



St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2018 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE ONE

We invite you to participate in the worship of God. Our service is The Holy Eucharist Rite One in The Book of Common Prayer. For ease of use, this leaflet contains the congregational portions of the liturgy and service music. Congregational responses are printed in italics. Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer for those wishing to use it. Lesson and Gospel texts are taken from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Prelude

*Advent Pastoral
Prelude on "Song 13"*

J. Southbridge
S. Scott

Advent Meditation

Peace Before Us

(see insert)

Choir & Congregation



The Word of God

Processional Hymn

Hymn 56, Vs. 1-2: O come, O come Emanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Summary of the Law

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Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Gloria

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

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."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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.

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn

Hymn 640: Watchman, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Backus

The Nicene Creed

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*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, 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*

Litany for Advent

Annabel Shilson Thomas

Lord, we wait with eager expectation for the coming of your kingdom, when the humble will be exalted and the hungry fed.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we prepare for your advent with searching minds and contrite hearts, trusting in your healing spirit and redemptive love.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we watch with those who wait and weep, longing to see the rule of justice and the reign of peace.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we seek you amongst the despised and rejected, knowing that there we will find your light shining in the dark.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we proclaim sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed, trusting in your tender mercy and passion for justice.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we work with you to proclaim your truth, challenging the mighty and raising the meek.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Lord, we wrestle with our hopes and our fears, our struggles and our joys laboring with creation to come to new birth.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

(Today's Intercessor will now read congregational prayers for healing, protection and thanksgiving.)

Lord let your loving kindness be upon them.

Who put their trust in thee.

The Confession

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Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

(Please greet one another and welcome a guest.)

Welcome

The Offertory

While We Are Waiting Come

D. Cason

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus

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*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

The Celebrant continues:

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Fraction Anthem

Lamb of God

Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewiss

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

The Communion

(All baptized Christians of any denomination are welcome at the Lord's Table.)

Hymn at the Administration

Hymn 304: I come with joy

Land of Rest

Hymn 497: How bright appears the Morning Star

Wieschon leuchtet

Hymn 64: O heavenly Word, eternal light

O Heiland, reiss

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis *(in unison)*

Lord, make us instruments of thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn

Hymn 58, Vss. 1-2, 4: Lo! He comes, with clouds descending

St. Thomas

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Joyous Praise Unending

L. Smith



The Prayer Ministry Team is available during and following Communion in the Prayer Chapel to pray with you for any need or concern you may have.

“Pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16b)

MINISTERS FOR THIS SERVICE

Ushers/Greeters	Chip & Janet Wood
Acolytes	John Griffing
	Averette Culver
	David Stratford
Eucharistic Ministers	John Boden
	Neil Merrifield
Lectors	Ann Woll
	Brad Wilson
Intercessor	Pat Rooney
Oblationers	Nancy Storey
	Rosemary Spain
Nursery Assistant	Alice Davis
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

SUN., DEC. 2:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed
		Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. to	Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting
TUES., DEC. 4:	10:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study
WEDS., DEC. 5:	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
THU., DEC. 6:	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
FRI., DEC. 7:	9:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
SUN., DEC. 9:	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed
		Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. to	Communion
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS. We are happy to have you with us today to share in worship and fellowship. Please fill out a pew card, put it in the offering plate and sign the guest book in the Atrium. Join us after the service in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT NOON as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist and Clement of Alexandria. Born in the middle of the second century, Clement was a cultured Greek philosopher who came to know Christ after a deep search for the truth, where he came to know Christ through a man named Pantheons in Alexandria Egypt. Because of Clement's philosophical background, he was very successful teaching and leading others from "intellectual circles" into a relationship with Christ; particularly away from Gnosticism.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ELECTION OF VESTRY MEMBERS. Plan to attend our Annual Meeting today after the service. The St. Francis 2018 Annual Report will be presented at that time. **We will elect two Vestry members** from the submitted candidates. No nominations from the floor will be accepted for Vestry election. Vestry positions will be elected by a simple majority of votes. We will also vote for **three Diocesan Central Gulf Coast Convention delegates, as well as three alternates**, who will represent St. Francis at the 2019 Convention. Thank you for your interest and your continued support of the St. Francis parish!

HEALING SERVICE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 10 A.M. The laying on of hands has been a symbol of conveying God's essence from ancient times to present and this gift of healing is among those received from God, a practice commonly used throughout the New Testament. Anointing provides a vivid, sacramental expression of God's love in time of illness and troubles. everyone is invited to attend.

ANGEL TREE. Our Angel Tree is in the Atrium and still has several names of children to be sponsored. Please help make a child's Christmas brighter by selecting your "Angel". This is a Caring & Sharing sponsored event benefitting the children of South Santa Rosa County. The due date for gifts and financial donations is very early this year: NEXT Sunday, December 9.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS. Please join us on Sunday, December 16, at 10 a.m. for our Advent Lessons and Carols program presented by the Adult Choir.

CURSILLO, JANUARY 24-27, 2019. The next Cursillo in our Diocese is just around the corner and there are a few spots still available! The dates are January 24-27 at beautiful Camp Beckwith. This three-day retreat is a gift for any member of the Episcopal Church. The weekend provides the experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer and interaction with other Christians. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, Cursillo is sure to help you deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ while learning how to help spread the Gospel. For more information contact Barbara MacNeil at 867-6878.

THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE, on Monday, December 24 will be at 6 p.m. Please note the change of time. This year, the service will be held at 6 p.m. with anthems and carols beginning at 5:45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 25.

WE WILL NOT HAVE A NOON EUCHARIST on Wednesday, December 26.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from Monday, December 24–Wednesday, January 2. However, Chris Miller will be in the Parish Office on Monday, December 31 to pay bills and process payroll.

PRAYER LIST

Pray for Healing: Martha Antoun, Lonnie Barlow, Wyatt Blancheri, George Bokas, Stephen Barona, Alan Bunt, Martha Bunt, Tammy Cantrell, Penny Carter, Lessie Cauthen, Anna Clausen, Sky Currie, Fred Daniel, Bill Delavan, Marzell Ellis, Jan Flanigan, Edie Garcia, Valorie Griffing, Clauzell Holloway, Mary Howard, Josephina Jimenez, Elizabeth Kenworthy, Nicole Kostic, Kristie Kroh, Brenda Lawrence, Cline May, Liza McKee, Bryan & Karen Noa, Rosemary Noel, Mariah O'Hara, Lynn & Sue Parker, Marlana Peña, Jan Reddit, Katlynn Salzman, Marianne Stanky, Savannah Stanky, John Stearns, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., 'D' Thompson, Genia Weidler, Pat Wilson

Pray for the Departed: Kathy Price

Pray for Active Duty Military: Martin Bunt, Michael Christiansen, Matthew King, Doug Kroh, Daniel Lane, Bryan Lucas, Kenneth Marshall, Tyler Mathews, Shane Murtha, Anthony Olson, Josh Payne, Dylan Price, Jason Pritchett, Ryan Schuler, Karri Styron, T.J. Teicher, Kevin Walsh, Nicolas Zbikowski