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**JANUARY 4, 2026      10:30 AM**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL IS THE PRESIDER AND PREACHER TODAY.**

**Call to Worship ~ 13 Bells**

**VOLUNTARY**      **Improvisation on "Divinum Mysterium"**      *by David Lasky*  
**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 480**      **When Jesus left his Father's throne**      *Kingsfold*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

*Presider*      Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People*      **Glory to God for ever and 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.

**GLORIA**      **Glory to God**      *S-280*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.      *Silence*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader      The word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

Edwin George Monk  
(1819-1909)

## PSALM 84:1-8



1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O 'LORD of 'hosts! \*

    My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
    my heart and my flesh re'joice in the 'living' God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

    and the swallow a nest where she may 'lay her 'young; \*  
    by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
    my 'King' and my 'God.'

3 Happy are they who 'dwell in your 'house! \*

    they will 'always be 'praising' you.

4 Happy are the people whose 'strength is in 'you! \*

    whose hearts are 'set on the 'pilgrims' 'way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find  
it a' place of' springs, \*  
for the early rains have' covered it with' pools of' water.

6 They will climb from' height to' height, \*  
and the God of gods will re'veal him'self in' Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, 'hear my' prayer; \*  
— 'hearken, O' God of' Jacob.

8 Behold our de'fender, O' God; \*  
and look upon the' face of' your A'nointed.

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe. iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader      The word of the Lord.

People      Thanks be to God.

#### SEQUENCE HYMN 587   Our Father, by whose Name

*Rhosymedre*

#### THE GOSPEL

Gospeler      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 2:1-12.

People      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of

them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL

*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**

Creator God, you have formed us for purpose. Enter more deeply into our hearts that we might more fully know you and the role you have created for us for, and accept our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Empower your church to speak truth and to stand boldly against the dark powers of this world, that it might be a refuge and a place of hope.

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Embolden your people to hold to account the leaders of the world, that they might pursue policies of peace and international fellowship.

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us discerning and generous hearts that your blessings might be made known to our neighbors through our actions.

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Equip us and sustain us to forestall environmental catastrophe, and to preserve the glorious abundance of creation for future generations.

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Support those who suffer and make your healing presence known to them. We pray especially for those on the All Saints' prayer list, and those you may add either silently or aloud ..... *Silence*

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for our many blessings and give thanks for Dan, Jeremiah, Loren, Brett, and Zen celebrating a birthday; and all those we name either silently or aloud ..... *Silence*

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

Accept the dying into your loving arms and greet us also in the hour of our deaths that we might rise again in your new age. We pray especially for Michael, Matt, Bob, Harry, Jeanann, and Denise. The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Gail by Amy, and the Sanctuary Candle in memory of Robert by Bob. Please add those you want to remember either silently or aloud ..... *Silence*

*Leader*      Lord in your mercy,  
*People*      **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider*      Speak to us and guide us in our life's path so that we might be fully the people you created us to be. All we have and all we ask comes from you, O Lord who with the Son and Holy Spirit, reigns forever, One God. **Amen.**

*"Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary, by Jon White and Lisa Graves, Church Publishing, 2024."*

## CONFESSIO N OF SIN

*Presider*      Let us confess our sins to God.

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

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Presider*      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

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

*People*      **And also with you.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Eucharist Prayer for Christmas*



*During the offertory anthem, we invite your offerings for All Saints' ministry of sharing God's love with the world. You may place your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or scan our QR code to give online*

**OFFERTORY HYMN 440**

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word**

**Liebster Jesu**

## DOXOLOGY

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider* Holy God, our Source and Ending, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks to you! You have called all creation into being, setting the earth on its foundations. You have spread out the heavens like a tent, and set a boundary to the seas, you have filled the world with your creatures and called all things good. The heavenly beings are your messengers night and day, and with them we sing and give glory to you:

*Presider 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.**

*The people may stand, sit or kneel.*

*Presider* In these latter days, God leaned toward the earth and spoke to us by a Son, Jesus the Beloved. Born of our sister Mary and the Holy Spirit, guarded by our brother Joseph with fatherly care, Jesus came among us as a baby, humbly born, cradled beside the beasts and warmed by their breath, human as we are, in need of human love. Yet kings bowed down before him, bringing gifts and emperors were troubled by his reign – this Child in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

This Word of God made flesh and full of grace was sent to deliver us from our sin, from the power of evil and the fear of death. As a servant, Jesus emptied himself of might upon the cross, and as the risen Anointed One is enthroned at God's right hand to bring mercy and justice to all the earth at the end of days.

And so, rejoicing in all God has done for us, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

Holy God, as you visited us in the birth of Jesus, visit us now by the power of your Spirit in these creatures of bread and wine, making them for us the Body and Blood of Christ, the banquet of heaven here on earth, as we remember how Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take, eat, This is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper, took a cup of wine and blessed and gave it to them, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Blessed God, shed your grace brighter than starlight on us that we may bear your good tidings to all and renew the weary world in your name: the name of Emmanuel - God-With-Us, to whom we give honor and glory in joy, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*People and Presider*

**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**

*The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be said, or sung*

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

*The Presider 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      Of the Father's Love Begotten      *Divinum mysterium***  
*(Text may be found in The Hymnal 1982, No 82)*

### **A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*Said by the Presider and intended for use by those watching our Livestream.*

Holy One, though I am unable to be physically present today with the worshiping community at All Saints Church, I have prayed with them as the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated. In my heart I feel connected to those worshiping at All Saints and with Christians throughout the world. Though I am unable to receive you

sacramentally today, I know You are always spiritually present in my heart, in my soul, and in my every breath. For this I give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Holy One, open our hearts and minds that we may discern your will. Grant us patience and perseverance as we wonder and wait for the one whom you send. We pray for a new rector who will provide leadership to help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ that is alive in our parish and community. We pray for the search committee to listen and respond with wisdom and gratitude each step of the way. We pray for our parishioners to find comfort with uncertainty during the search period. We pray for the priests we meet through this search as they prayerfully consider if they are called to All Saints. Help us, O God, to trust what we cannot yet see. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People* God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

## RECESSATIONAL HYMN 709 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee

## DISMISSAL

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **VOLUNTARY**

## In dulci jubilo

*arr. Wilbur Held*

Thanks to Dan Bishop and the All Saints Choir for our music today.  
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**PLEASE KEEP THE SEARCH COMMITTEE IN YOUR PRAYERS**  
**At All Saints, we are blessed with a group of "Saints" that have joined the**  
**Search Committee to select a new Rector for All Saints.**  
***Rick Vaughn, Lisa Dye, Tony Catka, Heather Glenn, Paul Odom,***  
***Maggie Kepler, and Mark Olson***

**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**  
**JANUARY 7, 2026**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE EPIPHANY**

**Please join us online or in person each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our**  
**VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE I**  
**JANUARY 8, 2026**  
**THE COMMEMORATION OF HARRIET BEELL**

**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 JAN. 4 – 10**  
**BIRTHDAYS**      **Dan Dailey, Jeremiah Jenner, Loren Latta,**  
**Brett Laursen, Zen Smith**

## **FOOD DONATIONS TO THE JUBILEE FOOD PANTRY AT ST. AMBROSE**

As you plan your next trip to the grocery store, please remember those in need and consider picking up a few extra items to benefit the Jubilee Food Pantry at St. Ambrose. They are looking for canned veggies and fruit, rice and pasta to support families in our community who could use a helping hand.

The St. Ambrose Food Pantry (formerly part of the Jubilee Food Pantry) is truly in need of food donations due to the deceasing amount of food items that have been provided by FEMA in the past. Check the BOGO items at the grocery stores and any thing that will help those in need to feed their families. As always, many thanks for your support!



**The Altar Flowers are given this week to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of my mother, Gail Marshall,  
in remembrance of her birthday on January 9, by Amy Marshall.**

**The Sanctuary Candle is given this week to the Glory of God and  
in loving memory of my Dad, Robert Warren Adams, on the  
anniversary of his Easter, January 6, 2005, by Bob Adams.**



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Vestry members can be contacted through our website at

<https://allsaintsfl.org/leadership> and *click on VESTRY*

### **DEDICATION OF ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLES 2026**

The sign up for 2026 dedication of Altar Flowers and the Sanctuary Candles is now available online or contact the office to schedule a special date.

Due to the increase in cost, the donation for Altar Flowers will be \$125; and during Advent, will be \$40 for the Altar Greens. Flowers are not used during Lent. The Sanctuary Candle will be \$25 for each week.

A special thank you to everyone for their support of our Flower Guild which adds to the beauty and enrichment of our Church.



## THANK YOU TO ALL SAINTS PARISHIONERS !

Thank you to everyone that shared in giving to Ministry Teams Giving Tree this year. There was a bountiful amount of gifts given for those in need.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for our events like the Boat Parade, Christmas on Las Olas, Greening of the Church, Laundry Love, singing in the choir, serving as readers, eucharistic ministers, vergers, altar guild, visiting EM, serving on the vestry, the search team, and all of the many ways we honor our parish by giving of our time, talent and treasure. Blessings to everyone and hope for the coming New Year!

### “PACKING THE PACKETS”

#### THANK YOU!

A special thanks to our group that packed the packets this past Sunday.

We are restocked and ready to help those in need of a food package.

This is a great way to share with those in need who are on the streets asking for a handout. Instead of giving cash, you can give a “packet” that will give them some nutriment to help them through the day. Plus, there is a note that is included in the packet that gives them the phone number to a “Broward Help Line” and also a comment that “God loves you.” The funds that are collected are recycled into the “Outreach Fund” to purchase more supplies for the packets. A special thanks to Frank Asterita, Cynthia and Jon Floria for keeping the supply going for us. The Outreach Committee says a big THANKS for your support! Thanks again for your generosity and helping others. Blessings!



If anyone would like to have one of the poinsettias that has decorated our Church, please help yourself to them. A special thank you to everyone that has generously donated to our Christmas Flowers!