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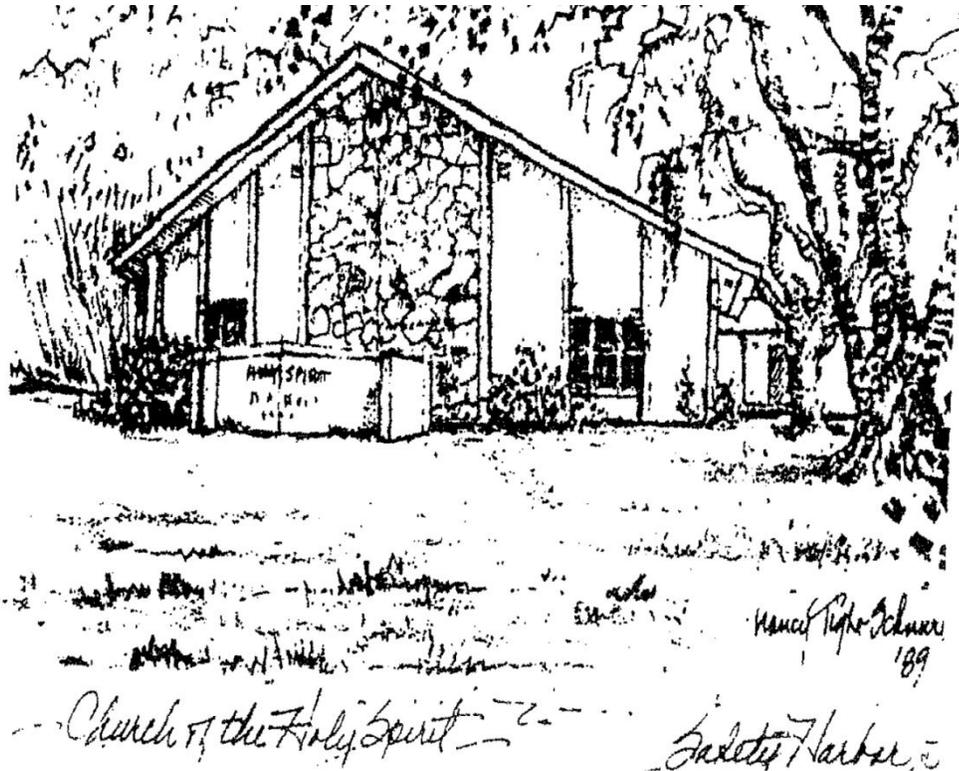
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The Mission of Our Diocese

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

4 ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 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

Prayer Book 356

The Collect

Prayer Book 357

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *

in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *

he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *

and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *

and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *

for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *

to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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 1:39-45(46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your

womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." [And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People—Form III

Confession, Absolution and Peace

Announcements and Blessings

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving—Prayer A

Salutation

Sanctus

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Invitation of Communion (All baptized persons are invited)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Rev. Raynald Bonoan

Prayer Book 358

Prayer Book 387

Prayer Book 360

Prayer Book 361

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Prayer Book 365

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: (*Urgent needs this week*): 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, Gin, Joshua and family, Jason and family, Ernie, Rebecca, 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 Justin.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! OR CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR GIVING ON-LINE.

"BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE: DECEMBER 22, 7:00PM

(A time to acknowledge the "blue" feelings many may experience at Christmas time.)

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:00PM, WITH MUSIC AT 5:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9:00AM (NO MUSIC)