All Saints' Memorial Church

Second Sunday of Advent 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharist Sunday, December 8th, 2024



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Welcome to All Saints' Memorial Church for worship!

Whether this is your first time here, or a first time in a long time, please know a few things:

All are welcome—always!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall (the building closest to the parking lot).

The entire order of service with readings, except for the hymns, is contained in the bulletin. Hymns are sung at the 10 am service only.

Our hymns and service music are located in the *blue 1982 Hymnal*. Service music is indicated by an 'S' in the front, and is located in the front part of the Hymnal. Hymns are indicated by their number in the Hymnal.

We normally stand to sing the hymns, for the reading of the gospel and prayers; and are seated for readings, Psalm, and the homily. It is traditional to kneel for the confession.

The Sign of the Peace is to be exchanged from your own pew. Please respect your neighbor's choice of greeting whether it is by handshake, or by elbow or fist bumps, waving, bowing, or giving the peace sign to those in the pews surrounding you.

All are welcome to receive communion regardless of age or your faith background:

- Ushers will guide you to the communion rail; you may receive communion either standing or kneeling.
- We receive in both kinds: bread in the hand which you may consume immediately and then drink from the cup, or you may retain the bread to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine.
- You may also come to the altar for blessing instead; please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest, or tell the priest.
- If you are unable to make the trip to the communion rail, please let the ushers know and communion will be brought to you.

Please join us for food and fellowship after the service in our Parish Hall!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you have any questions about All Saints' or The Episcopal Church, please feel free to speak to Mother Debbie after the service.

Note:

If you have any symptoms known to Covid 19 or the flu (fever, muscle aches, headache, loss of smell or taste, nausea or vomiting, cough, trouble breathing, among others), please refrain from attending in person.

If you are immuno-compromised and need a mask, we have them available at the entrance table.

Second Sunday of Advent December 8th, 2024

Prelude

Please stand

Processional Hymn #76

Saviour of the Nations, Come! Paul Manz, 1987

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Winchester New

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: "Today we light the first and second candles of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. The first candle is HOPE, the second candle is PEACE."

The candles are lit.

Scripture: "Colossians 3:15 – Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace."

Prayer: Almighty God, you offer rest for our hearts, and peace for our souls. Give us grace to seek peace in our lives, peace in this community, and peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, the prince of peace. Amen.

Celebrant	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.	
People	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.	Amen.

The Celebrant says

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*.

<u>8 am Service</u>: The following is said by all, standing

Celebrant:	Lord, have mercy
People:	Christ, have mercy
Celebrant:	Lord, have mercy.

10 am service, sung:

Kyrie Eleison (9 fold) Healey Willan, 1928

Celebrant:	The Lord be with you
People:	And also with you
Celebrant:	Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

READINGS

First Reading

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

<u>At 8 am:</u>

Canticle 16 (in unison)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, * born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

The Song of Zechariah Benedictus Dominus Deus

Baruch 5:1-9

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

<u>At 10 am</u> Psalm Canticle #444

Blessed Be the God of Israel Valet will ich dir geben (Tune 74)

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn #657

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Hyfrydol

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke People:: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Deacon:	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand as able

Nicene Creed (together)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, Mother Debbie

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.

Prayers of the People (remain standing)

Deacon: We are confident of this, that the One who began a good work among us will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. May we prepare our hearts for His arrival, praying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer.**

Leader: Merciful God, increase our love to overflowing. Make your Church pure and blameless that we may greet with joy the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray saying, Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer.**

Merciful God, we long for the light of hope to break into the world, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide us into the way of peace. Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer**.

Merciful God, give us grace to heed the warnings of those calling us to be better stewards of your creation. We thank you for all you have made, especially those things that sustain and better our lives. Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer**.

Merciful God, you lead us with joy; you delight in our joy. You clothe us in beauty. We give you thanks for your tender care, and for all the blessings of our lives. Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer**.

Merciful God, you remember your children. You do not leave them in sorrow or affliction. Crown your children with glory; clothe them with righteousness. We pray for healing for all who suffer, particularly Jimmy, Gary, Norman, Richard, Mary, Connie, Olga, Alice, Tricia, Patty, Michelle, Russell, William, Maureen, Kathy, Mary, Harry, Valerie, Chris, John, Pam, Clara & John, Miriam, Ray, Elsie, Libby, Georgia. Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer**.

Merciful God, protect and guide those who serve here and abroad, particularly service members, first responders and health care workers: David, Max, Ryan, John, Neema, Sonia, Anthony, Pat, Bonnie, Jessie, Trent, Candy, Erin, Nick, Phil, Andrew and Jeremy. Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer**.

Merciful God, you have raised up for us salvation through your Son. Keep us, with all your saints, in the eternal life of Christ. We remember all those who have died, particularly Maria, and Audrey and we pray for comfort and peace for those who mourn, particularly the The Mendoza/Espinosa family, and The Riker family Let us pray, saying: Fill the valleys; **Come, great Redeemer.**

We invite your own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving at this time, either silently or aloud...

Celebrant: Lord, gather up our prayers with those of all your people in every place, and as you prepare the way, making every valley filled and every mountain brought low, guide us to Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence. Please kneel or stand as able

Minister and People

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.

The Priest says

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.**

The Peace (Please stand)

Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Announcements for Mission and Ministry

Thanksgivings and prayers for special intentions

Offertory

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies Malcolm Williamson, 1962

Doxology, Hymn # 43, v 4 (please stand)

The Eighth Tune

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand as able

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 him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People (sung by all)

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand as able or kneel

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last $_{10}$

days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread; A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant:	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;	<i>S152</i>
People:	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.	

The Celebrant says

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.

Communion Hymn #454

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels Lowry

Please be seated until you can come forward to receive; usher will guide you.. All persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. We receive bread in the hand. You may retain it to dip into the cup; please be careful so fingers do not touch the wine. You may also drink from the cup. For those worshipping with us online, you are invited to use the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

After Communion, all stand for the final prayer and blessing.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray. (together)

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

Recessional Hymn #66

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus Stuttgart

Dismissal

Deacon	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Saviour of the Nations, Come! BWV.699 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1739-42

For those worshipping with us online **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Giving Tree

Tis the Giving Tree Season! The tree has arrived in the back of the church and there are many gifts to claim. We are supporting 3 charities this year:

CPC Behavioral Health – Teens and Adults with mental wellness and behavioral issues
 St Mark's Community Center – local families with low income
 HabCore—Gift Cards to aid families with housing insecurity

How to give

- Take a tag and fill it out and put in the bag. Take the small slip of paper with you as a reminder, and turn it in with your gift card or gift.
- Contact Beth if there are any questions or if alternative arrangements need to be made.
- Donate cash, check or Text to Give (text 'xmas' to 732-400-5774). Below is a QR code for online donations as well.







<u>Join us for this Classic!</u> <u>Sunday December 8th at 2 pm.</u> Tickets only \$10 at the Door; cash or credit.



Thank you to those who have already made a commitment to God's mission as lived out at All Saints'!
Pledge cards are available on the back table of the church Commitments of Giving can also be made online via a link found on our website home page.





CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to have someone remembered or honored by a Christmas flower memorial, <u>please sign up on the designated sheet on the Church</u> <u>entrance table or fill out the on-line donation form (See QR Code below).</u> Any/all donations toward Christmas flowers and greens are welcome. If your writing a check to All Saints', please place 'flower memorial' in memo line. Thank you! All Flower Memorials must be in by December 18th.



<u>Christmas Services at All Saints'</u> Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 pm Children/Family Service with Blessing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist

7:30 pm Carol Sing8:00 pm Festive Choral Holy Eucharist

<u>Wednesday, December 25th</u> 10 am Quiet service of Holy Eucharist



Help raise money to combat human trafficking!

Laura Matlaga is selling beautiful bottles of essential oil sprays to raise money for this very important cause. Bottles are only \$15, and make great gifts. Please contact Laura if you'd like to purchase a bottle and let her know what scent/ oil you are looking for.

Calendar of Events

<u>Sunday, December 8th</u> <u>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church 9:00 am Family & Children's Service in Church, followed by Family coffee hour 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church (livestreamed) Coffee Hour in Parish Hall 2:00 pm SCP presents "Meet me in St. Louis" in the Church

> <u>Tuesday, December 10th</u> 1:30 pm Chair Yoga with Laura in Hall 6:00 pm Yoga with Laura in Hall 9:00 pm Compline on Facebook Live

<u>Wednesday, December 11th</u> 10 am Healing Service in Church No Adult Ed—on hiatus until January

<u>Thursday, December 12th</u> 9:00pm Compline on Facebook Live

Saturday, December 14th 8:00 pm AA Christmas Breakfast 8:15 am Men's Breakfast, Prayer and Study in Rectory

<u>Sunday, December 15th</u> <u>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u> <u>Giving Tree Gifts Due by 10 am</u> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church 9:55 Sunday School in Parish Hall 10:00 am Holy Eucharist in Church (livestreamed) Coffee Hour in Parish Hall