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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

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

PRELUDE

Noel X Grand Jeu, et duo *Louis Claude Daquin (1694-1722)*

Emanuel Bologna - Organist

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant On this fourth Sunday of Advent, Let us pray.

People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God. God calls you out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming. You are God's children. Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ today and for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 54 **Savior of the nations come** *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

THE WORD OF GOD

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

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

Celebrant 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.

COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

A READING FROM 2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26

(Read in unison)

Misericordias Domini

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.**
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:**
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**
- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.**

- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
- 23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came *Gabriel's Message*

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 1:26-38.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. The congregation may stand or kneel.

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

Heavenly Light

A. Kopylow (1854-1911)

Gary W. Arnold, Conductor

Sent from heaven, thy rays were given on great and small to shine, O Light Divine! May each soul in sorrow's night see the heavenly light! Thou blessing to all creation, lead us to our salvation! All those whose feet may falter, lead unto the sacred altar! Oh shine from above, Divine Light of love! Show us the way unto our God, we pray! Thou our beacon and guide shalt be! Light Divine, we praise Thee!

OFFERTORY HYMN 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

(Verses 7 & 8 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:

**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.**

The people stand or kneel.

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

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Ave Maria

Jacob Arcadelt (c.1500-1568)

Hail Virgin Mary, you are full of grace, the Lord is with you, hail Virgin Mary. For you are greatly blessed, greatly blessed, among all women the most blessed; and blessed is God's Son, fruit of your womb, our Lord Jesus. Most holy Mary, pray for us we beseech you. Amen

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 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kliens Waldvoegelein

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Vom Himmel hoch

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for providing today's music.**

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O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

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

Sunday, December 24

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**

Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our
WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023
THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Please join us online this Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our
VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE I
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023
THE COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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. 24-30

Birthdays Phil Farnsworth, John Mahannah, Jim O’Keeffe
Anniversaries Berry and Phyllis Barnes
Earl and Kathryn Congdon

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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. You may also visit the Sewanee EfM website at <http://efm.sewanee.edu> for more information.



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
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