



# ST. HELENA'S

— ANGLICAN —

*The Fourth Sunday in Advent*  
December 21, 2025  
10:30 am

## Welcome!

Whether you are visiting or looking for a new church home,  
we rejoice that you are here to worship with us today.

Please take a moment to connect with us so that we might  
welcome you more personally. Please scan the QR code below or  
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We look forward to saying hello!



Nursery: Children ages kindergarten and older are encouraged  
to worship with their families in the church.

A nursery is available in Tyndale Hall for children  
ages 4 and under during the 10:30 am service.

An usher can direct you to Tyndale Hall.

# Liturgy of the Word

**Opening Voluntary:** Offertorio Pastorale

Anonymous 1700's

**Choral Introit**

*The Saint's Delight*

The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow

The Parish Choir

*(Text found on page 177 of Hymnal)*

**Procession Hymn 38**

*Irby*

Once in Royal David's City

**The Acclamation**

Celebrant: Surely the Lord is coming soon.

**People:** *Amen. Come Lord Jesus!*

*The Celebrant prays:*

**The Collect for Purity**

*BCP, page 106*

**The Summary of the Law**

*BCP, page 106*

**Kyrie**

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer-cy up - on us. Christ, have mer-cy up - on us.

us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day** (*Remain standing*)

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

*Please be seated for the reading of God's word.*

### **Psalm 24** (*to be read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*

***the compass of the world and those who dwell therein.***

<sup>2</sup> For he has founded it upon the seas \*

***and established it upon the rivers of the deep.***

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? \*

***Or who shall stand in his holy place?***

<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, \*

***and who has not set his mind upon vanity,  
nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.***

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive blessing from the Lord \*

***and righteousness from the God of his salvation.***

<sup>6</sup> This is the generation of those who seek him, \*

***even of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.***

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*

***and the King of glory shall come in.***

<sup>8</sup> "Who is the King of glory?" \*

***"It is the Lord, strong and mighty, even the Lord, mighty in battle."***

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O you gates, and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; \*

***and the King of glory shall come in.***

<sup>10</sup> "Who is the King of glory?" \*

***"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."***

**First Reading:** Isaiah 7:10-17

Pew Bible, page 572

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

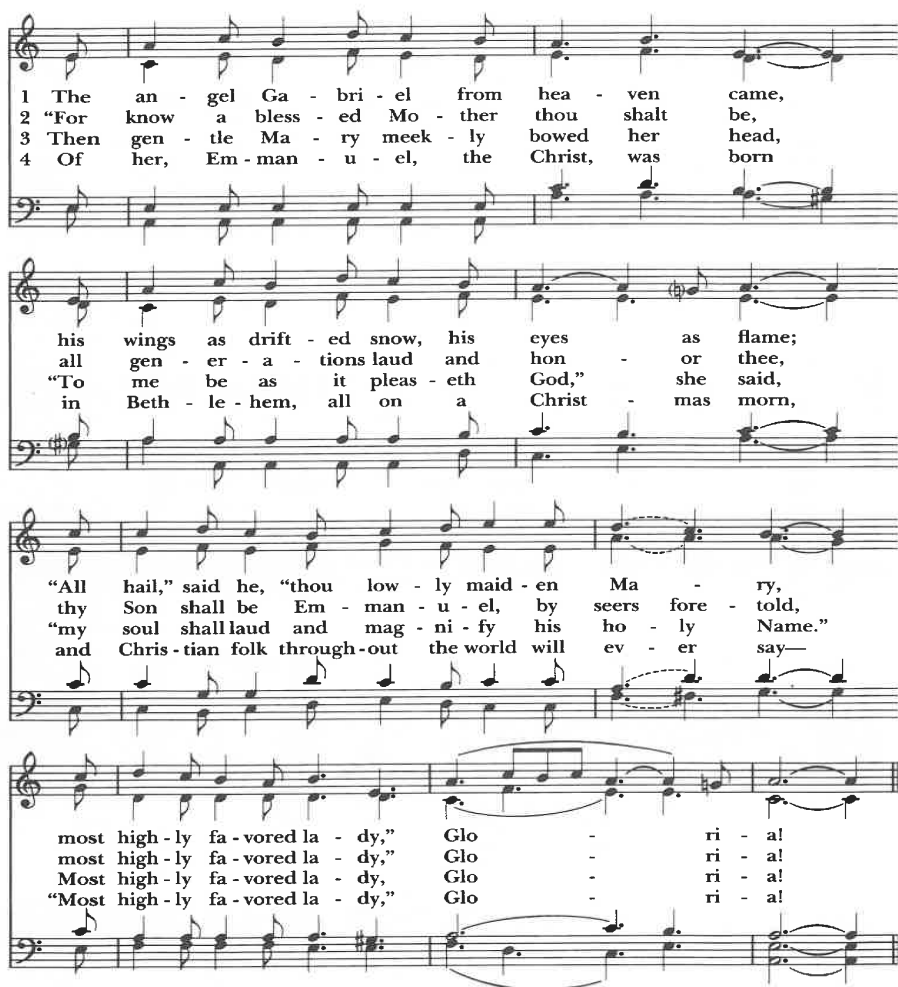
**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand to sing the Gradual Hymn and remain standing  
through the reading of the Gospel.*

## Gradual Hymn

*Gabriel's Message*

### The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came



1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,  
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt  
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,  
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;  
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee;  
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,  
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,  
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,  
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."  
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - al  
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!  
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!  
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

*The Annunciation (March 25).*

Words: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Music: *Gabriel's Message*, Basque carol; harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

♩ = 66  
10 10. 12 10

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

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

**Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 1:18-25

Pew Bible, Page 807

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Sermon**

Camden Windham

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, page 109

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of  
heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the  
Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.***

## The Prayers of the People (*Kneeling or seated as you are able*)

Let us pray for the Church and the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For Archbishop Steve and Bishop Chip, for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation, and for Camp Jubilee. We especially pray for the Staff of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach, disciple, and plant churches, especially for our Gospel community on Fripp, our daughter church at Habersham, and our church planter, Daniel Miles and his family.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith and for all of our mission partners, especially Fred and Sophia Onyango, Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia, Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico, Steve and Sarah Hoskins in Maine, and Peng our Seminarian.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For the care and keeping of all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, defend them day by day with your heavenly grace.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy:

***People: Hear our prayer.***

### ***The Celebrant concludes:***

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## **The Confession of Sin**

*BCP, page 112*

***Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***



**The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

**Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men*  
*Philippians 2:5-7*

**Offertory Anthem**

Michael Praetorius (A.D. 1609)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming  
The Parish Choir

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flow'ret bright amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it the Virgin Mother kind.  
To shew God's love aright she bore to men a Saviour,  
When half spent was the night.

*Please stand as you are able for the Doxology.*

**Doxology 208**

*Old Hundredth*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

# Liturgy of the Table

## The Sursum Corda

BCP, page 115

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** *And with your spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## Sanctus

Hymnal, 764

*Kneeling or seated as you are able*

## The Prayer of Consecration

BCP, page 116

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 118

## The Fraction

BCP, page 118

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been  
sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

**People:** *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

## Prayer of Humble Access

BCP, page 119

*We do not presume to come to this your table,  
O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant 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 character 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, and that we  
may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

## During Communion

*Congregation, please join in singing:*

*Agnus Dei*

*Hymnal, 765*

**Communion Anthem** (Benedictine plainsong, Mode V, 13th cent.)  
arr. Larry Sue

Adoro Te Devote  
The Handbell Ensemble

**Hymn 34**

*Cranham*

In the Bleak Midwinter

**Hymn 36**

*Greensleeves*

What Child is This

**Hymn 359**

*Woodlands*

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*BCP, page 121*

*Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

BCP, page 121

## Procession Hymn 16

*Llangloffan*

Rejoice, Rejoice Believers!

## The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.***

**Closing Voluntary:** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Frue Dich Sehr

## **Announcements**

**All mid-week activities have concluded for the year and will resume in January.**

**The church office will be closed December 24-January 2 for the Christmas holidays.** We will reopen at 10 am on Monday, January 5. Our clergy and staff wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Christmas Eve Services**

- 3:30 pm-Contemporary Worship with Children's Pageant  
in the Parish Hall
- 5:30 pm-Traditional Worship with Brass Instrumentalists  
in the Church (nursery provided)
- 8:00 pm-Traditional Worship with Brass Instrumentalists  
in the Church
- 10:00 pm-Traditional Candlelight Worship in the Church

### **Sunday, December 28**

- 9:15 am- Contemporary Worship in the Parish Hall
- 10:30 am- Traditional Worship in the Church  
(No 8:00 service)

### **Thursday, January 1, 2026**

- 10:00 am- Feast of the Holy Name Service in the Church

**High altar flowers** are given to the glory of God  
by Priscilla Dukes in loving memory of Marvin Henry Dukes, Jr.,  
Sadie Sanders Dukes, Marvin Henry Dukes, Sr., Omar Beasley,  
Elizabeth Nolte Jones, William Weston Jones  
and Howard Ellis Newton III.

**Side altar flowers** are given to the glory of God  
by Mary Lee Carns and Jim West  
in thanksgiving for their children.

**The Paschal Candle wreath** is given to the glory of God  
in thanksgiving for the partners of the clergy and staff of St. Helena's  
for their unwavering support of the work of the church.

**The front door Advent wreaths** are given to the glory of God  
by Andy and Elinor Borgert  
in thanksgiving for their children and parents.

**The side door Advent wreaths** are given to the glory of God  
by Fran and Gray Sanders in thanksgiving for their grandchildren,  
Tyler, Sanders and Gibson O'Neal, Taylor, Harper and LG Squires,  
and Collins, Gray, Ann Gray, Scottie and Davis Sanders.

**The Parish Hall door Advent wreaths** are given to the glory of God  
by Eleanor and Ken Burns in loving memory of  
Alline Burns, Carew Rice III and Eleanor Cain Stutler.

## **This Week's Prayer List**

***Please pray for all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially the following:***

**For those in our parish family:** Richard and Doris Bland, Eleanore Brough, Sam and Nancy Chesnutt, Carroll Crowther, Mary Lou Cullen, Jim Egan, Frank Giammona, Lynn Gibson, Chris Goodson, Beth Grace, Leila Harris, Henderson Family, Bill Johnston, Bonnie Markle, Caroline Milne, Ed Moneagle, Dee Moss, Margy Oehlert, Jo Panayotoff, Rod Parker, John Payne, Bev Peutz, Chuck and Annie Pollak, Fran Sanders, Ric Schwank, Marcia and Rich Seymour, Hamp Simkins, Nelle Smith, Ed and Sandy Stephan, Carla Stout, and Shirley Sutton.

**For extended family or friends of our parish family:** William Acker, Steele and Stephanie Anderson, Rev. Paul Anobile, Sandy Ballington, Julie (Hyle) Bleier, Dora Bonetti, Wendy Burchfield, Joyce Carr, David Carter family, Tad and Katie Carver, Chloe Clark, Joesph Credle, Leslie Custer, Lisa Duress, Lederle Eberhardt, Susan Eitnier, Ann and Suzanne Finch, Finley, Good Shepherd Academy in South Sudan, Pat Gould, Sue Green, David Hagins, Anita Hammerbeck, Jason Hamshaw, Barbara Harper, Bray Hefner, Hanna Irby, David Kinlaw, Georgia Linam, Carolyn Lyson, Macynski Family, Cameron Martin, Zoran and Annie Misic, Tom Moore, Linda Morris, Sandra Myrick, Steve Ninemire, Fran Norman, Sienna Perez, Debbie Pollak, Pete Pratt, Doug Pulsifer, Eli Rausch, Bill Rector, Connie Brooks Rettig, Joseph Ritchie Sr, Christian Rooney, Todd Roseneau, Linda Seigler, Frank and Becci Seuberling, Connie Chesnutt Simmons, Lisa Spera, Gabriel St. George, Chase Sullivan, Shanna Sullivan, Tom Truman, Lucus Vanderzee, Carolyn Vitolo, Taylor Ward, Reed Watts, Terry Whitehead, and the Young Life Ministry.

**For these expectant parents:** Morgan and Beau Brown, Reagan and Stafford Carter, Ford and Danielle Collins, and Laura and John Wise.

**For all our U.S. service members defending our country, especially the following who are deployed overseas:** Connor Brazinski, Trey Crowley, and Flannery Woodward Macynski.

**For our global and local missionaries supported by St. Helena's:** Fr. John Chol Daau and family in South Sudan; Philip in East Asia; Roger and Joanne Griffin in Mexico; Zach and Noelle Slagel in Cambodia; Fred and Sophia Onyango from Kenya, serving in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and Allan and Theresa Weikel serving West Africa from Bluffton.

**Names in bold were added this week.** *Names on the prayer list are the initial communication to the clergy of a need for prayer. In order to keep the list current, names remain on the list for 30 days, unless illness is chronic. Expectant parents remain on the list until their children are born and deployed military until they return home. Please fill out an online Prayer Request form or call the church office at (843) 522-1712 to submit a prayer request and inform the clergy of hospitalizations.*  
Updated 12/17/2025

## Participating in the Service:

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector  
The Rev. Hunter Jordan, Associate Rector  
Camden Windham, Director of Student Ministries  
The Rev. Jim Cato, Deacon  
Holton Johnson, Director of Music Ministry  
Eugenia Henderson, Music Ministry Assistant  
The Parish Choir  
The Handbell Ensemble  
Dell Scheider, Lector  
Barbara Hathaway, Chuck Hrushka, and John Davis, LEMs  
Paul Griffin, Ben Griffin, Curtis Small, and Sherwood Miler, Ushers

## Our Vision

St. Helena's will boldly proclaim the saving Gospel and Lordship of Jesus Christ, and through intentional discipleship, will raise up servant leaders and Gospel communities in

## Vestry Members

### Class of 2025

Cindy Collins  
Clyde Hinchey  
Kelly Newnham  
Hall Sumner

### Class of 2026

Jim Egan  
Helon Hrushka  
Heidi Smith  
Kathy Whitehead

### Class of 2027

Jeff Kidd  
Sherwood Miler  
Marjory Mitchell  
Jeff Weart

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