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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ GAUDETE SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague is the celebrant and preacher today.

**VOLUNTARY**

*Prelude on Let All Mortal Flesh*

*arr. by Don Dicie (1941-2022)*

**Rich Vaughan - Oboe**

## LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Celebrant* As we begin the third week of Advent, we anticipate Christmas, and so we ask Christ to grant us His grace that we might be prepared for welcoming His Birth. Incline your ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech you; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of your visitation. Who lives and reigns with the Son and the Holy Spirit, world without end. **Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**TRISAGION**

*(sung three times)*

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**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A READING FROM ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Reader*            The word of the Lord

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Song of Mary**                            (Read in unison)

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

#### A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Reader*           The word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

#### SEQUENCE HYMN 59   Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

*Merton*

*(Verses 1, 2 & 3)*

#### THE GOSPEL

*Gospeler*       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 1:6-8,19-28.

*People*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am

not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

THE REV. LESLIE J. HAGUE

*A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant*      Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions,  
and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts

*People*        **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Intercessor*    I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For  
our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this

season at All Saints in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission. We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

*People*            **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Intercessor*    I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war, especially the people of the Holy Land and Ukraine; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized. We are generous with our gifts of peace,

*People*            **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Intercessor*    I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our All Saints prayer list, and those we name now, in silence or aloud.                                 *Silence*

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

*People*            **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Intercessor*    I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world. We pray especially for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and for those we name now in silence or aloud.                                 *Silence*

We are generous with our gratitude,

*People*            **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Intercessor*    I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud.                                 *Silence*

We are generous with our gifts of support,

*People*            **Because we are Rooted in Abundance**

*Celebrant*        Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

*A Priest, stands and 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**

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION** **THE HOLY EUCHARIST, PRAYER A**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**          **Advent Message**          *Martin How (1931-2022)*

*Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus. O come quickly, come Lord Jesus, O come quickly, come Lord come. Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come. Yea, come quickly, yea come quickly, yea, come quickly, come Lord, come. Amen, come Lord come.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 56**      **O come, O come, Emmanuel**          *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*  
*(Verses 5 & 6 only)*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

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 sing*

**Sanctus**

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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. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 LORD'S PRAYER**

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

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*Celebrant and People*

**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 Celebrant says the following Invitation*

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 ANTHEM **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright. Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light. Word of God our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned. Striving still to Truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.*

### A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

*Celebrant* In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

### THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN 74 **Blest be the King whose coming** *Valet will ich dir geben*

### DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



**POSTLUDE**

*Num komm, der Heiden, Heiland*  
**(Savior of the nations, come!)**

*arr. Harold Rutz (b. 1930)*

**Thanks to Dan Bishop, Rick Vaughan and the All Saints Choir  
for providing today's music.**

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**BLUE CHRISTMAS – THE LONGEST NIGHT  
A SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND HOLY EUCHARIST  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, AT 6:30 PM IN THE CHURCH**

Some people, in the midst of Christmas festivities, find themselves unable to shake feelings of grief, loss, or loneliness. This service is a way to honor those feelings even when they seem to be counter-cultural. It is also welcome evening of reflection for anyone looking for a respite from the busy rush of the holidays. This service of light and life is to be a comfort in this season of incarnation. All are welcome.

*This service will be celebrated instead of Vespers that evening.*

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!**

Please join us in person or online for our Christmas week services

**Thursday, December 21**

**6:30 PM Blue Christmas Service of Reflection & Holy Eucharist\***

**Sunday, December 24**

**9:30 AM Advent 4 Holy Eucharist\***

**4:00 PM Christmas Eve Nativity Story and Holy Eucharist\***

**10:30 PM Christmas Eve Festive Choral and Holy Eucharist\***

**Monday, December 25**

**10:30 AM Christmas Day Celebration of Carols and Holy Eucharist\***

**Wednesday, December 27**

**12:05 PM Noonday Prayer with prayers for healing\***

**Thursday, December 28**

**6:30 PM Commemoration of the Slaughter of the Holy Innocents &  
Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land\* *LIVESTREAM ONLY***

**Sunday, December 31**

**8:00 AM Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 AM Holy Baptism and Eucharist with Prayers for the New Year\***

**\*Indicates service will be livestreamed**



The Altar Greens and Sanctuary Candle this week are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for all of our blessings by All Saints.



Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our  
**WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE**  
**WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF KATHARINA VON BORA**  
*Church Reformer, 1552*

Please join us online each evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our  
**SERVICE OF COMPLINE.**

**BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF DEC. 17-23**

**Birthdays**      **Tim Gilbert, John Jennings, Joseph Siciliano**

**Anniversaries**    **Pete and Carol Nissen**

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The letter below contains portions of the letter sent to the parish recently. To read the entire letter, click <https://bit.ly/RootedinAbundanceLetter>.

*They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we reflect on the theme of our pledge campaign for this year, ***Rooted in Abundance***, we have spent much time thinking about the ways in which trees need to be nurtured to grow.

If we look at All Saints Episcopal Church as a tree, we recall that the eight women who founded the All Saints Guild in 1912 planted the roots of our church in the newly incorporated City of Fort Lauderdale, the first growth in what has become a vibrant Christian community today. A century beyond, we look at the three years past, when outside events shaped our lives together, and those roots held fast. We experienced the global pandemic, arson, and vandalism, but thanks to our abundant blessings and the generous continuing support of our church family, the roots planted by those who came before have not only survived, but thrived. Our roots go deep, and we give thanks to God and to you for sustaining us.

Now we need to nurture our roots with a mind towards unfurling new branches of growth for the future. We need to put out new shoots and expand beyond what we have done for these past three years. As we look at our financial picture this year, it would be easy to be afraid. Sometimes new growth can be uncomfortable. All Saints is not defined by our bottom line; our abundance is manifest in everything we do. ***Together, we can give abundantly and find new energy***

Your support will allow us to strengthen our current vibrant ministries and engage in exciting new areas of growth this coming year. God's abundant love and resources are there for us. We can't branch out in ministry without you. ***Won't you help us today by sharing what you have with us to grow our church community for the future? By:***

- Fulfilling your 2023 pledge today.
- Prayerfully considering your ***Rooted in Abundance*** pledge for 2024, striving to increase it by 10%, if you are able.
- If you haven't made a pledge before, prayerfully considering taking part in ***Rooted in Abundance*** and making your very first pledge for 2024.

We ask that you make your pledge by January 1, 2024. Paper pledge cards will be available at church, or you may download a pledge card at <https://bit.ly/ASECpledgeCard2024>.

God's abundant love and resources are there for us. God's abundant grace gives us new opportunities to expand the ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church. We pray that you will join us in this exciting new phase of growth, expansion, and mission.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Leslie J. Hague  
Rector

Alyson Hardin  
Senior Warden

Barry Moss  
Pledge Campaign Chair

**Nazareth to Jerusalem:**  
**The Prince of Peace in the Holy Land**  
*An Advent series at All Saints Episcopal Church*  
*Reflections from Mother Leslie on her pilgrimage to the Holy Land*

This advent, our four-part series will visit places where the Prince of Peace was born, lived, taught, suffered, died, and rose again. The reflections will include pictures taken by Mother Leslie during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land in April. We will also pray and reflect on the current war in Israel and Palestine.

Please note the day and time of each session, as well as whether a session will be in-person or on Zoom. All sessions will be recorded, including the in-person session.

**Previous session recordings:**

To view Session 1 go to <https://bit.ly/Session-One>

To view Session 2 go to <https://bit.ly/Session-Two>

**Sunday, December 17, following the 10:30am service, IN PERSON**

**The Transfiguration and the journey to Jerusalem:**

*Healing, teaching, and taking up our cross*

**Reflections on the Palestine of Jesus and the Palestine of Today**

**Especially in light of the current war**

**Wednesday, December 20, 6:30pm, ON ZOOM\***

**“Hosanna” to “Crucify him!”**

*The Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Emmanuel, the Prince of Peace*

\*Zoom invitation for all Zoom sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86171123456?pwd=MHIKdDhVYjhCZ3ZUcTZqK09Hd3Qydz09>

Meeting ID: 861 7112 3456; Passcode: 813793





Do you want to deepen your Christian faith, learn how to articulate that faith, and perhaps let that faith inspire you into action?

Operating under the auspices of The University of the South (Sewanee) EfM enables each of us to discover and exercise our own God-given gifts for ministry in everyday life. Through study, prayer and theological reflection EfM provides a framework for us to examine and deepen our Christian faith. It is not preparation for the priesthood.

Sometimes we see no alternative to a version of Christian faith that we now find difficult to accept. We have been told that rejecting anything we have been taught means ceasing to be a Christian. What we have been told is wrong. On your own, it may be difficult to imagine any form of faith different from what you have been taught. EfM can help. It can be a guide for those who see the need to let go of some of what they have been taught, but don't know how to replace it with something better. Questioning some aspects of our Faith leading to greater understanding is encouraged and being able to do that in a non-judgmental and supportive environment is very rewarding. In addition, many friendships made in an EfM seminar remain in place long afterward.

An EfM seminar with six to twelve members and a trained mentor meets weekly for three hours over the course of a nine-month academic year. The All Saints group meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. **A new class will begin on January 9th, 2023. The seminar will meet in person at the Parish House on the All Saints campus.** While the full curriculum takes four years to complete, participants are asked only to commit to one year at a time. Year One focuses on the Old Testament, Year Two on the New Testament, Year Three on the history of Christianity and Year Four on theology. Upon completion participants will receive a diploma from The University of the South. There is a tuition fee and some financial aid may be available.

If you are interested in learning more about EfM please speak to Frank Asterita either in person on most Sundays or by phone or email. You can reach Frank at 516-225-6344 or [frankdon724@att.net](mailto:frankdon724@att.net). You may also visit the Sewanee EfM website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu> for more information.

## PARISH MUSICIAN SEARCH COMMITTEE PROGRESS REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

In late October, the search committee for a new Parish Musician, sent out a survey to the congregation asking your thoughts about All Saints' music program and what you are looking for in our next Parish Musician. Our immense gratitude to the nearly 120 parishioners who completed the survey! Huge thanks for the survey subcommittee--Lisa Dye, Susan Sloan and Holbrook Platts--for their diligence in constructing a survey that was easy to complete and offered everyone ample opportunity to express their thoughts.

The results clearly show the importance of music in our worship and spiritual life of our parish. The parish – and the search committee – are looking for a talented organist and choir director who has strong interpersonal skills. It is the hope that this leader of our music program will strengthen existing programs while also finding new ways to engage the congregation and the community.

The entire search committee spent much time studying and discussing all the responses which are proving most helpful in our work of drafting the final job description for the position.

The committee decided to seek one person, serving as both organist and choir director, who will be responsible to grow our music program. We are drafting the job description and working with Finance and Vestry to finalize the expected hours, salary, and benefits. Once all these decisions are in place, we will begin advertising the position nationally and locally.

Dave Foerster, Search Committee Chair

### *A Collect for Church Musicians & Artists*

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**





# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

## *Oh Little Town of Bethlehem*

Featuring Cathedral Choir & Orchestra  
Dr. Reid Masters, conductor

**DECEMBER 17, 2023 AT 4PM**



**FREE ADMISSION**

**December 17 at 4pm**

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWER CONTRIBUTIONS  
MEMORIALS & THANKSGIVINGS**

**Help to beautify All Saints nave and sanctuary and provide for special flowers during the Christmas services by making a thanksgiving or memorial financial contribution.**

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**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

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