



"Called to live and to love as the Body of Christ"

Welcome

Thank you for joining us this morning for worship! If you are a new guest with us today, stop by the Welcome Table in the Narthex for more information about All Saints. We'd love to meet you!

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ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | PENTECOST

THE COLORS OF ADVENT

Blue is used during Advent as a symbol of royalty, and of the night sky preceding the dawning of a new day - the anticipation of the impending announcement of Christ the King's coming.

THE CANDLES OF ADVENT

The light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world who comes into the darkness of our lives to bring newness, life, and hope, calling us to be lights in the world as we reflect God's grace to others (Isa 42:6). The primary reason for lighting one candle on the first Sunday, plus another the second, and so on is to symbolize the various aspects of our waiting experience, especially the darkness of fear and hopelessness receding and the shadows of sin falling away as more and more light is shed into the world.

The flowers at the front of the sanctuary this morning are given by the Biard Family. "GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,

AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG THOSE WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED!" LUKE 2:14

If you would like to donate flowers to mark a special occasion such as baptisms, birthdays, or anniversaries, please contact Sabra Boone (sboone@allsaintsaustin.org).

PROCESSIONAL

O COME, MESSIAH, COME



(Words & Music: Isaac Wardell, arr. Isaac Wardell, Mason Neely, & Alex Foote; addtl. arr. David Lutes; CCLI License #2476739)

ENTRANCE

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Minister: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: who made heaven and earth, who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

Minister: The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

Minister: The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

People: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Amen.

(from Psalm 146)

Minister: Let us pray...

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Minister: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means "coming," and we are preparing ourselves for the days when the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,

and rejoice with joy and singing

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE



(Words: Liturgy of St. James; Music: French melody; arr. David Lutes, 2011; CCLI license #2476739)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: God of power and might, you promised through the prophets

that the day is coming when you will bring all nations under your rule.

People: We confess that we have not expected your coming kingdom.

We live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.

We accept lies as truth, exploit our neighbors,

abuse your creation, resist your justice, and refuse your peace. In your mercy, forgive our wandering and rebellious hearts.

Grant us the humility to return to you,

the strength to walk in your way,

and the wisdom to seek those things that will endure; for the sake of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ

who will come again to judge the world in righteousness. Amen.

(adapted from the Book of Common Worship)

(Pause for a time of silent confession)

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL



(Words: Tr. by John Mason Neale, Music: arr. Thomas Helmore, addtl. arr. David Lutes; CCLI license #2476739)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of

all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and

consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus;

- 2 it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing.
- The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
- They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

- He will come and save you."

 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness.

and streams in the desert:

- 7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;
- in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
- 8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness;
- the unclean shall not pass over it.

It shall belong to those who walk on the way;

even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

9 No lion shall be there,

nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there,

but the redeemed shall walk there.

- 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing;
- everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EPISTLE READING

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8 You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader: The Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God!

Please turn and face the Bible as it is processed into the aisle.

Instrumental refrain is played as the bible is returned to the altar table.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS WAITS



(Words: Psalm 95; Music: Marty Haugen, 1982, Arr: David Lutes, 2011; CCLI license #2476739)

GOSPEL READING

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW II:2-II

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples 3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" 4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. 6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is he of whom it is written,

"'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'

11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to you, Lord Christ.

SMALL SAINTS DISMISSAL

AT THIS TIME, CHILDREN IN PREK-2ND GRADE MAY GO TO ROOM 102 FOR A LESSON AND ACTIVITY. THEY WILL RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY DURING THE OFFERTORY.

3RD-5TH GRADE SUNDAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL

At this time, children in 3rd-5th grade are invited to go to Room 108 for a catechism lesson during the sermon. They will return to the Sanctuary during the offertory.

HOMILY

"Nonchalant No Longer: Early and Late Rains" Rev. Josh Keller

Sermon Notes	

For more study resources, see All Saints weekly sermon discussion guides attached to each sermon online.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: Let us affirm our faith together saying:

People: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God;

Begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God;

Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father;

By whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man:

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried:

On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures:

And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father:

And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord, and Giver of Life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;

Who spoke by the Prophets:

And I believe in one catholic and apostolic Church:

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins:

And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

-The Nicene Creed

WELCOME!

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RETURN OF CHILDREN: During the Offertory, Small Saints and Sunday School teachers will bring the children back to the Sanctuary. Feel free to pick up younger children at this time as well. You may also wait to retrieve them, as childcare is provided for the duration of the service.

HOLY COMMUNION OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor

to the Lord.

OFFERTORY INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE TITHES & OFFERINGS

Online giving is available at any time at allsaintsaustin.org/giveonline or you may leave offerings in the bowl at the entrance before or after the service.



While there are many ways to contribute financially to God's Kingdom.

THE CHURCH IS THE PRIMARY MEANS BY WHICH THAT KINGDOM IS ESTABLISHED ON EARTH. THUS, GOD CALLS US FIRST AND FOREMOST TO BE FAITHFUL IN THE REGULAR, ONGOING SUPPORT OF ONE'S LOCAL CHURCH BODY THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS. IF YOU HAVEN'T MADE TITHING A PRACTICE, PLEASE CONSIDER ADOPTING TITHING OR GENEROUS GIVING AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE—THAT YOU MIGHT GROW IN FAITH AND THAT TOGETHER WE MIGHT INCREASE ALL SAINTS' CAPACITY TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST IN AUSTIN FOR THE WORLD.

Minister: Let us pray:

People: We do not presume to come to this, Your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own

righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood that we may

evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(PLEASE STAND.)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times and in all places give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, your Word through whom you made all things, and sent to be our Savior, incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. Fulfilling your will and gaining for you a holy people, he stretched out his hands as he endured the cross, so as to break the bonds of death and bring forth the resurrection.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing,



(Traditional Eucharistic melody from the Latin Mass)

(Please kneel or be seated)

Celebrant: You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, by sending down your Holy Spirit like rain upon the earth that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith: *People:* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: As we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you,

O Lord, the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation, giving thanks that in Christ you have accepted us as righteous and welcomed us into your presence

to worship you.

And we humbly pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be made one by the Holy Spirit, just as you, Father,

are one with Christ - he in you, and you in him.

Remember, O Lord, your Church spread throughout the world - your people from every tongue, tribe, and nation - and bring her to the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Remember, O Lord, all your people even as we give thanks for our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection.

Remember us, O Lord, that with all the saints who have loved you throughout the ages, we may endure to be coheirs of eternal life.

Celebrant: 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.

People: Amen.

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

People: 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance

that Christ died for you, and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

Coming to the Table Instructions & Explanations

Welcome to the Lord's Table

All Saints welcomes all baptized Christians to participate in the eucharistic meal, whether members at All Saints or another church. Children who have been baptized and admitted to the table by the elders of this church or the leadership of another church are also welcome.

If you're still investigating Christianity or simply choose not to participate, you may either remain in your seat or come forward, cross your arms over your chest, and receive a blessing. Non-communing children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing while their parents receive communion.

About the BREAD

Gluten free bread is available upon request in all serving sections. If you are highly gluten intolerant, we recommend communing at the front left serving section which serves only gluten free bread.

Where do I go?

Wait for an usher to release your row. Ushers will release each row to go forward to take communion.

If you're unsure where to go, an usher will direct you to the appropriate line.

About the WINE

The outer circles of each cup tray contain wine. Grape juice is provided in the **inner circle of each tray**.

If I only take the bread or the wine...



There may be times when you are unable to take either the bread or the wine. Perhaps the grape juice runs out in your section. The historic Church recognizes this as "communion in one kind" and it's ok! The Church still considers those who have taken just the bread or just the wine as participating fully in Communion.

HYMNS FOR COMMUNION

9:00 AND 10:15 AM SERVICES
JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE (ADULT & YOUTH CHOIRS)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, Which the morning stars began; Father love is reigning over us, Brother love binds man to man. Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife, Joyful music leads us Sunward In the triumph song of life.

(Words: Henry Van Dyke; Music: BEACH SPRING, arr. David Lutes, choral arr. Abigail Diltz, 2025)

11:30 AM SERVICE LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL



(Words: Ernest W. Shurtleff; Music: LANCASHIRE, arr. Jake Armerding)

GOD REST YE MERRY, GENTLEMEN



(Words: English Carol, Music: English Melody, arr. David Lutes, 2008; CCLI License #2476739)

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Words: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois)

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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. They are set in the Book of Common Prayer Daily Lectionary, a schedule of daily Bible reading in accord with the Church year. They are designed around a two-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently. We are currently in the "Year I" cycle.

12/14/25 Ps. 63 Ps. 103	Isa. 13:6-13 Jn. 3:22-30	Heb. 12:18-29
12/15/25 Ps. 41 Ps. 44	Isa. 8:16-9:1 Lk. 22:39-53	2 Pet. I:I-II
12/16/25 Ps. 45 Ps. 47-48	Isa. 9:1-7 Lk. 22:54-69	2 Pet. I:I2-2I
12/17/25 Ps. 119:49-72 Ps. 49	Isa. 9:8-17 Mk. 1:1-8	2 Pet. 2:I-IO
12/18/25 Ps. 50 Ps. 33	Isa. 9:18-10:4 Mt. 3:1-12	2 Pet. 2:10-16
12/19/25 Ps. 40 Ps. 51	Isa. 190:5-19 Mt. 11:2-15	2 Pet. 2:17-22
12/20/25 Ps. 55 Ps. 138-139	Isa. 10:20-27 Lk. 3:1-9	Jude 17-25
12/21/25 Ps. 24, 29 Ps. 8, 84	Isa. 42:1-12 Jn. 3:16-21	Eph. 6:10-20

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- Merge (Pre-marital) Begins January 25 Re|Engage (Marriage) Begins January 13
- Divorce Care (Divorced or separated) -Begins January 15
- **Square One** (First-time moms) Begins February 19
- Raising Saints (Moms with children ages 1-5) -
- Jump in at any time!

 Parenting on Purpose (Parents in all stages) -Begins January 18



More information & registration









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