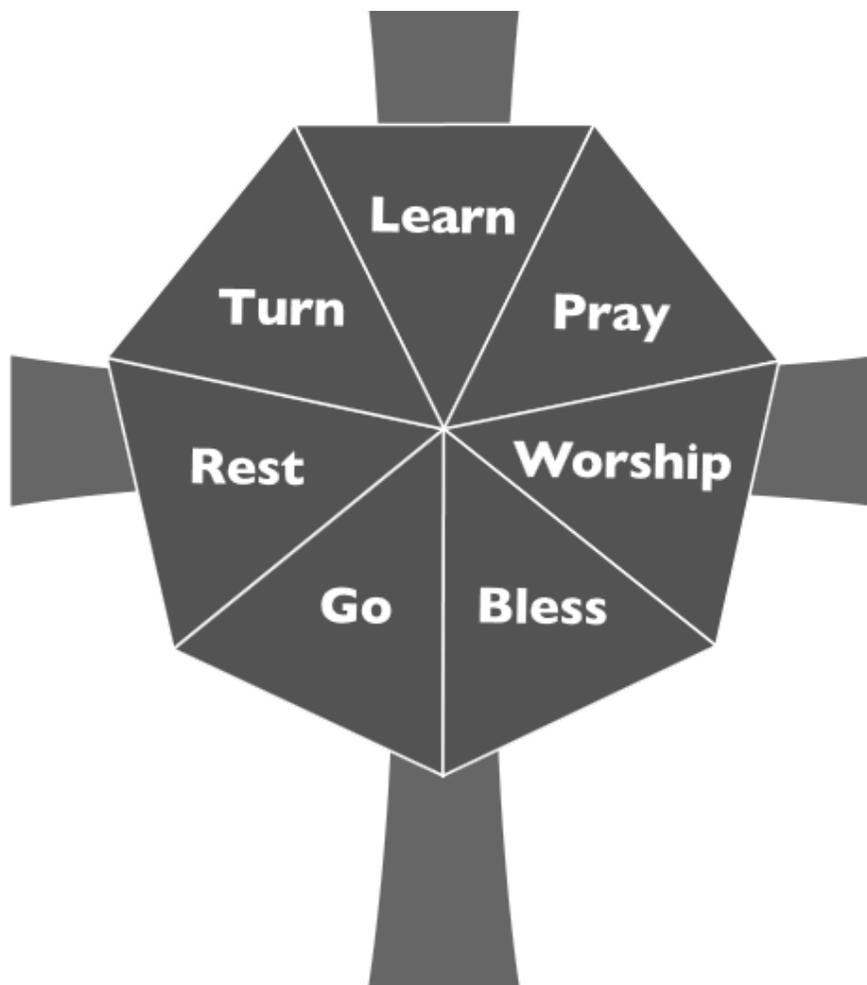


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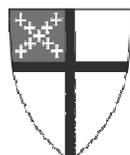
The Annunciation: saying yes to the invitation



Advent 1

December 2, 2018

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 8:00 am



St. Jude the Apostle Episcopal Church
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Welcome

Welcome visitors! We're happy you're here today. Please sign the guest iPad or connection card at the greeters table near the front entrance so we can get to know you.

Please keep the following people in your prayers. Do you need prayers? Email: prayers@saintjudes.org

Prayer for the Episcopal Transition Process in The Diocese of El Camino Real

Holy One, we give you thanks for the ministry of Bishop Mary among us, and pray for her, for all involved in the transition process, and for the whole diocese. Give us listening and prayerful hearts and guide us in our call of the fourth bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer of Meditation

My Heart is Moved

My heart is moved by all I cannot save: so much has been destroyed
I have to cast my lot with those who age after age, perversely,
with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.

Adrienne Rich

Those serving today:

Clergy: Wilma Jakobsen (wilma@saintjudes.org), Sarah Lapenta-H (sarah@saintjudes.org), Bruce Bramlett (bruce@saintjudes.org)

Altar Guild: Jill Batterson

Bread Baker: Bruce Horn

Coffee Hosts: Syd Jacobsen

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Bowker, Dan Putler

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Connie Erickson, Susan Isetorp

Greeters: Syd Jacobsen

Reader: Mary Stiles

Advent liturgy notes: This advent our theme is 'Prepare the Way of Love.' We are linking our gospel readings each week to the curriculum of the larger Episcopal Church, from the program announced by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, 'The Way of Love'. This means we are using different gospels to the lectionary readings, all from Luke chapters 1 and 2. Bishop Mary Gary-Reeves has given us permission, as well as to use alternate liturgies produced by the Diocesan Liturgy Commission. The eucharistic prayer during advent is from 'Celebrating Eucharist', by the Anglican Church in New Zealand. The advent blessing is from 'A New Zealand Prayer Book.'



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Welcome

Wilma Jakobsen

(Please stand as you are able)

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn: "Signs of Ending"

WLP 721

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed are you holy and living one.

People: You come to your people and set them free.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Elizabeth & Veronica Belles

"The angel Gabriel came to Mary and said, 'Greetings favored one! God is with you!' The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a child, and you will name him Jesus.' ... Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord.'" (Luke 1:28-31, 38a)

Today we light the first Advent candle for love: love with us and with all the world. Divine Love who is named Jesus.

Let us pray together: **O God, as we enter this Advent season, may we say yes to your invitation to prepare the way of love and share it with family and friends, our communities, and the whole world! In the name of love, Amen.**

Hymn: "Come Lord Jesus"

Sung while Advent Wreath is being lit



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come. Lord Je - sus. we are pray - ing. Be our Guest this Ad - vent day." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Hope - ful hearts find room for you. Come Je - sus. the gift of love." The lyrics are printed below the notes. At the bottom right of the box, it says: "—Words: Helen Stensrud Music: Dorothy Christopherson (1994)"

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David who will execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

After the lesson, the reader says: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; * let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; * let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, * and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, * for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, * for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; * remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; * therefore sinners are taught in God's way.
- 8 The humble are guided in doing right * and the lowly are taught God's way.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness * to those who keep God's covenant and testimonies.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may God so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with the saints.

After the lesson, the reader says: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Minister: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

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

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

Minister: The Gospel of the Savior.

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

Sermon

Wilma Jakobsen

(Silence is observed after the sermon for meditation or reflection.)

(Please stand as you are able)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, 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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray. As we begin our Advent journey, let us join our voices with Mary, who trusted in God and said yes to God's call, saying, Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for the world, for an end to war and violence, for nothing is impossible with you. Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for your church, as we watch and wait for your good news to break through, and rejoice in the gift of our Savior. Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for the gift of trust in uncertain times. Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We pray for all in need of healing and who suffer, that we may feed the hungry and lift up the lowly through the power of your holy and life-giving Spirit, especially... and those we name now... Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We remember before you those who have died, that they may rest with you eternally in your love, especially... and those we name now... Emmanuel, **help us to prepare the way of Love.**

We give thanks for the blessings of this season, especially... and those we name now ...

O come Emmanuel. Cast out all fear by your perfect love; let it be according to your Word of love, forever and ever. Amen.

Confession of Sin (*kneel as you are able*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

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 (*Please offer the Peace to those nearby.*)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prayer for Healing (*kneel as you are able*)

Those who are unable to get to the altar rail are invited to stay in their places and others around them are invited to raise a hand towards them during the prayer.

O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing for Celebrations (*kneel as you are able*)

Loving Creator, You are the source of life and the source of love. We thank you for all who celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and special events today. Watch over them as their days increase, bless and guide them wherever they may be. May your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives, and may your love for the world shine through them and the deep relationships they cherish, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

Anglican Church of New Zealand, Eucharistic Prayer I

Offertory Sentence

Offertory & Presentation

(Please stand as the ushers present the gifts at the altar.)

Celebrant: The Lord is here.
People: God's Spirit is with us.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfilment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky. When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, our sister.

Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family. You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit stays to nurture and to guide us. Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we sing this hymn of praise for your unending love,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

To you indeed be glory, Almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me. And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise. Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray in the language or version of our choice:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer in Korean

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지, 아버지의 이름을 거룩하게 하시며 아버지의 나라가 오게 하시며, 아버지의 뜻이 하늘에서와 같이 땅에서도 이루어지게 하소서. 오늘 우리에게 일용할 양식을 주시고, 우리가 우리에게 잘못된 사람을 용서하여 준 것같이 우리 죄를 용서하여 주시고, 우리를 시험에 빠지지 않게 하시고 악에서 구하소서. 나라와 권능과 영광이 영원히 아버지의 것입니다. Amen.

Lord's Prayer in Chinese

我們在天上之父，願人都尊父的名為聖，願父的國降臨，願父的旨意行在地，如同在天。我們日用的飲食，求父今日賜給我們。又求饒恕我們的罪，如我們饒恕得罪我們的人。不叫我們遇見試探；拯救我們脫離凶惡。因為國度、權柄、榮耀，全是父的，從現在至到永遠。阿們。

Lord's Prayer in Spanish

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venganos tu Reino. Hágase tu voluntad, como en el cielo, así también en la tierra. El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy. Perdónanos nuestras deudas, como también nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores. No nos metas en tentación, sino líbranos del mal, porque tuyo es el Reino, el poder y la gloria, por siempre. Amén.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We are one bread, one body.

People: **We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Communion of bread and wine, and/or to receive a blessing. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or want to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest when the priest comes to you. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask the priest.

(Please stand as able)

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: In the name of Christ and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts to those who cannot be with us today: *(names)*Let them know that they are in our prayers and that this is holy food for holy people.

People: **We who are many are one Body because we share one bread, one cup.**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us give thanks together.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life be with you always. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Announcements

(Kybd.)

1. My _

6 Em C D Em C D

(1.) soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my
 (2.) I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your
 (3.) halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the
 (4.) na - tions rage from age to age, we re - mem - ber who holds us fast: God's _

10 Em G D Em C Em

spir - it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 mer - cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 mer - cy must de - liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This

14 G D Em C D

fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you did not spurn, so from
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn: There are
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which holds us bound, 'til the

18 Em G D Em C Em

east to west shall my name be blessed. Could the world be a - bout to turn? } My
 show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn. }
 ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn. }
 spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round. }

22 G D Em C D

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way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

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2. Through
 3. From the
 4. Though the

The Dismissal

Minister: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the hall following the service.

Please join us for the Community Forum at 9:15 am, Advent Poetry and Prose with Barbara Simmons, Susan von Kinsky and LeMel Firestone-Palerm.

Advent Calendars available for "Prepare the Way of Love".