

The First Sunday in Advent

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Welcome to All Saints' Church!

Whether you're a new face or an old friend, rich or poor, male or female, black or white, gay or straight, old or young, ill or in good health, cradle Episcopalian or religious skeptic – we're glad you've joined us for worship today! If you want to learn more about us or the Episcopal Church, we invite you to complete the card provided in the pews and return it to an usher following the service – and please introduce yourself to any of our friendly clergy, staff, or parishioners so that we can help to make you feel at home!

If you're a parent trying to balance worship with caring for young children, we know this can be a special challenge! Nursery care is always available down the hall, and we understand if you need to step out of the service for a few minutes to care for restless young ones - but we do encourage you to bring them back in when you can! Our congregation welcomes the young, and we believe that the act of worship is important for everyone, regardless of age or any other consideration. Though we're quite proud of our excellent liturgy, preaching, and music, we view them as acts of communal worship rather than performance, and we understand that a toddler squirming during a sermon, or an infant 'singing along' to a choral anthem, are in fact signs that our congregation is thriving and young people are in our midst!

Our Mission

***We celebrate God's work in the world as a caring Christian community,
valuing traditional Anglican liturgy,
embracing challenging Christian education
and treasuring artistic expression.***

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Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Introit

Comfort Ye, and Ev'ry Valley from "Messiah" - George Frederick Handel

Sung by All Saints' Soloist, Lynn G. Atkins, *Tenor*

Recorded in the All Saints' Sanctuary on 12/1/19

The Procession (in silence)

Advent Candle Devotion

The Leader says: Why are we lighting a candle?

We light this candle to represent Hope. Hope is the light at the end of a dark tunnel. The Jews had to wait hundreds and hundreds of years for the Messiah that God had promised. Palestine was a little land, often overrun by foreign armies. The Jews hated being a conquered people, but through the hardest times they clung to the hope that someday the Messiah would come to free them. Some scoffed, saying, "After all these years, you still think God will deliver us?" It was a long wait, but Jesus the Messiah did come.

Dear Heavenly Father: Sometimes we just have to wait. We wait our turn. We wait to grow up. We wait for Christmas to come again. The Jews had to wait for the Messiah. Mary had to wait for the baby Jesus to be born. We do not like to wait. But you help us with our waiting by sending the light of hope, as if to say, "Be patient. It will be worth the wait." Thank you for HOPE. **Amen.**

Hymn 56 vv. 1-2 (The Hymnal 1982)

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest

1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The congregation is seated for the Lessons and the Psalm.

The First Lesson 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 Qui regis Israel

Sung by All Saints' Soloist, Julia Fernandez

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.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

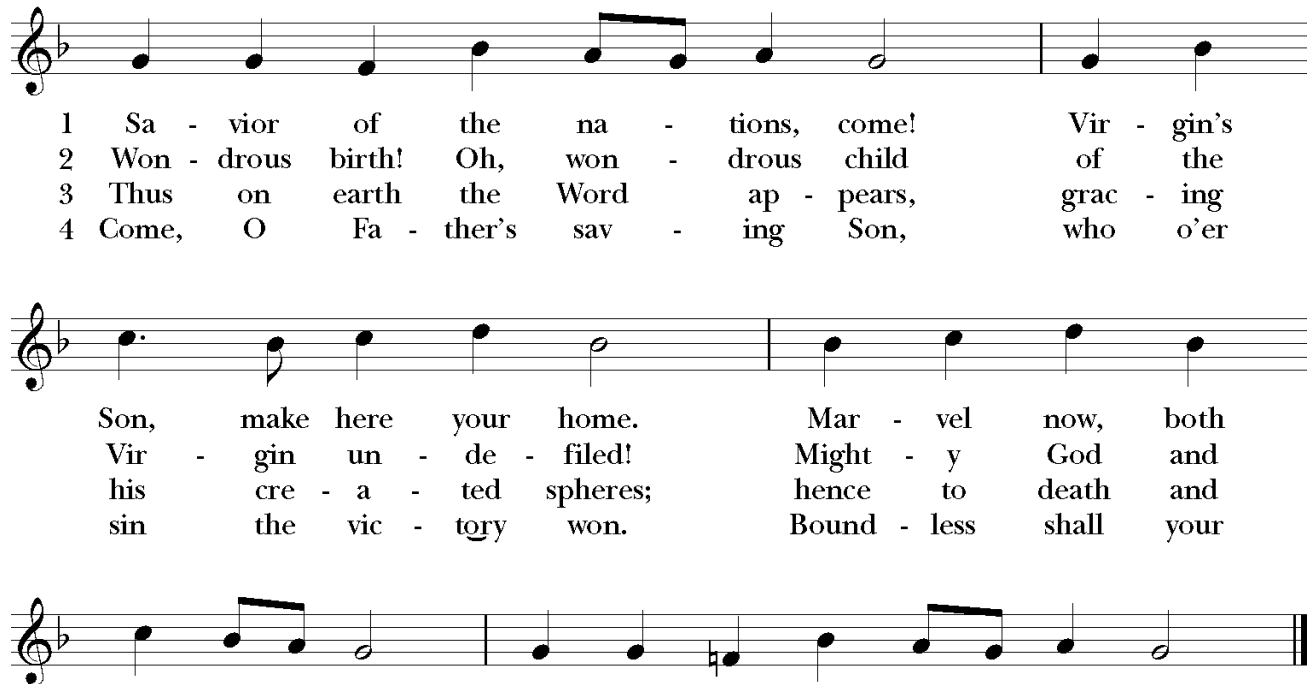
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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.*

HYMN 54 (The Hymnal 1982)

Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's
 2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and
 sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.
 king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546) after Ambrose of Milan (340-397); tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
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Erfurt Enchiridia, 1524; harm. Melchoir Vulpus (1560?-1616)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel 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."

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

The congregation is seated for the Sermon

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Elly Sparks Brown

The congregation stands for the Creed and the Prayers.

Apostles Creed *said by all*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. *Amen.***

Litany for Advent Week One: Hope

We enter into this first Sunday of the Advent season, turning our attention to You, God. We acknowledge the darkness that is within us, and that permeates the world.

Father, forgive us.

We acknowledge the suffering, tragedy, and pain by which humanity is afflicted, which seems at times to overwhelm us.

Draw near to us, Oh God.

We consider the mystery of your ways, that you might choose to send our Savior as an innocent baby and not as a warrior or a king; as one who humbly accepted suffering and humiliation and called it glory.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

We choose in this moment to focus our attention on HOPE; the hope of Jesus Christ and all his coming represents for suffering people, the hope for restoration of all that is broken in the world, the hope of new life and resurrection.

Hope is the light we wish to see by.

Grant, Oh God, that when he comes, Christ may find us waiting in expectation, our souls quieted, our hearts soft and open.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

In Christ all things are made new, and we look forward to the day our hope is fulfilled, each heart reconciled, the work of Christ completed in all the earth.

Our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Messiah. Amen

Silence is kept, during which the People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

The Celebrant concludes

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

The Celebrant or Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The congregation may either kneel or remain standing. A brief period of silence is kept, after which the Ministers and People say in unison:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,**

**that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the 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 Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

✙ The Holy Communion ✙

The Offertory

Anthem

Keep Your Lamps - Spiritual/ arr. Andre Thomas

Recorded by the All Saints' Choir on 12/1/19

The Doxology **HYMN 122 v. 4** (*The Hymnal 1982*)

Cranham

4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The congregation remains standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit

S-II4 (The Hymnal 1982)

Sancta Maria Magdalena/Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The congregation stands or kneels. 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:

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 said by all

**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.**

Celebrant Lord, we are not worthy to have you come under our roof
People ***but only say the word, and we shall be healed.***

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ the Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant offers the following Invitation:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion by Intention

*The ministers will offer Communion by Intention as we are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine at this time.
All the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth.*

Anthem

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze, from Cantata 61 (Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland) -J.S. Bach

Sung by All Saints' Soloist, Julia Fernandez, *Soprano*

At the invitation of the Celebrant, the congregation stands.

The Postcommunion Prayer *said in unison*

**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 Final Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the congregation with these, or similar words

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn 57 (The Hymnal 1982)

Helmsley



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses the People with these words:

People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CORNER: Today we welcome a new year! A new liturgical year, that is. We celebrate the liturgical season of Advent, which is a time of waiting and reflection, of anticipation, and of hope. For this reason, we turn from the green liturgical color of Ordinary Time (or the 'regular' season following Pentecost, to a dark blue or purple to honor a more penitential time. In the Western Church, the season of Advent draws its roots from Tours, France, around the 5th Century A.D., and is derived from the Latin word 'Adventus' or, 'to wait.' Indeed, we wait for the coming of the savior, and at All Saints', we commemorate this by implementing Rite 1, or a more traditional liturgical form, our hymns and service music are more introspective in nature, psalmody is to plainsong, and the ritual is more solemn. Our mass parts will be taken from the congregational mass "Missa Maria Magdalena" by Canadian composer Healey Willan. This all reflects the tone we are setting for the month of Advent.

When Charles Jennens collaborated with composer George Frederick Handel, they conceived of an idea of a libretto, set to music, to entertain and educate the masses on the life of Jesus, in their oratorio 'Messiah.'

Published in 1741, the play was composed for King George II, as Handel was his master of music in the Chapel Royal. The work as a whole is among the most popular in classical canon. Although most iterations are performed at Christmastime, and in Advent, the piece was actually first performed and intended for Holy Week. Today, we hear the first recitative and air from the first part, the immortal 'Comfort Ye', and 'Every Valley.' These movements open the piece, and set a peaceful and hopeful tone in the prophecy of Our Lord. The pieces are sung by tenor soloist.

The setting of "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" (Savior of the Nations, Come), is traditionally used on the first Sunday of Advent. The text is by Martin Luther, and it is a paraphrase of the Latin plainsong 'Veni Redemptor Gentium.' As a congregation, we will sing this hymn for the sequence hymn. During communion, we will hear a reflective and personal aria from Bach's choral cantata based on the tune 'Nun Komm.' This aria, set for high mezzo soprano, is a reflection on a soul knocking on the door to the Kingdom of God, and asking kindly to be let in -- and asking Jesus into her heart. It is lovely and intimate. And for the postlude, we hear the ornamented chorale prelude by Bach "Nun Komm der Heiden Heiland" or "Savior of the Nations, Come." The music is meditative (for a traditional postlude), and the gentle tune is 'dressed up' in a solo registration, accompanied by a flowing accompaniment. And today's choral anthem will be a setting of a spiritual setting by contemporary composer Andre Thomas, and his setting "Keep Your Lamps." As with most spiritual repertoire, the meaning of the piece is double, representing the eschatological text to 'keep our lamps burning' to meet the savior; indeed, the second meaning is representational of the Underground Railroad, and the African Americans who were waiting their freedom journey as 'the time is drawing nigh.'

PARISH ADVENT CALENDAR: We invite you to contribute to an online "Advent Calendar" as our parish family journeys through this season of expectation and preparation for observance of Christmastide and the miracle of the Incarnation.

Many of you read **Forward Day by Day**; our parish online Advent calendar would be a kind of *Forward Day by Day* for All Saints Church for the Season of Advent, written by All Saints parishioners, clergy, staff and friends. If you'd like to participate, please contribute one Advent reflection answering the question: "What does Christmas mean to me this year?" This should be no more than a few sentences, but may also be a poem, a devotion, a reflection by an author you love, a scripture that means a much to you, a piece of visual art, or anything you would like to share. Please feel free to keep it simple. We want your heart and participation—not perfection. Once finished, please e-mail our Parish Administrator, Sarah Nickelson (parishadmin@allsaint.org) with your contribution.

Each day during Advent, you will receive an Advent Devotion shared by members of our All Saints' Parish family. Each devotion will also include a link to a piece of music illuminating Advent and Christmas themes.

Please continue to send your contributions to Sarah.

How is this an *Advent* reflection? Because Advent is a time of patient waiting and expectation for the birth of the Messiah anew in Bethlehem. Our Advent waiting can also be a time of reflection and anticipation of the great feast of the Incarnation. Thank you! We would value your participation!

ARM- IN-ARM ANNUAL "IN-GATHERING" All Saints' Church has traditionally done an "in-gathering" of non-perishable foods to support the Arm-in-Arm food pantry. This year, due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to do such a collection, but would love to encourage our parishioners to give whatever they are able directly to Arm-in-arm. The organization that we love and cherish as a partner has great need of funds at this particularly difficult time in NJ's history. Please follow <https://arminarm.org/donate/> to support Arm-in Arm in a way that feels right for you. The above link provided will direct you to their online giving page, but if you'd be more comfortable giving by mail, their address is:

Arm In Arm
123 E. Hanover St.
Trenton, NJ 08608

HOMEFRONT'S CHRISTMAS DRIVE IS UPCOMING! *A Message from Father Hugh and Suzanne*

Thompson: Our annual HomeFront Christmas gift Project is coming soon! Once again, we will be sponsoring children and their families who are at risk and need our support to experience Christmas joy; the children of families at HomeFront have lived with homelessness and traumatic life events. You can make a difference by sponsoring these children in our community! As we did with our HomeFront back to school children's sponsorships, we will send you the children, information for their gift requests, and return information as soon as we have them. But—at present—and for now--Please let us know if you can sponsor a child or several children! Please write Suzanne Thompson our Outreach Chair if you would like to volunteer for this project and sponsor one or more children at spthompson1994@gmail.com. We hope to sponsor 20 children this Christmas!

Update: Thank you to those who have selected a child. We still have 10 more children left to sponsor! Please contact Suzanne if you are able to sponsor a child this year!

Please return your gifts for your sponsored Children from today, November 29, through December 14—the first two Sundays of Advent. We will have our Breezeway Advent/Christmas tree set up and you can just place your gifts under the Christmas tree! The Breezeway doors will be open for your deliveries at hours we will designate for you. Thank you so much for your partnership in this project; it will provide a needed smile and ray of hope for children at risk!

THIS MONTH WE CELEBRATE THE MANTLE OF STEWARDSHIP! The Fall Annual Fund Drive and Stewardship Campaign formally ends today! Please prayerfully consider an Annual Pledge to the Stewardship Campaign when you receive the mailing and return the pledge sheet in the provided pre-stamped envelope with your pledge of Treasure, Time and Talent. Your Annual Pledges to our 2021 Operating Budget makes possible all our Mission and Ministry for All Saints' Parish!

ZOOM ADULT FORUM: Our PTS Seminarian Intern, Elliot VanHoy will initiate the first in a series of three Advent Forums on the Birth Narratives of Jesus in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. He will connect them to contemporary issues of justice and peacemaking. Tune in this Sunday at 9:00am using the zoom link!

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR AND MOVIE DISCUSSION: We will be discussing the well-known and beloved Thanksgiving themed comedy/drama, *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*. Links to the movie for background and context are below:

<https://www.rollingstone.com/feature/why-planes-trains-and-automobiles-is-the-ultimate-thanksgiving-movie-110115/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planes,_Trains_and_Automobiles

UPDATED ALL SAINTS' REOPENING PLAN:

Dear All Saints Parish family and friends,

I write with an update for our phased reopening plans. Here are primary decisions; context follows.

First, beginning October 19th week, we brought two more of our primary tenants back into the building on a very limited capacity.

The numbers of those attending are minimal; safety practices are rigorous, and in keeping with the Diocese of New Jersey regulations for outside groups and tenants, along with the Governor's mandates. Health Screens, Distancing, Mask Wearing, Disinfecting, and other safety requirements are strictly enforced by signed, written agreements from the leadership of each group.

The Princeton Learning Cooperative or (PLC), is using the Undercroft area as in past practice from Monday through Friday. The Winner's Circle, our AA Group has a very limited number of persons meeting in our Sanctuary daily; with use of our Parish South Reception Room on weekends (Saturday / Sunday) at times.

The Princeton Learning Cooperative will be on the same phased reopening as the Princeton Public School System, with middle and senior high students also began in-person learning on October 19th week. The Princeton Family Community Learning Center (PFCLC) has been open since late April, primarily serving the children of essential employees—again—with a very limited capacity.

Our two schools, on limited capacity in our building, serve a lower risk population; we will be continuing to monitor safety practices. Our AA Group might be considered an essential health service. It is for reasons of essential health, education, and day-care that we welcome these tenants—even with very limited capacity for numbers-- into our building at all.

Second, with the support of our Wardens, Reopening Committee and Vestry, I have made the decision that we will continue to worship online on Sunday mornings, and with outdoor mid-week Evening Prayer services for the foreseeable future. At this time, we will designate no prospective date for in-building worship on Sunday mornings, or otherwise. This also includes sacramental events like Weddings and Funerals.

We will have to take our plans, in the 12 Step mantra, "one day at a time." Health care officials warn that in-building activities--for any length of time—are very risky actions possible during this stage of the epidemic. Our All Saints Church population, as the population of most Episcopal Churches and mainline Christianity, **serves a more high- risk population of a senior age demographic.** With great sadness, evidence suggests that COVID cases are increasing throughout our nation; this is now, ever more sadly, the case in New Jersey; hospitalizations are increasing in our nation and state.

We continue to lose more than 1,000 per day throughout the nation; in no way is this epidemic of COVID remotely contained in our nation; now, perhaps even our state. We may even be experiencing a "second wave" of this COVID epidemic in our nation—and state—as more and more persons resume in-building activities--and become lax with safety practices. Because we have been committed to the Gospel imperative of Neighbor-Love; and the Promise of our Baptismal Covenant to respect the dignity of every human being, **our All Saints Church practices have resulted in no COVID exposure, and no COVID illness.** This may be the most important and critical Christian fidelity during these past few months of this Epidemic of life-threatening illness! I want this fidelity to continue.

Our Sunday morning events of worship and formation--and our mid-week outdoor evening prayer services--are attracting significant participation; we are *together as a parish family* on Sunday mornings through our Zoom online platform. In my judgement, in-person worship on Sunday mornings, with very

strict safety protocols, no congregational singing, limited access to Holy Communion (offered only in one kind—bread), distancing, diocesan probation of shared fellowship time and meals—is simply not worth the risk—and is far less effective than our being together online. We will continue to live-stream our lovely music with a talented organist, music director, and choral staff; and we will be together in Christian community.

Let us—as we have throughout these past few months—live in Christ’s compassion and mercy; let us always seek understanding, patience and sensitivity to one another; let us rejoice that the Christ is present powerfully in Christian community within our online meetings as in our building; let us remember that Christ’s altar is not only in a building, but in the world; let us be mindful that the Holy Spirit, above all, resides in a community of love.

Elly and I send our deepest prayers.

As always, I share our continuing foundational prayer, A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis:

Lord, make us instruments of your 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.*

HOUSING SUPPORT FOR BRIAN KIRBY: Our amazing Sexton, Brian Kirby, is currently looking for new housing. Brian needs some help finding an apartment or a room for rent. He is looking for something in the vicinity of the church. If you or someone you know can help, please contact Brian directly via email: br1an85@yahoo.com.

PLEASE SUPPORT EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT: Please consider a gift to Episcopal Relief and Development to supplement a Vestry-approved parish crisis gift of 1,000 to ERD. We are in the midst of a truly devastating time with multiple natural disasters. I know all of us are horrified by the truly apocalyptic wildfires of the West Coast; we have also experienced major hurricanes (including Hurricane Zeta), tropical storms and horrendous storms in the mid-west. Both our parish, and your "matching" contribution to Episcopal Relief and Development can make a huge difference in the lives of so many.

Episcopal Relief and Development is the relief and crisis assistance "arm" of the Episcopal Church. ERD does amazing work and all contributions go to direct "on the ground" relief. The link is below to ERD: Please provide gifts directly to ERD either by giving online below; or writing a check and sending to address in the enclosed link below.

[https://support.episcopalrelief.org/sem2017?](https://support.episcopalrelief.org/sem2017?ID=170901RMFSL0100&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=fy17sem&utm_source=170901RMFSL0100&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI5u72hMDk6wIVAeKzCh2s-Q_0EAAYASADEgL69PD_BwE)

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VERY OWN REV. MADDY PATTERSON FOR ATTAINING POSTULANCY FOR HOLY ORDERS IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY BY THE COMMITTEE ON PRIESTHOOD!

IT IS WITH GREAT THANKSGIVING THAT WE CONGRATULATE LUKE ZERRA ON HIS ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Luke Zerra was ordained to the Priesthood on September 19, 2020 at St. Paul’s Church in Mt. Lebanon, PA by the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell on behalf of the Rt. Rev. William H. Stokes. We are grateful for all who have supported Luke on his journey and are doubly grateful for all he has given to our Parish Family.

TRIFORM CAMPHILL COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Parishioner and former Junior Warden Reed Wilson serves on the board of this wonderful organization! Triform Camphill Community is actively seeking recent high school and college graduates (or current students interested in a gap year experience) who would like to participate in a service opportunity, as a Triform Volunteer Coworker, living with and supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

As a volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to participate in the vocational areas of the community, helping to support activities such as classroom education, gardening and land work, painting, pottery, woodworking, textiles and weaving, sports, and other activities. The volunteer experience also extends to household life. Working alongside house-parents and other volunteers, you will be expected to assist with the social and emotional support and physical care of Triform residents, meal preparation, and household chores.

Being a volunteer requires stamina, perseverance, and an openness to learn. For those excited by this challenge, the rewards are manifold: personal satisfaction, friendships, discovering new interests and capacities, developing skills, making a difference, and being part of a community effort for world healing. We have service terms ranging from 3 months up to 1 year. We can provide flexibility around the length of your stay in order to accommodate your schedule.

Benefits Include:

- College loan re-payment assistance (up to \$500/month for student loans)
- Room and board (all coworkers have a private, fully furnished bedroom/bathrooms are shared)
- Education, training, and professional development opportunities
- Mentorship and support
- \$250 monthly stipend
- Medical insurance
- Time off benefits
- Use of car

Contact the Triform Admissions Coordinator for more information at 412-609-6259 or volunteer@triform.org.

GET INVOLVED!

As Princeton University, Rutgers University, and Princeton Seminary, along with most New Jersey Institutions of Higher Education, will begin with Remote/Online Learning in the Fall of 2020, we will begin our Graduate Student Fellowship with and Online/Zoom gathering at a date to be determined in September; anyone interested in the Graduate Student Fellowship, please e-mail our PTS Intern, Elliot Vanhoy at elliot.vanhoy@ptsem.edu. Or call him at 843-725-9818.

THE PRAYER CIRCLE, FRIDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP, AND THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP are all on sabbath in light of this global Pandemic. Thank you for your understanding and support!

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY The men of All Saints' are invited to join our Men's Bible Study group, which meets every Tuesday morning, to discuss both the philosophical and practical aspects of our faith. We are now meeting via Zoom so anyone interested in joining the fun, needs to email Peter Travers to be included in the Zoom invitation (see below). We're currently reading the last 10 books of Genesis which concludes our review of the patriarchal genealogy of the 12 tribes; join the fun. Our group excels at offbeat, wide-ranging and entertaining discussions. If you have any questions about the group, please contact Alan Dybvig at alandybvig@verizon.net or 609-947-2565, or Peter J. Travers at pjtray@chasefield.com or 908-672-6060.

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK STUDY Immediately following our weekly Bible Study, at 8:05 a.m. or so in the same Zoom Meeting, there is a book study open to both men and women. We are about to start *The Mind of the Maker* by Dorothy Sayers having just finished Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. Questions regarding the Book Study Group may be directed to Alan Dybvig at alandybvig@verizon.net or at 609-947-2565 or Peter J. Travers at pjtray@chasefield.com or 908-672-6060.

RECTOR'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Meets Wednesday mornings at 10:15am. We will be continuing our study of the Book of Exodus- ALL are welcome!

Prayers for the Whole State of Christ's Church and the World

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic for COVID-19: This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place! Guide our leaders, our scientists, our nurses and doctors. Give them wisdom and fill their hearts with courage and determination. Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save, and in illness or death, we find the cross to be none other than the way of life. All this we ask in the name of the One who bore all our infirmities, even Jesus Christ our Risen and Victorious Lord. Amen.

For the United Nations and the leaders of the nations of our global humanity; for Donald our President and Phil, our Governor, for peace and throughout the world, especially in the Middle East, for our service men and women and all diplomats and embassies abroad, for our enemies and adversaries, for the victims of mass gun violence.

For our mission partners: Arm In Arm, Homefront, Womanspace, Princeton Community Housing, Crawford House, TASK, The Trenton Rescue Mission, NAMI, Urban Promise, WorldVision, Episcopal Relief and Development, Interfaith Stitchers, Not in Our Town, and The Episcopal Public Policy Network.

For the Church

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)
The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

Diocesan cycle of prayer: Church of the Advent in Cape May

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Michael our Presiding Bishop, for William, our Diocesan Bishop, for Hugh, our Rector, and the clergy of this parish family. Also, for the Revd Megan E. Thomas, Priest in Charge at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Ewing, NJ, and for the Rev. George Rambow, Episcopal Chaplain at Mississippi State, as Associate Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Starkville, Mississippi.

For Rachel Douglass, Postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of New Jersey
For Maddy Patterson, Aspirant for Holy Orders

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Dear parish family --

First and foremost, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe Thanksgiving. This is the time of year in which we reflect on what is sometimes a difficult emotion -gratitude. How to live into being grateful. Having a house full of family, a table full of beautiful food and libation, and celebrating the turning of the seasons. This year, gratitude takes on a whole new meaning for us all. We find ourselves isolated from one

another because of a worldwide pandemic of a lifetime, and these things for which were so easy to give thanks last year -- now shine paramount. And for those of us who have loved and lost, we feel this holiday acutely.

Friends, I wanted to share with you how grateful I am to be among our parish family at All Saints' Church. I am sorry for being silent for a time -- as you know, losing a mother and purchasing a new home have affected my husband and myself profoundly, in good ways and bad. We literally closed on our house 17 hours after my mother died. Talk about whiplash! My mother, Susan, was a good woman, a godly woman, a giving woman. I am so sad that you all did not get to know her better. She instilled in me my love of music at a young age, playing and singing Christmas carols on the piano when I was in elementary school, and teaching me the tunes. This early childhood passion stuck, and she encouraged me to pursue a career in music, furthermore in music *ministry.* I'll never forget when she told me "you'll never make millions in church music, but you pay it forward, and then when you need it most, it will come back to you tenfold. You're a giver, Kevin, never stop."

This is where my gratitude lay -- with you, as my parish family. To those who have lost both parents, there is an inexplicable feeling of being an orphan. The thoughtfulness, intentionality and love of our All Saints' family have made this burden bearable, and serve as a self-fulfilling prophecy of my mother's words to me as a child. Thank you for giving back this love when I needed it the most. The cards, phone calls, Facebook messages -- your words comfort me more than you will ever know. God bless you for it.

Particular thanks to Fr. Hugh and Elly, who have been great pastoral support to me and my husband, to Sarah, for a willing and generous spirit, to the wardens and vestry and staff who allowed me some bereavement time, and my choir family, who have been very close with their intentions and love.

I pray that you are all safe at this time, and though we are physically distant, we will be close in heart.

I look forward to the upcoming year and beyond, serving as your music director, in creating connections through music over the internet, phone, time and space. And with the promising news of the vaccine, I look forward to the not-so-distant future of leading congregational song in person!

In love, in peace, and in harmony, I am affectionately yours,
Kevin

We pray for all who have been impacted by **Hurricanes Laura, Sally, Delta, and Zeta** —especially for those whose lives have been lost, commending them to God's love and light; and who have lost friends and loved ones; we pray for all who are in recovery from these terrible storms; we pray for all who are responding to the victims of these tragedies.

We Pray for those suffering from, and at risk from, the Wildfires of the Pacific Coast

We Pray for those who protest for equity and justice, and for the Black Lives Matter Movement

We Pray for the more than 212,000 Americans who have died from COVID; for all who grieve their death; we especially grieve the loss of those within our parish family, lost to COVID; and friends and family within our parish who have endured loss and illness from this terrible pandemic. We also pray for all who put their lives at risk during this Pandemic of COVID-19—especially our health care workers; and those make all the life-giving services possible for the human family.

We pray for this nation during this election year.

PARISHIONERS WITH ONGOING NEEDS: Lewis Barringer, Megumi Barringer, Sandy Belmont, Margaret Bushnell, John Collins, John Fleming, Randy Haase, Maggie Hill, Chow-Soon Ju, Olga Kronenberg, Jan Logan, June Merrell, Margaret Miller, Rose Rickert, Muriel Schmidt, Cathy Stroup

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL, FACING SURGERY, OR RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS OR

SURGERY: Howard Bellizio, Tommy Bond, Priscilla Bostock, Margaret Bushnell, Mary Daetwyler, Paulette Forbes-Rader, Mary Haase, The Ju Family, Tony Manning, Cathy Stroup, Ruth Varney, Joy Zumbrun

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS Leah Anderson, Adrian Archer, Jim & Barbara Ballard, Roger Barrett, Jocelyn Colao, Karen Dalton, Gavin, James & Eleanor Dalton, Wendy Erb, Carolyn Hefner, Evan Hunt Johnson, Sally Johnson, Patricia Kalvar, Leo Kleindienst, Wally Kleindienst, Eva Kronenberg, Jessica Lowe, Nancy McGillian*, Ron Schaefer, Ann Schoonover, Steve Valerio and the Valerio Family, Jessica Walradt

Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for Katherine, the daughter of Jane and Al Kleindienst, and Katherine's husband, Marc, for the birth of their first child in Santa Monica, California.

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: *(in order of occurrence)* Anne Morrison (12/2), Duncan Beesley (12/3), Heidy Taylor (12/5), Wendy Bond (12/5)

FOR ALL THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED Kelly Belmont, Anne Bottomley, Ryan Edward Droste, Lib Flemer, Blair Arlington Jermott, Kay Johnson*, Janice Kisthardt, The Rev. John Lane, Helen Martinson*, Susan O'Malia, Chenon Pierre, Anna Robinson, Kathleen Stafford, Helene Walradt, The Rev. Jeffrey Walthers*, Dick Williams, Niel Yocom

** These folks are sick and/or have passed from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

PARISH LOVED ONES:

Lynn Atkins: Joseph Atkins

Jim & Meg Barringer: Hisako Satoh

Jack Belmont: Kelly

Howard Bellizio: Jim Bellizio, Paul

Bob & Mary Bostock: Nate L., Tom Drexel, Priscilla

Hugh & Elly Brown: Jody, Mary Van, Heather, Morgan, Garrett

Margaret Bushnell: Patricia Kalvar

Charles & Liz Colagiuri: James Linderman

John Collins: Carol DeGroat, Olga

Mary Daetwyler: Elisabeth, Thomas, Jack, Victoria, John

Alan Dybvig: RJ, Dan

Tink Evans: David

Cathy Gough: Sue K., George D., Pete L., Larry C.

Randy & Mary Haase: Elmer Haase

Colin and Maggie Hill: Shane Flynn, Elizabeth Bartlett

Amy Johnson: Evan Hunt Johnson, Sally Johnson

Doris Ju: Wendy Erb

James Kisthardt: Jack

Al & Jane Kleindienst: Peter, Kaiser, Sue, Siân, Katherine, Marc, Karen, Gavin, James, Eleanor

Joy Kulvicki: Craig & Jean, Tish & Stewie, Jill & Kit, Ryan, Ginger

Sue Langhans: Paul

Jan Logan: Mary, Alejandro, Abel

June Merrell: Caitlin

Karl & Anne Morrison: Eleanor Herron, Kate

Pam Muscente: Patrick, Jody, Janine

Sarah Nickelson: The Knipper Family

Kevin & Tommy O'Malia: Teresa Duchesneau

Scott & Jean Ricketts: Neil, Christine

Adrienne Rodewald: Austin Johnson, Jane Borroughs, Emily, Clay

Muriel Schmidt: Christie Schmidt, Virginia Vrydaghs

Anna Shields: Margaret, Albert, Katherine, and Ian Tareca, Nicholas and Johanna Shields

Judy Soncrant: Doug, Beth

Cathy Stroup: Adrian

Caroline Travers: Rick, Harper, John, Steve, Tom

Peter Travers: Adam & Stephanie, Alex, Mary Jean & Thomas, Kevin

Alma Williams: Elena

Reed & Bernadette Wilson: Louis Beguin

Joy & Howie Zumbrun: Dan, Dottie, Karin

Please pray for all persecuted Christians and all others suffering from persecution and human rights violations.

Please pray for Shelly, Ashleigh, Vivek, Barbara, Michelle and all victims of modern day slavery.

Please pray for members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty: LT Robert M. Bostock, Jr., USN, CPT Ian MacPherson, US Army, Corporal Ricky Barringer, Marines

Participants in this Service

Celebrant & Preacher: *The Rev. Dr. Hugh E Brown, III*

Assisting Clergy: *The Rev. Karl Morrison*

Intercessor: *Caroline Travers*

Lector: *Elliot VanHoy, PTS Seminarian Intern*

Director of Music & Organist: *Kevin O' Malia*

Web Designer and Streaming: *Tommy O'Malia*

All Saints' Soloist: *Julia Fernandez*