



# *St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST ~ RITE ONE

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*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**

*Aria  
Advent Noël*

C. Simper  
C. Chauvet



## **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**

**BCP p. 323**

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

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

### **The Collect for Purity**

**BCP p. 323**

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**

**BCP p. 324**

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**

**S-280**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

**BCP p. 159**

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

### Isaiah 64:1-9

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- 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.

### 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Sequence Hymn

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

*St. Thomas*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

## Mark 13:24-37

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Timothy Backus

## The Nicene Creed

**BCP p. 326**

*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**

**BCP p. 331**

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**

*O Come to Us, Emmanuel*

Joseph Martin

## **Hymn at the Presentation** (*Choir & Congregation*)

Hymn 380, Vs. 3: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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**

**BCP p. 340**

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**

**S-114**

*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**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **Fraction Anthem**

Lamb of God

*Agnus Dei*

*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 323: Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

*Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt*

Hymn 640: Watchman, tell us of the night

*Aberstwyth*

Hymn 61: "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

*Wachet auf*

#### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 339**

*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 486, Vss. 1-3, 5; Hosanna to the living Lord!

*Hosanna*

## The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## Postlude

*Awake! For Advent is Here*

S. Scott



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	Mike & Alice Lane
Acolytes	Lonnie Lorren David Stratford Finn Youberg
Eucharistic Ministers	Averette Culver Sarah McCarren
Lectors	John Boden Jack Grimley
Intercessor	Barbara MacNeil
Oblationers	Mark & Barbara MacNeil
Prayer Team	Bob Weatherly
Nursery Assistant	Sarah Backus
Ministers of Music	St. Francis Adult Choir
Organist/Choirmaster	Cathy Griffing
Celebrant	The Rev. Tim Backus

### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

<b>SUN., DEC. 3:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed
		Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. to Communion	Children's Christian Ed, K-5
		Nursery Care
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Budget Meeting
<b>TUES., DEC. 5:</b> .....	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
<b>WEDS., DEC. 6:</b> .....	12:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite Two
<b>THU., DEC. 7:</b> .....	6:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRI., DEC. 8:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Senior Moment Café
<b>SUN., DEC. 10:</b> .....	9:00 a.m.	Adult Christian Ed
		Adult Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 a.m. to Communion	Children's Christian Ed, K-5
		Nursery Care
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite One
	11:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting

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*Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast  
The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick, Bishop  
The Reverend Timothy W. Backus, Rector*

## **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.

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS.** Please join us on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 10 a.m. for our Advent Lessons and Carols program “Darkness to Light” presented by the Adult Choir and the St. Francis Children.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ELECTION OF THREE VESTRY MEMBERS.** Plan to attend our Annual Meeting today after the service. The St. Francis 2017 Annual Report will be presented at that time. **We will elect three 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.** Thank you for your interest and your continued support of the St. Francis parish!

**WRITERS’ RETREAT.** A quiet time for those interested in writing will be available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Mondays in the Conference Room at St. Francis. The group Write On! Pensacola will be working on their pieces and invite others who need the quiet and space to write to join us. Questions? Text Gay McDaniel at 850-450-1437.

**WORSHIP SERVICES WILL BE AT 10:00 A.M. AND 7 P.M.** on Sunday, December 24. The 10 a.m. service will be an Advent IV service and the 7 p.m. service will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

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

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## **PRAYER LIST**

*Pray for Healing:* Martha Antoun, Marilee Backus, Christine Bradley, Marcia Brownlie, Diane Bruner, Alan Bunt, Brenda Burton, Penny Carter, Alice & Armand Caruso, Lessie Cauthen, Chang family members, Anna Clausen, Connie DeSalvo, Fred Drinkwater, Bobbie Gibson, Cheryl Hale, Amelia Haynie, Todd Hochman, Josephina Jimenez, Matthew Kenworthy & family, Kristie Kroh, Jane Maddox, Liza McKee, Barbara Ogden, Kathy Price, Betsy Beach Rea, Eleanor Reeves, Dinah Remington, Ian Shell, Trey Starr, John Staten, Linda Staten, Bob Stine, Bob Stine, Jr., Leah Stone & Baby Stone

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