

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 2024 - 10:30AM

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THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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*Hymns are found in the blue hymnal in your pew rack titled "The Book of Common Praise 2017"*

HYMN #1  
"Come, thou long expected Jesus

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

(SITTING)

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*Advent 1 – The Patriarchs –Hope*

Advent comes from the Latin word, *adventus*, meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the color of the season of Lent is used, purple or sometimes blue, the colors representative of forgiveness and repentance.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. God told Abraham that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed, because he trusted and put his hope in God. The Old Testament spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Savior would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. We too believe in God's promise to send Jesus again to this world to establish his kingdom upon the earth.

*(The First Advent Candle is lit)*

Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

*Leader:* O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, Pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

*People:* **Come and teach us the way of understanding.** *(O Sapientia)*

*Reader:* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

**L**ISTEN to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; For I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him." For the LORD will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places; He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy and

gladness will be found in it, Thanksgiving and the voice of melody. "Listen to Me, my people; And give ear to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed from Me, And I will make My justice rest as a light of the peoples. My righteousness is near, my salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, the earth will grow old like a garment, and those who dwell in it will die in like manner; But My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will not be abolished. Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, You people in whose heart is My law: Do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their insults. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, And the worm will eat them like wool; But My righteousness will be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation." Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient days, In the generations of old. Are You not the arm that cut Rahab apart, and wounded the serpent? Are You not the One who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; That made the depths of the sea a road for the redeemed to cross over? So, the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away. *(Isaiah 51:1-11)*

*Leader:* O Adonai, Captain of the house of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in the flame of the burning bush, and gavest him the law on Sinai:

*People:* **Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.** *(O Adonai)*

*Leader:* Let us pray

*People:* **God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth, to make our hearts ready and to place our hope in you. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.**

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### THE ORDER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

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*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray. *(all kneel)*

*¶ Minister:*  
**A**LMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

¶ *Turning to the people, the minister continues:*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith,

**T**HOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

¶ *Congregation SINGS Kyrie (right):*

752 *unison* Kyrie eleison, threefold

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

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

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*The Collect for the First Sunday in Advent*

**A**Lmighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. **Amen.**

**THE EPISTLE LESSON**

**(SITTING)**

*Lector:* The Epistle lesson is written in the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of the St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans beginning at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse.

**O**WE no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

*Lector:* Here endeth the Epistle lesson.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

(STANDING)

**HYMN #21** (*verses 1, 2, 3, 4 before the Gospel*)  
**“O Lord, how shall I meet thee”**

*Minister:* The Holy Gospel is written in the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew beginning at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse.

*Congregation SINGS:*  Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**W**HEN they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

*Minister:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Congregation SINGS:*  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**HYMN #21** – (*Only verse 5 after the Gospel*)

## THE NICENE CREED

(STANDING)

**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, And 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 proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy 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.**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS  
SERMON HYMN**

**(SITTING)  
(STANDING)**

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**HYMN #621  
“God is working his purpose out”**

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**THE SERMON  
OFFERING & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

**(SITTING)  
(SITTING)**

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*¶ Offerings should be placed in the alms basin located on the table in the Narthex or electronically through Givelify. You may also visit our website [www.stmkaty.org](http://www.stmkaty.org) and look for the donate button. You can also scan this QR code to go directly to the donate page.*



*¶ When the table has been prepared and all things are ready, the people will stand and sing the doxology.*

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**THE DOXOLOGY**

**(STANDING)**

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

**Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King. Amen.**

*Minister: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church. (All kneel)*

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our [*\*alms and* ] oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and other Ministers, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and

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duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all those, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [*a silent moment is observed during which you may offer up names*]. ✠ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service, and to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

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**THE EXHORTATION**

**(STANDING)**

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*¶ On the First Sunday in Advent, the congregation stands to hear the Exhortation.*

**D**EARLY beloved in the Lord, ye who mind to come to the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ, must consider how Saint Paul exhorteth all persons diligently to examine themselves, before they presume to eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup. For as the benefit is great, if with a true penitent heart and lively faith we receive that holy Sacrament; so is the danger great, if we receive the same unworthily. Judge therefore yourselves, brethren, that ye be not judged of the Lord; repent you truly for your sins past; have a lively and steadfast faith in Christ our Saviour; amend your lives, and be in perfect charity with all men; so shall ye be meet partakers of those holy mysteries.

And above all things ye must give most humble and hearty thanks to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death upon the Cross, for us, miserable sinners, who lay in darkness and the shadow of death; that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us to everlasting life. And to the end that we should always remember the exceeding great love of our Master, and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us; he hath instituted and ordained holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance of his death, to our great and endless comfort.

To him therefore, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, let us give, as we are most bounden, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to his holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve him in true holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. **Amen.**

**Y**E who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

*¶ All kneel*

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the Priest, or the Bishop if he be present, turn to the people, say,

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; ✠ pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The shall the Priest say,

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.

**C**OME unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *St. Matthew 11:28*  
So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John 3:16*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

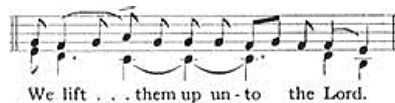
If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John 2:1, 2*

*Priest:* Lift up your hearts.

*People: (sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord**

*Priest:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People: (sung)* **It is meet and right so to do.**



*Priest:*

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

¶ Congregation sings the Sanctus & Benedictus

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord God of hosts,  
 O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
 Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry: Glo - ry be to thee,  
 in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the High - est.

¶ The Priest then prays,

**A**LL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again: For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.✠

**W**HEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

**A**ND we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thine almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood ✠.

**A**ND we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus



Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Priest:* And now, as our Saviour Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**O**UR 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.**

*Priest (kneeling):*

**W**E do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy 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.**

¶ *Congregation sings the Agnus Dei*

*In unison*

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

### The Distribution of Communion

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive)*

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#### COMMUNION HYMN

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¶ *After the distribution is completed, the congregation will sing the Communion hymn*

#### HYMN #2

*“Wake, awake, for night is flying”*

*Priest:* Let us pray.

**A**LMIGHTY and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thine everlasting kingdom, by the merits of his most precious death and passion. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

*¶ During the seasons of Advent and Lent, it is the tradition of the Church to omit the Gloria in Excelsis from the liturgy. This song of the heavenly host will return again during our celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve*

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**PRESENTATION & BLESSING OF OUR COMMITMENTS**

**(STANDING)**

**B**ELOVED, the Lord God, by His grace, has redeemed each of us and given us each a new life in Jesus Christ. In that new life, He has called to worship and glorify Him. He has called us to love and serve Him with all that we are and with all that we have. Finally, He has called us to share His marvelous work with each other and our community. To this end, He has sent His Holy Spirit to empower us for that purpose and, in His goodness, He has brought us together in this place, and given us this gift of St. Matthias Anglican Church, that through our shared parish life, we might grow in our faith and in our service to Him.

I invite you on this Commitment Sunday to commit yourselves anew to God and to the work and purpose that He has laid up for each of us. And we pray that He might bless and prosper our commitments to the furtherance of His glory and kingdom in the world.

**HYMN #519 - "Take my life, and let it be"**

*Priest:* Let us pray. *(kneeling)*

*Priest:* For the glory of your name,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*Priest:* For the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*Priest:* For the raising up of disciples of Jesus Christ,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*Priest:* For the worship and ministry of this parish,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*Priest:* For the uplifting and support of one another,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*Priest:* For the reaching of the communities and peoples near us,

**People: We commit our lives to you, O Lord.**

*A Prayer for centering our lives in God*

**H**ELP us to grow, O Lord, in faith and love towards you. Center us in routines that keep us close to you, especially in weekly worship. Center us in daily prayer. Center us in the knowledge of holy scripture. Center us in the ministry and mission of the church. Center us in lives of thankful giving for all the blessings which you have bestowed upon us. Guide our lives, forgive our sins, inspire our thoughts, shape our attitudes, lighten our darkness, give us eternal hope, and fill our hearts with joy, assuring us of your constant presence, until you bring us at last into the glories of your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for our Parish*

**O** ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant unto us in this parish and congregation all things that are needful for our ministry; strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; bless and protect the children; turn and soften the wicked; arouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of thy truth; and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within thy holy Church, to the honor thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Prayer for Fr. Sigfrido*

**L**ORD God Almighty, whose throne is surrounded by a countless host from every race, every nation, and every tongue; we thank you for the continued and faithful ministry of Fr. Sigfrido and his family. Through him, we have been able to increase our witness and ministry to this community by providing a service in Spanish. We ask your blessing upon him and upon our support of him. For the special gifts and offerings, we give you thanks. Help us to meet his needs such that he might be given to serve you in the ministry without financial distraction or burden. This we pray, in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

*Blessing of Commitment Cards*

**G**RACIOUS God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant to the people of this congregation a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our families, our health, our income, our jobs, and our talents. From the abundance of your great blessings, we now commit to return a portion back to you, represented here by these commitment cards. Accept and bless, O God, our commitments of time, treasure, and talent to your glory. Continue to prosper the works of our hands and evermore provide for the ministry of this parish; ✠ in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

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**THE BLESSING**

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¶ *The priest shall pronounce the blessing.*

**T**HE peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

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**(STANDING)****HYMN #390**  
**“Lift up your heads”**

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**THE DISMISSAL**

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**Minister:** Beloved, Go forth into the world in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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Thank you to our  
**HELPING HANDS**

<b><u>SERVING SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b>Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun in Advent</i> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec 8<sup>th</sup></b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun in Advent</i> <b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Dec 15<sup>th</sup></b> <i>Sun next before Advent</i> <b>Holy Communion</b>
<b><i>Celebrant:</i></b> <b><i>Preacher:</i></b>	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason	Fr. Jason Fr. Jason	Fr. Victor Fr. Jason
<b><i>Server(s)</i></b>	Aiden Lyles	Favor Odinye	Aidan Wray
<b><i>Epistoler</i></b>	Rosemary Ifeagwu	Dss. Annette	Tim Wood
<b><i>Usher</i></b>	Agozie Ezeudu	Aidan Grote	Henry Lyles
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	Liz Grote Color: <b>Purple</b>	Chinenye & Alice E. Color: <b>Purple</b>	Ellen Adams Color: <b>Purple</b>
<b><i>Streaming</i></b>	Aidan Grote	Shane Stevens	Agozie Ezeudu
<b><i>Family Prayer</i></b>	Commitment Sunday	December Celebrations	Donna Taylor

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