

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 9:00AM

THE CLERGY

THE REVEREND DR. ROMAN D. ROLDAN - Rector
THE REVEREND STEVE FERGUSON - Associate Rector
THE REVEREND NATY MENJIVAR - Associate Rector

WELCOME

We are so glad that you are here! If you are new or visiting, please let an usher know so that we can connect with you! Children are welcome at all of our services. We also offer the following opportunities for children every Sunday:

- Nursery: Open 8:45am-12:45pm for children ages infant 5 years old and located in the Bentley Education Center (BEC). Enter thru the doors under the porte-cochere
- Children's Chapel: After the Collect, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel in the BEC and will return to the worship service during the announcements.
- Prayground: A soft space near the choir loft for little ones to get the wiggles out during service while getting a front row seat to worship. Pews available in the area for parental supervision.

Please note that this service is being livestreamed and members of the congregation may be captured on camera during communion and other parts of the service.



We aspire to live out the Gospel of Christ as a Body of Believers Rooted in Faith and Growing in Community

OUR CORE VALUES AND MISSION STRATEGY:

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: We seek to nurture the spiritual development of children and youth by
 encouraging their participation in the life of our congregation and larger community.
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: We gather often to build friendships and to share the love of God through interests, hobbies, activities, events, speakers, Bible study and outreach.
- CHRISTIAN FORMATION: We share the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and spiritual growth to develop Christian disciples.
- OUTREACH: We are passionate about providing Christ-centered ministries beyond the walls of St. Dunstan's by meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the local and global communities.
- WORSHIP: We look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of Episcopal worship while offering a variety of preaching styles, musical expressions, and opportunities to participate.
- PASTORAL CARE: We work to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of persons in our parish with well trained and responsive lay and ordained pastors. Our practice of pastoral care extends beyond times of crisis to encompass our daily lives.

THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE SONG All standing

Let the Praises Ring

Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope O Lord, my God, in You I put my trust O Lord, my God, in You I put my hope

Chorus

In You, in You I find my peace In You, in You I find my strength In You I live and move and breathe Let everything I say and do Be founded by my faith in You I lift up holy hands and sing Let the praises ring

Verse 2

O Lord, my God, to You I give my hands O Lord, my God, to You I give my feet O Lord, my God, to You I give my everything O Lord, my God, to You I give my life

Repeat Chorus

Tag

Let the praises ring Let the praises ring

A Penitential Order

The Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

The People kneel, and the Celebrant reads the Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.
People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God,

who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8,9

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

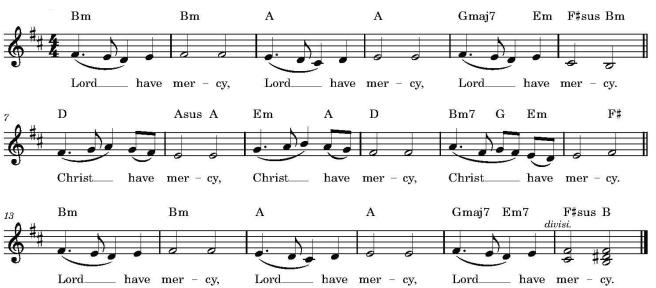
All saying

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.

The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins

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.**

KYRIE ELISON David Horn



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

At this time, all children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to meet at the back of the church and follow the Children's Chapel Cross and adult leaders to your designated Chapel space in the BEC. The Children will return to the service during the announcements.

FIRST READING The people sit.

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or

decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 Said by all,

1Give the king your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son; 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice; 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. 19 And blessed be his glorious Name forever, * 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!

and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE SONG All standing.

My Lord, He is A-Comin' Soon

Refrain

My Lord, He is a comin' soon Prepare ye the way of the Lord Get everything ready for that day Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Verse 1

If you're asleep it's time to wake up Awake, o sleeper, arise If you're in the dark it's time to be lit Awake, o sleeper, arise

Jeff Cothran and Laura Winnen

Repeat Refrain

Verse 2

Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart Prepare ye the way of the King He is coming, He's coming soon Prepare the way of the King

Repeat Refrain

The Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

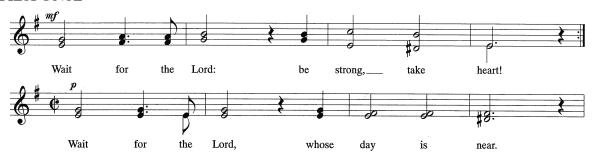
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

TAIZE RESPONSE



THE SERMON The Rev. Steve Ferguson

THE NICENE CREED All standing and saying together,

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:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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

The People respond to all the petitions with

Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To you, O Lord Our God.

The Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you. People

At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".

Announcements & Offering

Scan The QR code to go directly to our PayPal donation site, or you can give online at www.saintdunstans.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus, Friend of Sinners Casting Crowns

Verse 1

Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away We cut down people in Your name But the sword was never ours to swing Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see The world is on its way to You But they're tripping over me Always looking around but never looking up I'm so double-minded A plank-eyes saint and dirty hands And a heart divided

Chorus

(Oh) Jesus friend of sinners Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers Let our hearts be led by mercy Help us reach with open hearts and open doors Oh Jesus, friend of sinners Break our hearts for what breaks Yours

Verse 2

Jesus, friend of sinners, the One Who's writing in the sand Made the righteous fall away And the stones fall from their hands Help us to remember we are all the least of these Let the memory of Your mercy Bring Your people to their knees Nobody knows what we're for, only what we're against When we judge the wounded What if we put down our signs Crossed over the lines, and loved like You did?

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

You love every lost cause You reach for the outcast For the leper and the lame, they're the reason that You came Lord, I was that lost cause, and I was outcast But You died for sinners just like me A grateful leper at Your feet

Bridge 2 (sung twice)

You are good, You are good And Your love endures forever

Repeat Chorus

Ending

And I was the outcast You died for sinners just like me A grateful leper at Your feet

And I was that lost cause



THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts. The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, singing

The Doxology Old 100th

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. Amen.

The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

People and of Thine own have we given Thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

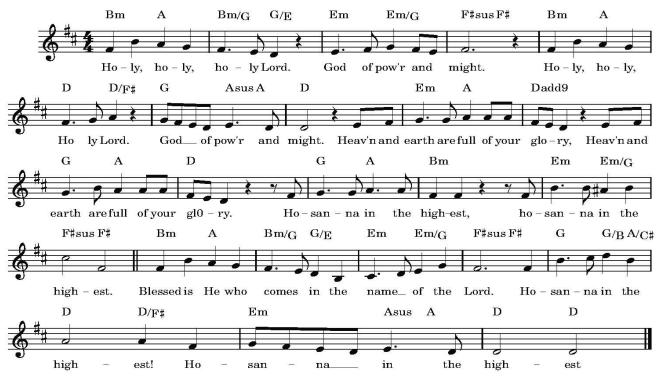
which concludes

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 Sung

David Horn

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B



Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People say

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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

People and Celebrant, kneeling

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.

THE Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People Grant us thy peace.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion follow the direction of the ushers towards the altar. Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, and carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming, or drink from the cup. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Prayer teams offering prayers for healing and thanksgiving are stationed in the chapel. You may go before or after you receive the Eucharist.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Word of God Speak

Pete Kipley and Bart Millard

Verse 1

I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is, it's okay The last thing I need is to be heard But to hear what You would say

Chorus

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain Washing my eyes to see Your majesty To be still and know that You're in this place Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness Word of God speak

Verse 2

I'm finding myself in the midst of You Beyond the music, beyond the noise All that I need is to be with You And in the quiet hear Your voice

Repeat Chorus twice

Ending

I'm finding myself at a loss for words And the funny thing is, it's okay

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

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 BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people,

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

SONG OF MISSION

All to You

Lincoln Brewster and Reid McNulty

Verse 1

You called me, Lord, You know my name I'm standing now, I'm not ashamed I've searched and came up empty
This world has nothing for me
You are my one and only

Chorus

I'm living my life for You I'm giving everything to You Not holding back, but every part I'm giving it all to You

Verse 2

You are the Lord of all I am I'll never be the same again I've searched and came up empty This world has nothing for me You are my one and only

Repeat Chorus

THE DISMISSAL

From the back of the church, the Priest dismisses the people, who respond

Thanks be to God.

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor in World War II, given by Burgess and Angela Stengl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Community Coffee in the Mace Room! Come Connect with Us!

TODAY

DEC. 7 - MANNA BAG ASSEMBLY

Help assemble Manna bags to give to Lord of the Streets and Hope Center Houston during the Holiday season! Meet in the Old Choir Room at 10:15am (enter Parish Hall double doors and take a left).

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Honor a loved one through our glorious flowers and music on Christmas Eve and have their name printed in the Christmas leaflets! Scan the QR Code to fill out the form. Deadline is <u>December 17th</u> in order to be included in the Christmas service leaflets.



COMING UP

DEC. 13 - BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Join us on Dec. 13 9am - 11am for breakfast, hot cocoa, crafts and get your picture taken with St. Nicholas! Plus, come help assemble Christmas shoeboxes for Seafarer's in the Mace Room!

Dec. 24 - Children's Christmas Pageant

Children Pre-K - 5th grade are invited to take part in our Christmas Eve Pageant at the 5:00pm service on December 24! Roles will be assigned with each child's age, abilities, and the needs of the production in mind. All parts are non-speaking, and we will provide basic costumes—just bring your Christmas spirit! astengl@saintdunstans.org

DEC. 14 - LADY OF GUADELUPE POTLUCK

Celebrate our Lady of Guadalupe in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm and bring a dish to share!

GIVING

SHOP OUR SEAFARER'S AMAZON WISHLIST

At our annual Breakfast with St. Nicholas, we honor the patron saint of sailors by assembling Christmas Shoeboxes for Seafarers. Scan the QR code to shop the Wishlist and ship items directly to St. Dunstan's!



KIDS HOPE

Help feed 12 Eiland Elementary families for Christmas! Bring donation items or Grocery store gift cards to the Kids Hope Basket in the Welcome Center (right off of the Narthex). Requested items include potatoes, canned green beans, gravy, chicken, cornbread mix, cookie mix, pie (store bought), stock/broth. Please return items by Dec. 14!

CHRISTMAS BAGS ARE HERE!

Gift bags for our 2025 Children's Christmas Outreach are available in the Mace Room. Please return all gifts by **December 18**. Thank you for helping make the season bright for children in our community!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DEC. 14 - LESSONS & CAROLS 4:00PM

Hear nine Lessons and Carols which tell the story of a great Messiah sent to save us from our sins. *Livestreamed.

Dec. 18 - Grief Service 12 Noon

Take a special moment in prayer and Holy Eucharist to remember lost loved ones during this holiday season.

DEC. 21 - ADVENT TAIZE 4:00PM

Slow down amidst this busy season for a service of meditative song and prayer.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00pm | Family Worship with Praise Team, Student Choirs & Christmas Pageant. *Livestreamed. 8:00pm | Traditional Worship with The Parish Choir, Organist & Strings. 10:00pm | Candlelight Choral Worship with Organist & Strings. *Livestreamed.

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

11:15am | English spoken service in the nave.

11:15am | En español con música de alabanza.