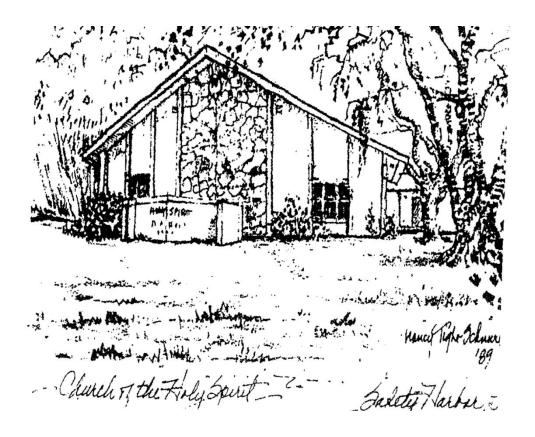
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The Mission of Our Diocese

Honor our Tradition, Build for the Future, Mercy in Mission.

The Vision of Our Parish

To be the Body of Christ here and now—reaching out to welcome all, witnessing to God's love in our lives, and sharing that love with others.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Reverend Raynald S. Bonoan, Rector The Reverend Joseph H. Diaz, Assisting Priest **1 ADVENT** NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Holy Communion—Rite II

The Word of God

Prayer Book 355

Lighting of the Advent Candle:

Leader: Alleluia! Our King and Savior now draws near.

People: O Come, Let us adore Him, Alleluia!

Leader: Come and save us, Lord God of Hosts.

People: Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Leader: O Lord, arise, help us; deliver us for your name's sake.

People: Come and save us, Lord God of hosts.

Leader: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, Lord God of our Fathers, who in former times spoke through the prophets, and who sent to us your own beloved Son to be our Messiah and Savior; as we now light this candle in remembrance of His first coming long ago, help us always to be His faithful witnesses and disciples until He comes again, in majesty And great glory, at the last day.

People: Amen, so be it.

Leader: Rejoice, believers! The Lord is at hand.

All: Amen, Maranatha! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

Kyrie

The Collect

Prayer Book 356 Prayer Book 357

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.*

First Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 25:1-9

1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *

let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *

and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *

remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; * therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *

and teaches his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness * to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

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

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

| Sermon | The Rev. Joseph Diaz |
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DIOCESAN PRAYER: Gracious God, as we walk by faith the shared journey of choosing a bishop for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, nurture within us discerning hearts and minds hopeful for possibilities yet to be revealed. Send us a caring leader, we pray, who will uniquely delight in the diverse and abundant gifts of this diocese, which so richly reflect your unity in diversity. Equip our human eyes and ears with divine recognition for the chief pastor of this diocese whom you have chosen to lead us in the ever-unfolding mission of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessions: <u>(Urgent needs this week)</u>: Dennis, Jerry, Allen, James, Sharon, Mimi, Glad, Avery, Cindy, Bishop Dabney, John, Felimon, Constante, Nida, Eden, Barbara, Becky, Ernie, Michelle, Ado, Sharon, Carole, William, Sonya, all first responders and health care workers, all those who suffer from the Coronavirus and their families and friends, for The Coalition Against Human Trafficking, the Victims of Human Trafficking, for the migrant workers, and for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic and the Philippines. Pray for Justice.

We pray for those who have died, especially the victims of the coronavirus. Pray for their families and friends.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially Jai'lin, Gloria, Peg, Jamie, Cindy, and Richard.

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