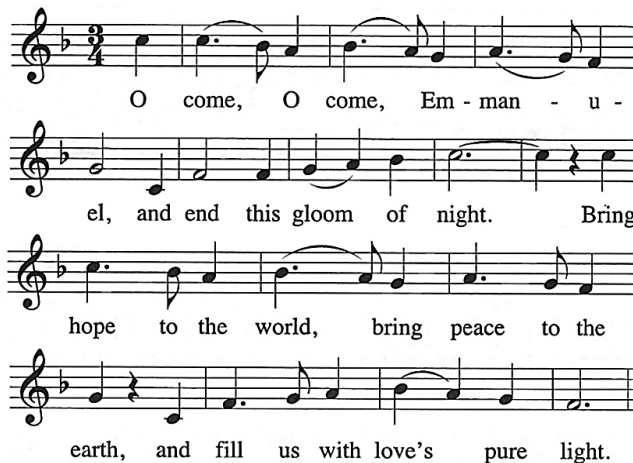
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Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God's promises give us reason to be filled with hope – hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

“Gesù Bambino”
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY



Wreath Prayer

Gracious God, as we begin our Advent journey we thank you for the gift of your Son, and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear, and remind us that Christ is our light and the true source of hope. Amen.

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The Collect of the Day

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*

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5)

Mark Durham/ Len Ludovico

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 122. We will read it responsively by half verse.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 Now our feet are standing *

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *

that is at unity with itself;

4 To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the LORD, *

the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *

the thrones of the house of David.

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *

"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *

and quietness within your towers.

8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *

I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *

I will seek to do you good."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (13:11-14)

Mark Durham/Jeremy Lees

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and

licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: #73 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (vs. 1-3) *St. Stephen*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (24:36-44)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Repeat the Gradual: “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (vs. 4-5)

Sermon

The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

Kindred in Christ, may God strengthen our hearts in holiness. Trusting in God, let us pray, “O come, o come, Emmanuel; be our hope and our salvation.”

God our hope, increase in us love for one another that we may abound in your love.

Keep your Church on the path of love and faithfulness. O come, o come, Emmanuel.
Be our hope and our salvation.

God our hope, usher in your reign of justice and righteousness. May all the world know your peace and safety. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, you place signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. Give us the eyes to see you, the wisdom to prepare for you, and the faith to trust you. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, under your reign divisions are overcome, unity restored; bring the people of this town and this country together in a spirit of love and respect. O come, o come Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

We join in thanksgiving with those celebrating birthdays, especially **Susan Rogers**. We join with **Penny & Len Ludovico** who have given the altar flower in celebration of their wedding anniversary. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, remember your compassion and love. Heal and restore the sick and the suffering, the anxious and the grieving. We remember those we hold in our hearts and those on our parish prayer list, especially **James Spencer Burwinkle, Chris K., Katie, Mark Smith, Joan, Greta S., Anita B., Marianne S., Laura R., Iryna Zarutsky, Len, Martha, Sharon Babb, Francis Shaughnessy, Donna, Sabina, Jen, Joyce L., Roseanne & Thomas S., Nancy, Barb, Greg, Laurie, Karen, Sgt. Billy Huether, and Dick**. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

God our hope, keep us blameless before you that we may meet the coming of our Lord Jesus with joy. May we, and all who have died, rise to life immortal with all your saints. O come, o come, Emmanuel. **Be our hope and our salvation.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.
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 and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Please share the peace with those in your pew and a distanced greeting with others.

Offertory Anthem: “People, Look East”

Shephard

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below

Praise God above, ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Agnus Dei #164

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Communion. If you are unable to go to the Altar for Communion, please notify an Usher. Communion will be brought to you. We will receive Communion standing during Advent. Please follow the direction of the ushers. You may receive the host and then choose to either dip the host into the shallow bowl or drink from the chalice.



Communion Hymn: #339 Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

Schmücke dich

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #58 “Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending”

St. Thomas

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

Bach



The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Penny & Len Ludovico.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Verger: Clayton Smith

Chalice: 8:00 – Jim Doran 10:15 – Ted Griffin, Greta Schneider

Acolytes: 8:00 – Dick Hewson 10:15 -

Lectors: 8:00 – Mark Durham 10:15 - Len Ludovico, Jeremy Lees

Organist: John Milas

Altar Guild: Chris Kyse, Lois Eberhart

Hospitality: Liz Manger, Irene Slamka, Janet Buonagura

Announcements

Pledge Status Report: 2025 Pledges total \$175,755.00

2025 Pledges collected as of 11/2/25 \$ 161,745.00

2025 Pledges still outstanding \$ 14,010.00



- 12/3 Parish Tree Lighting & Chili Cook Off @ 5:30 p.m.
- 12/5 Bay Head Christmas Walk/Parish Open House, 6-8 p.m.
- 12/7 Rev. Kathryn's 30th Anniversary Celebration (only one service at 10:15 AM)
- 12/14 Messiah Sing-Along @ 3:30 p.m.
- 12/21 Lessons & Carols, Greening of the Church



Annual All Saints Tree Lighting & Chili Cook Off

Wednesday, December 3rd at 5:30 pm. The event will begin outside with carols and the tree lighting and then move indoors for our Chili Cook-Off! Sign up on the bulletin board to participate.

Do You Have a Great Chili Recipe?

Looking for folks willing to make a big pot of your best! Also looking for folks who like to make cornbread too!



Linda Gyurko is once again taking the lead on organizing this great night! Sign up on the bulletin board if you are planning to compete for 2025 All Saints' Champion. Please call or email Linda if you have questions: landbg@optonline.net or 732-363-9891.

There is also a sign-up list for all planning on attending to help with our preparations for the evening. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

You are Invited
All Saints Open House
Bay Head Christmas Walk

12/5/2025, 6 to 8 p.m.

St. Nicholas displays from St. Nicholas Center
Crafts and Activities, Carol Singing,
Hot Chocolate & Cookies





After consultation with the 8 o'clockers, we will have a **single combined service on Sunday, December 7th** where we will mark the Second Sunday of Advent, the Feast of St. Nicholas and the 30th Anniversary of Kathryn's ordination to the priesthood. The celebration team is planning a light lunch following the service. We hope everyone will be present to join in the celebrations!



St. Gregory's Pantry is holding its annual Christmas Toy Drive! The directors and volunteers at St. Gregory's Pantry are very grateful for all the generous donations from the community to their annual Toyland Gift Drive in the past. We are so pleased to be collecting toys for distribution to children of needy families again this year.

We hope this will be our largest collection of toys ever!

We invite you to purchase toys for boys and girls, from toddlers to teenagers. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Gift cards or movie cards are also appreciated, especially for tweens and teens.

Gifts may be dropped off here at All Saints by December 13th. The McLeer's will bring them to St. Gregory's on Sunday December 14th so that they can be distributed to parents the following week. Please call Debbi Ehrgood (484) 256-0742 if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your generosity and participation.

December St. Gregory's Pantry Needs

Small Canned Ham,
Instant Coffee, Tea,
Instant Oatmeal,



Canned Ground Coffee,
Pancake Mix, Syrup,
& Mustard



Ladies, SHOP & SIP..... The Women's Guild is hosting a community-wide event with J. McLaughlin clothing store in Bay Head on Saturday, **December 13th from 1-4PM**. Sparkling holiday clothing, scarves, many gift items under \$100, men's – something for everyone on your Christmas list, or for yourself!! 10% of all sales will go to the All Saints Women's Guild ministries. All who visit will be entered in a raffle to win a Jaipur cashmere scarf. Please speak with Hilary Morse or Jo Patrone for more details.

Women's Guild Christmas Party - Tuesday, December 16th

The Women's Guild will hold its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 16th at noon in Bristol Hall. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, entrée, or dessert to share at the luncheon and a \$10 or more donation for the Guild's Tree. There will also be a gift exchange for grab bags with a \$10 limit. All are welcome.



Seeking Eucharistic Ministers - Would you like to serve at the altar and help with distributing the sacrament to your family of faith? We are seeking additional members who feel called to training and service as Eucharistic Ministers. Please speak with Clayton Smith or Rev. King.



Attention All 10:15 Lectors, Acolytes, and Eucharistic Ministers, please use the Sign Up Genius to participate in services. This is a great way for the office to know who will be working at each service. If you do not use a computer or email and wish to serve, please let Robin know which dates, and she will fill it in for you. **There are many slots available in December-January.**



Don't miss your opportunity to dedicate a choir anthem. Speak with John Milas to choose your selection.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Please sign up and take a turn hosting Coffee Hour. Wayne Morse has agreed to take on coordinating this vital welcome ministry. It is very easy, and there is help available in making coffee, putting out food, etc. You provide some snacks and serve as host(s). Great to do as a family or with friends.



Altar Flower Dedications: Everyone is invited to choose a Sunday to provide flowers for our altar, either in celebration of a happy event or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to participate, there is a flower book on the table in the narthex, choose the date you would like and fill in the dedication information requested. The cost for weekly flowers is \$70. If you have a special flower color request, please note this on the information sheet.

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If you would like to make a donation to All Saints Church, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code shown at left.



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Chad Newsome '28 Jane White '27

Vestry

Linda Carduner '26 Michael Ling '26

Hilary Morse '28 Chris Niebling '26

Jo Patrone '27 Clayton Smith '28



IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION: SCAM ALERT - Please remember that neither Kathryn nor anyone at All Saints will ever ask you to purchase gift cards, send money, or make purchases on their behalf via email or text. If you receive such a request, please contact the parish office so we can notify the rest of our parish family.

