ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2026
8:00 AM (spoken) 10:15 AM (with music)
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II



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Prelude

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

Opening Hymn: #61 "Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us" *Wachet Auf*

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.
Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

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

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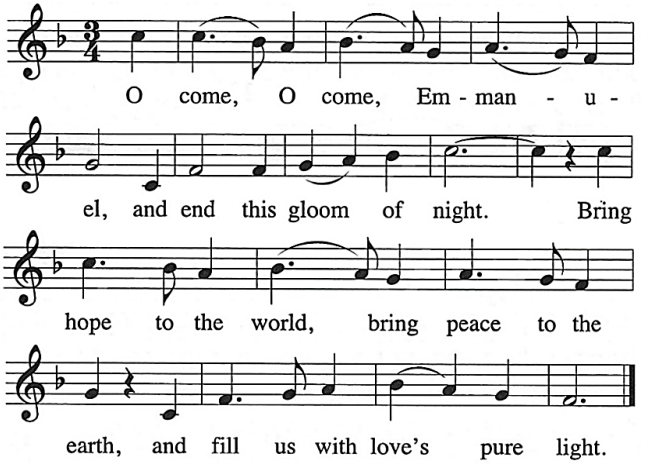
JOEL RANEY



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 (64:1-9) Katharine Benziger/Ada Draesel

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.

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 80. We will read it responsively by half verse.

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 Paul's Letter to the Corinthians (1:3-9) **Katharine Benziger/ Jeremy Lees**

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.

Gradual: "*There Is a Mighty Question*" (vs. 1-3) *back of bulletin*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (13:24-37)
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.

Repeat the Gradual: "*There Is a Mighty Question*" (vs. 4)

Sermon The Rev. Kathryn L. King

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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 flowers 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 **Phyllis, Eloise, Christina R., George, EC Bird, Jen, Laura R., Roseanne S., Nancy, Karen, Barbara, Greta Schneider, Maribeth C., Marianne, Joyce L., Pam C., Don S., Marguerite, Chief Jake Smith, Ray, Sgt. Billy Huether, Pam Franks, Linda R., Lauren, Christopher Snow, Donna Hutcheson, Gail Heyer, Lynn Wiss**. 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.

Absolution

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 #161



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: #60 "Creator of the stars of night" *Conditor Alme Siderum*

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #58 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding" *Merton*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.



Postlude

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 65th wedding anniversary by Penny & Len Ludovico.

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Kathryn L. King

Verger: Clayton Smith

Chalice: 8:00 – Jim Doran 10:15 – Edwin Griffin

Acolytes: 8:00 – Dick Hewson 10:15 –

Advent Wreath Lighters: Roca-Mar Alburqueque-Reid, Luan Alburqueque-Reid, Marea Alburqueque-Reid, Kai Alburqueque-Reid

Lectors: 8:00 – Katharine Benziger 10:15 – Ada Draesel, Jeremy Lees

Organist: John Milas

Altar Guild: Laurie Doran, Chris Kyse

Hospitality: Joyce Cornelius & Ted Griffin

Announcements

Pledge Status Report: 88 **2026 Pledges total $182,668.00**

2026 Pledges collected as of 11/22/26 $ 167,784.00

2026 Pledges still outstanding $ 14,884.00



- ***11/30 St. Nicholas Bazaar wrap-up meeting @ 9:30 AM***
- ***12/2 Parish Tree Lighting & Chili Cook Off @ 5:30 PM***
- ***12/4 Bay Head Christmas Walk/Parish Open House, 6-8 PM***
- ***12/20 Lessons & Carols, Greening of the Church***

SIGN UP SHEET FOR DECEMBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS IS UP



Annual All Saints Tree Lighting & Chili Cook Off

Wednesday, December 2nd 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 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please note the following Sunday School Schedule for November and December:

December 6

December 13 (Confirmation Offsite at St. John's Episcopal - Little Silver)

December 20

Anyone interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant should see Mrs. Copman or Mrs. Patrone

CLOTHING DRIVE: Based on the success of our recent clothing drives, and a request from our partner parish in Camden, All Saints will have another clothing drive. We are collecting ***Fall and Winter*** gently used **men's, women's, and children's** clothing for this event. Clothing may be donated through December 5th. **Racks are set up in the conference room for your donations.** Delivering the clothes on hangers is not required but is greatly appreciated. The collected clothing will be donated the following week. **Please contact John Copman at 732-312-4508 or jfchockey9@yahoo.com** with any questions. Thank you!

December St. Gregory's Pantry Needs

Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars, pancake mix and syrup, pop tarts, instant breakfast

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 12/6/2026 @ 12:30 – 3:30

To help date and sort items in Farnsworth Hall that were donated during the Boy Scout Food Drive.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FARNSWORTH HALL



Women's Guild Christmas Party - Tuesday, December 15

The Women's Guild will hold its Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 15th 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. All are welcome.

St. Gregory's
PANTRY

It's time for our annual

Christmas Toy Drive

We will be distributing toys and gift cards to local families in need

November 2026

St. Gregory's Pantry is holding our annual Christmas Toy Drive!

The directors and volunteers at St. Gregory's Pantry are very grateful for all the generous donations from our community to our 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 directly to St. Gregory's Pantry, located at St. Mary's Episcopal Church (at the Atlantic Avenue entrance) in Point Pleasant Beach on weekdays between 10am and noon. We request that toys be dropped off prior to December 11th, so that they can be distributed to parents the following week.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you so much for your generosity and participation,
Debbi Ehrgood (484) 256-0742
The St. Gregory's Pantry Gift Drive Committee

Gifts may be dropped off here at All Saints by December 12th.

The McLeer's will bring them to St. Gregory's on Sunday December 13th so that they can be distributed to parents the following week. Thank you so much for your generosity and participation.



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed! Please sign up and take a turn hosting Coffee Hour. Wayne Morse is 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.

SUPPER WITH ALL SAINTS…Kata's Kitchen

is one of the longest running outreach programs of the parish. Affectionately known as SWAS to our team members, we are always looking for more folks to join the team as we prepare and serve a full meal on the **last Tuesday** of every month to approximately 25-30 guests from the surrounding area.

We purchase, cook, and serve the meals each month, and more hands in the kitchen would be very appreciated. The meals are served from 4:00–5:30 pm. and our guests are waiting at the door when we open. Please come on the last Tuesday of the month to see how we welcome our guests who "are in need of a meal or some conversation." For more information, please contact Linda Gyurko by phone (908-510-2673) or by email at landbg@optonline.net

All Saints Donations

If you would like to donate to All Saints Church, please use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code shown to the right.

Thank you

Visit All Saints Church

5 – 8:30 PM

during the

Bay Head Christmas Walk



- 120+ International Nativities on Display
- Interactive Scavenger Hunt
- The Christmas Story on Big Screen with Carols

1st Showing:
6:00 PM
prior to the Town Tree Lighting

2nd Showing:
7:45 PM

- Kid's Lantern Craft
- Hot Chocolate and Cookies

All Are Welcome!

Swingin' into Christmas!



All Saints Church

500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head, NJ

Sunday, November 29

3:00 PM

Reception to follow.



Tickets: $20 at the door

(Proceeds benefit the
All Saints Music Program.)

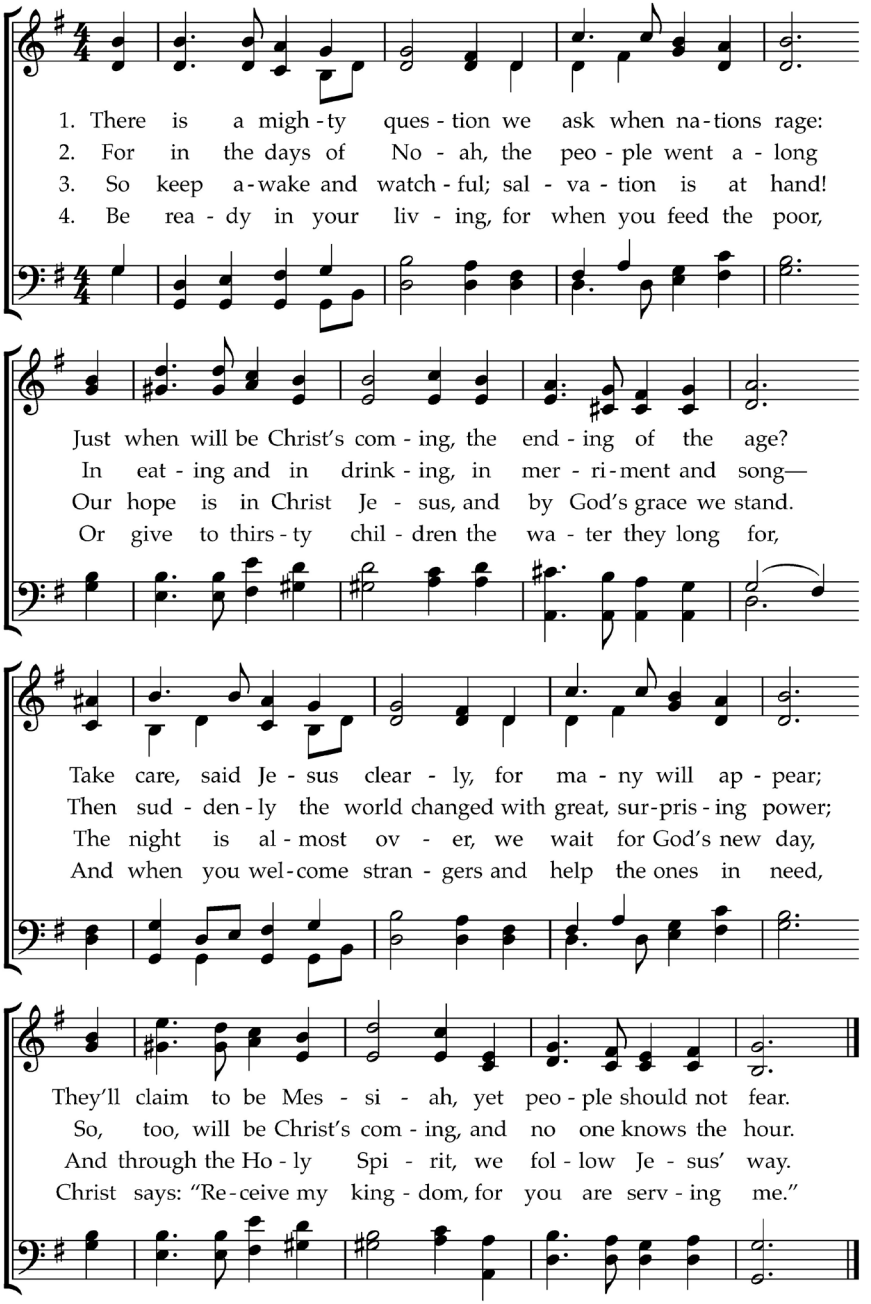
Let's kick off the holiday season
with traditional & swing versions of Christmas music you love!

For info, Church 732-892-7478 Band's website: mortonsmusicllc.com

There Is a Mighty Question

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Angel's Story
Arthur Henry Mann, 1888



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Jo Patrone '27	Clayton Smith '28	Penny Witt ‘29

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.