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**Celebrant:**

The Rev. Dr. Harry Coverston

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**Readers:** Burr Anderson,  
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**Crucifer:** Lisa Nugent

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David Kellogg,  
Warren Carlson

**Flowers:** Kin Xuxa



# Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Year A, Revised Common Lectionary  
Sunday, December 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

*As the procession enters, please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL** "Prelude on St. Flavian" MICHAEL JOSEPH

## GREETINGS

### PRAYERS AT THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

**Celebrant** The first candle of Advent is the candle of Hope; the second is the candle of Peace; the third is the candle of Joy. We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the bringer of true and everlasting joy. *(The third candle is lit.)*  
Let us pray:

**All** Loving God, thank You for the joy You bring us. Through Your Son, we have found joy in living as Your children. Help us to prepare our hearts for this gift. We ask in the name of the One born in Bethlehem. Amen.

### OPENING HYMN "We're Waiting for You Lord" W. CLIFFORD PETTY

*First, the Schola sings the CHORUS. Then All sing the CHORUS. Sing the VERSES as indicated.*

Jevon Clarke, cantor

#### CHORUS



#### VERSES

**Cantor** O Desire of nations, come,  
**People** **Come by here,**  
**Cantor** Now come and save us by your birth,  
**People** **Come by here.**  
**All** Oh, we've been waiting, anticipating,  
Waiting for you, Lord, to come by here.

**Cantor** Israel's comfort, joy and strength,  
**People** **Come by here,**  
**Cantor** O come now, hope of all the earth  
**People** **Come by here.**  
**All** Oh, we've been waiting, anticipating,  
Waiting for you, Lord, to come by here.

*All sing the CHORUS twice.*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*People* **Amen.**

## TRISAGION S-100 "Holy God" (*New Plainsong*) DAVID HURD

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -  
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,  
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy  
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

## SALUTATION

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

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, 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.  
*People* **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

**THE FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-10**

*Reader* A reading from Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the LORD,  
the majesty of our God.  
Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.  
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
"Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you."  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.  
A highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it,  
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.  
No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*(Silence)*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

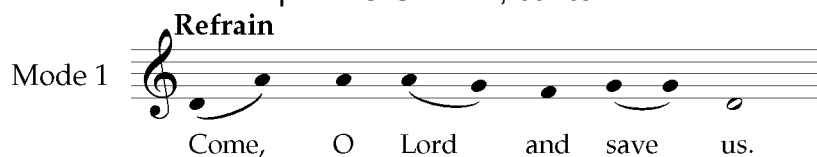
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 146:4-9** *Lauda, anima mea* BRUCE FORD

*The cantor sings the "Refrain." The congregation repeats the "Refrain."*

*The cantor sings the verses. All sing the "Refrain" where indicated.*

Stephen O'Connell, *cantor*



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*  
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*  
and food to those who hunger. (**Refrain**)
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \*  
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;  
the Lord cares for the stranger; \*  
he sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah! (**Refrain**)

**THE SECOND READING James 5:7-10**

*Reader* A reading from James.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

(Silence)

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

Please stand as you are able. All sing.

**SEQUENCE HYMN 65** "Prepare the way, O Zion" (*Bereden väg för Herran*)



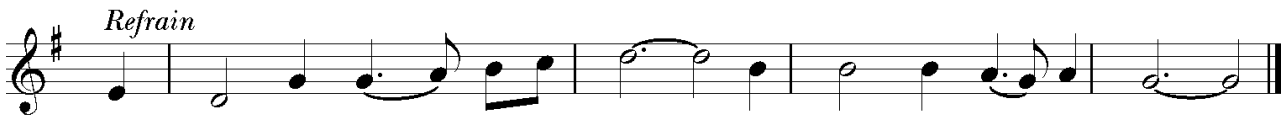
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11**

*Gospeller  
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.'

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

*Gospeller*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **NICENE CREED**

*All*            **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 People stand or kneel.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR ADVENT**

*After each petition, the People respond, “Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole”.*

*Leader*        Into our troubles and weaknesses,  
                      Into the barren places of our souls, Come, Lord,  
*People*        **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader*        Into the war torn and the refugee,  
                      Into those who live in conflict, Come, Lord,  
*People*        **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader*        Into the homeless and the unemployed,  
                      Into those who feel abandoned, Come, Lord,  
*People*        **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into the sick and the disabled,  
Into those with Covid and with cancer and new diseases, Come, Lord,  
*People* **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into the poor and the starving,  
Into those who are oppressed or abused, Come, Lord,  
*People* **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into the lives of loved ones,  
Into those from whom we are estranged,  
Into the lives of those targeted by culture wars, Come, Lord,  
*People* **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into our joys and celebrations,  
Into our work and our achievements, Come, Lord,  
*People* **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into the lives of those for whom we now pray:

Savanna, Linda K., Seminarian Philip, Bette W., Stuart, Kathy S., Seamone,  
and Priscilla. For our members who are unable to attend in-person worship:  
Molly, Phil, Faith, Hazel, Ruth, Val, Bill, Tom, Sandra, Tom, Serena, and Ruth.

For Family and friends: Billie, Helen, Wayne, Keira, Morna, Jan and Nancy,  
Rick, Sarah, Rachel, Emma, Lucian, Mary Kathryn, Eric and Blake.

For the whole St. Richard's Community, especially, our rector, Alison, the other  
clergy, the vestry, the staff and volunteers.

*(The prayer list is edited the first Sunday of each month. Please let the church office know if  
you would like to add people to our Family and Friends list, [drucila@strichards.org](mailto:drucila@strichards.org))*

*People* Come, Lord,  
**Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Leader* Into the eternal lives of those who have died, and those who are grieving.  
Come Lord.

*People* **Come down, come in, come among us and make us whole.**

*Celebrant* O Christ we long for your coming. Hasten that day when those who seek you in  
every nation will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south  
and sit at table in your Kingdom. Hasten the day when your Kingdom will come  
in all its glory and suffering and pain and sickness and oppression and death  
will be overcome forever. Hasten the day when we will be resurrected as a  
great multicultural family and live in peace, harmony, joy and love together in  
your kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

*Celebrant*  
*(Silence)*  
*All*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant*  
  
*All*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Celebrant*  
*People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The People sit.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

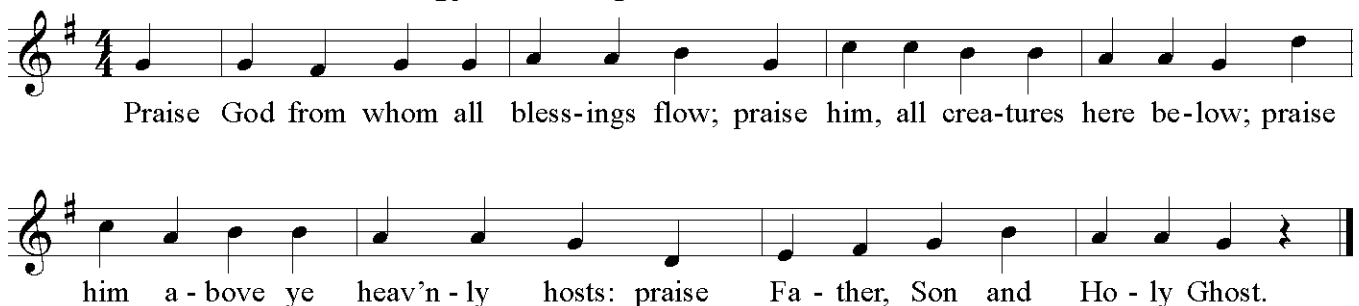
*Celebrant*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" KENNETH W. LOUIS

*Please stand as you are able. All sing.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN "Doxology on *The Eighth Tune*" THOMAS TALLIS



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-low; praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

## SURSUM CORDA

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

*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 give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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 ET BENEDICTUS S-124 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" (*New Plainsong*) DAVID HURD

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The People stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* 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,

### **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

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

*Celebrant* 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 St. Richard 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.

*All* **Amen.**

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

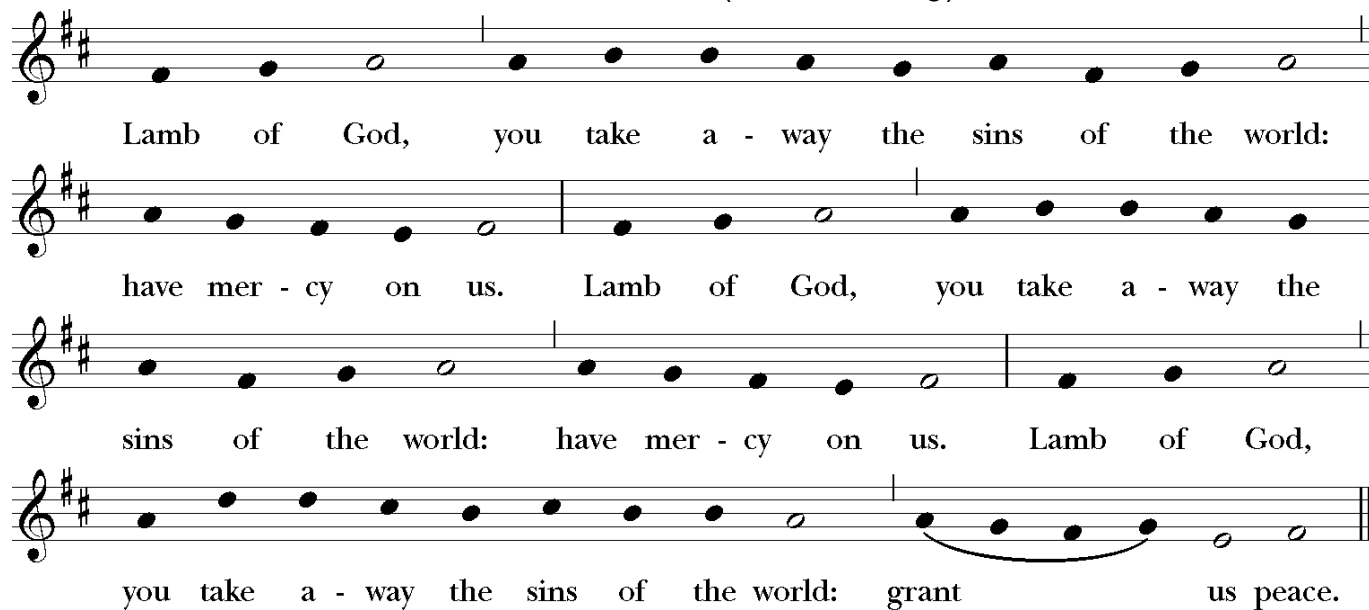
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All* **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

## AGNUS DEI S-161 "Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God" (*New Plainsong*) DAVID HURD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

# COMMUNION HYMNS *All sing.*

"As we gather at your table" (*Eastern Shore Chapel*)



1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the  
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er



lis - ten to your Word, help us know, O God, your  
sac - ra - ment of life; send us forth to love and  
guests to share that feast where tri - um - phant Love will



pres - ence: let our hearts and minds be  
serve you, bring - ing peace where there is  
wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -  
least. There no more will en - vy



sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re -



make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
world you died to save.  
peat the sound - ing joy.

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Fernanda Arnay, *cantor*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

*All*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

*Celebrant*

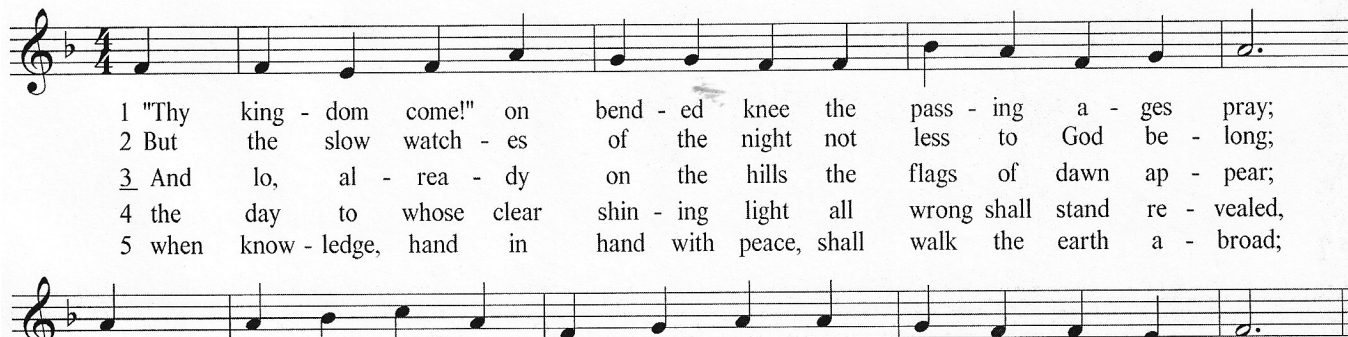
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

*People*

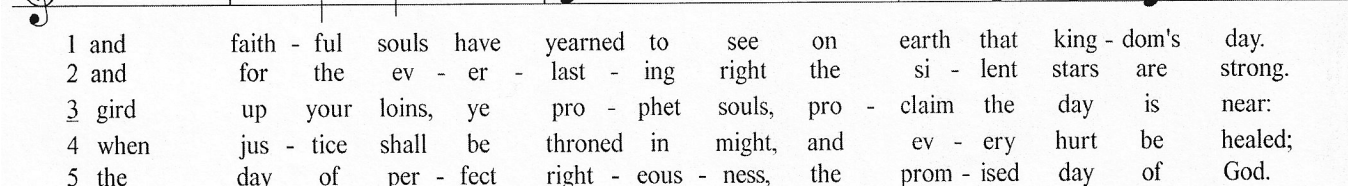
**Amen.**

All sing.

## CLOSING HYMN "Thy kingdom come!" (St. Flavian)



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;  
2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;  
3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;  
4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,  
5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.  
2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.  
3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:  
4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;  
5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE "Sinfonietta" GEORG FRIDRICH HÄNDEL

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# Tell Out My Soul

## How My Soul Sings Out Through Artwork

I have a limited time on this earth, so it has been my goal to wake up every day and use my God given talents to the best of my ability. I don't think I am alone when I say I doubt myself in this process, but I do keep striving to create something that I hope will touch the lives of others and bring to recognition the light I see in the world around me. God is light to me. From an artist's perspective there is no color without light. I am thankful for the light because I love color .

In my travels I have learned to appreciate the differences of others and what they and their different surroundings, and lifestyles have to offer to all of us. I like to paint these and hope that my viewers can see the light that shines in them too. We are all people of God and I hope this shows in my art.

I also like to capture the light in landscapes. Whether it is shimmering water on the Caribbean Sea, a river in Virginia, lights on a dark road, or in a house late at night. That light tells me we are not alone. God is nearby. There is nothing to fear.

I am not a portrait artist, but I do like to paint people. I try to paint the light that shines in their souls. Eyes tell us so much about a person. Recently, I have been painting the neighbors at my mother's memory care facility to recognize those lives who were once full. Their light should not be forgotten.

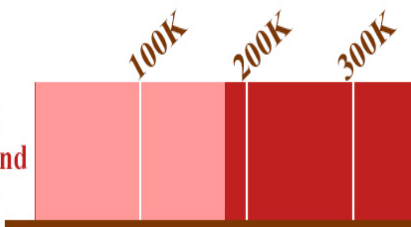
I do believe that something greater than me has guided me through this creative process using me as a paint brush to tell a story. I love that relationship. It is pure joy. [tens.org](https://tens.org)

### *Pledge Drive Update*

46 pledges totaling \$173,600 General Fund

12 pledges totaling \$39,335 Special Gift Fund

**Goal \$355K**



### Questions for Reflection:

Where do you see  
God's light?



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## 'Tis the Season

Donating gift cards can be one of the easiest and most useful ways to help needy families at Christmas. This Christmas season, we invite you to bless families in need through gift card donations. Your kindness helps parents provide gifts for their children.

**Thank you for sharing Christ's love through giving.**



**Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 4 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Service

Vigil of the Feast of the Incarnation of Our Lord  
with Christmas Pageant

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025, 7 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Service

Vigil of the Feast of the Incarnation of Our Lord  
Choral Eucharist Rite II  
*Schola St. Richard's sings*  
Mozart "Gloria in excelsis"

**Thursday, December 25, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**

Christmas Day Service

Feast of the Incarnation of Our Lord  
Holy Eucharist Rite II

**Sunday, December 28, 2025, 10:30 A.M.**

Christmas Festival of Lessons & Carols  
The First Sunday of Christmas  
Choral Eucharist Rite II



Sunday,  
December 14  
9AM-2PM

## For Seasons Ministries

is currently seeing a significant increase in families and individuals seeking assistance, and we need your support. We are gathering food donations to help meet the growing needs within our community. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Your generosity

truly makes a difference — thank you for helping us provide food and hope to those who need it most.

## Merry Christmas



## Christian Education

### Calling All Mystics!

We've had a wonderful response to our call for presenters, and we still have three Sundays available. If you're interested in offering a presentation, we invite you to volunteer for one of the remaining dates. You may choose from the suggested mystics or select one of your own.

Please contact Harry Coverston at [Frharry@cfl.rr.com](mailto:Frharry@cfl.rr.com) with your preferred date and the mystic you plan to present. Remember, it's perfectly fine to find a short online video about your chosen mystic, share it with the group, and then lead a discussion afterward.

### Sunday Adult Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

#### On the Mystics

*Beginning Sunday Nov. 30, first Sunday in Advent, our adult education program will engage a series on the mystics. It will begin with an overview of mysticism and its history in the church and then examine individual mystics of history and the modern age.*

*For the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, we are inviting people to take a Sunday and present a mystic that they find of interest. A list of possible subjects appears below but folks should choose their own if they are willing and present it. You are free to bring in video clips to begin your discussions.*

#### MYSTICISM SERIES

Dec. 14— Brother Lawrence, Lisa Grant

Dec. 21— Thomas Merton, Heidi Knutsen

**Dec. 28— NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

**Jan. 4 – NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASS**

Jan. 11 – John of the Cross, Tiffany

Jan. 18 – Black Elk, The Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott

Jan. 25 – Mother Mary, Susan Hana

Feb. 1 – Howard Thurman, Cydney Ogilvie

Feb. 8 – Teresa of Avila, Leslie Poole

Feb. 15 – Richard Rohr, Patricia Wolfenden

### Children's Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

### Tuesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 pm

"The Little Letters." We will cover Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 1, 2, 3 John, and Jude. We meet online via Zoom. Meeting ID 987 9473 5512 Passcode: 031992

### Wednesday Morning Bible Classes

Wednesday Morning Bible Class!

10 AM in the Conference Room

Taught by Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott, Adjunct Professor of World Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, Valencia College and assisting clergy at St. Richard's since 2011.

### Sacred Time, Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel at St. Richard's. An hour of contemplative prayer practice and silence.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)  
 9:00 AM Childcare available in the Nursery  
 9:30 AM Children's Bible Class (Conf. Rm.)  
 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parish Hall  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church/Online)  
 5:00 PM *Contemplative Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)  
 9:30 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)  
 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Office)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)  
 9:30 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)  
 10:30 AM Sacred Time (Lady Chapel)  
 6:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study on ZOOM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)  
 9-11:00 AM Food Pantry Open  
 10:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Conf. Rm.)  
 11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)  
 11:00 AM Pastoral Counseling By Appointment  
 11:30 AM ACA (St. Richard's Rm.)  
 12:00 PM Healing Service  
 1:00 PM Finance Commission Meeting  
 3:00 PM Violin Lessons (Conf. Rm.)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)  
 10:00 AM Tai Chi (Parish Hall)  
 11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)  
 12:00 PM AA (St. Richard's Rm.)  
 2:00 PM Organist in the Church  
 6:00 PM Scouts (Conf. Rm.)  
 7:00 PM Schola Rehearsal (Church)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2025**

8:30 AM Home of Bright Choices (Conf. Rm.)  
 9:00 AM Morning Prayer (Facebook Live)  
 11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025**

9:00 AM Altar Guild (Church)  
 9:00 AM OA (St. Richard's Rm.)  
 10:00 AM Eating Disorder Anonymous (St. Richard's Rm.)  
 12:00 PM ACoA (St. Richard's Rm.)  
 2:00 PM Organist in the Church

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)  
 9:00 AM Childcare available in the Nursery  
 9:30 AM Children's Bible Class (Conf. Rm.)  
 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parish Hall  
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church/Online)  
 12:00 PM Vestry Meeting  
 5:00 PM Evening Prayer



**Christmas Flower Donations & Dedications**

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Deadline December 17, 2025

**MEMBER MINISTRIES**

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**For Seasons Ministries**

"Our mission is to serve the community in Jesus' name through a community food pantry and other community outreach efforts." Open Wednesdays, 9 AM – 11 AM [www.forseasonsministries.org](http://www.forseasonsministries.org)

**Music Lessons with Willie Rast**

For information on percussion lessons at St. Richard's, contact J. Willis Music, Willie Rast, Owner, [willie.rast@gmail.com](mailto:willie.rast@gmail.com), or call 407-928-1270.

**Children's Violin Studio with Andrea Williams**

407-670-4557

**The Orlando Bridge Club**

offers ACBL Sanctioned games everyday, Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon. Please come and learn or play this fun and mentally stimulating game and bring a friend. We also offer beginner bridge lessons. 321-246-2715

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Lisa Lovell 321-396-7900 | [email@petacademyllc.com](mailto:email@petacademyllc.com)

**Artist: Drucila Mundo Ferrer**

Access Dru's online store to see and buy her paintings. A limited number of her paintings are available at the Church office.

[mundoavantgarde.com](http://mundoavantgarde.com) Instagram/Facebook: @mundoavantgarde

**Artist and Iconographer: Sayaka Kamakari**

Talented icon writer and professional artist. You can see many of her gorgeous icons around St. Richard's. A limited number of her paintings and prints are for sale in St. Richard's church office. Available for commissions.

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9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Sunday 5:00 p.m. Worship *Schedule*

**First Sunday of the Month:**  
*Evening Prayer*

**Second Sunday of the Month:**  
*Contemplative Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition, the Rev. Timothy Hoppe.*

**Third Sunday of the Month:**  
*Evening Prayer*

**Fourth Sunday of the Month:**  
*Taizé, the Rev. Dr. Harry Coverston.*  
*Taize is a contemplative service with prayers & chanting.*

## Sunday Evening Worship

It is the practice of St. Richard's parish to offer three services every Sunday, an 8 AM Rite I Eucharist, a 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist with music, and a 5 PM evening worship service.

On the second Sunday of each month, a Celtic Eucharist is held in the Lady Chapel. On the fourth Sunday of each month, a contemplative Taizé service is held with chants and prayers around the cross. On the first, third and occasional fifth Sunday of each month, our parishioners gather for Evening Prayer and Compline. This is a lay-led service of readings and prayers.

These services are intimate, quiet, offering peaceful worship at the end of long weeks and the beginning of the next. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Pastoral Care Counseling Office

Gail Hencken, RN, LMHC, will be in the Pastoral Care Counseling Office from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm on Wednesdays to provide consultation for individuals, couples, families or groups of any age/stage of life, by appointment only. For further information please contact Gail directly.  
**phone/text 407-718-9128**  
**email wehggh44@yahoo.com**



Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.  
St. Richard's Parish Hall  
Join instructor Carol Alves for a gentle Tai Chi class designed for all ages and fitness levels. *Discover peace, balance, and strength through mindful movement and community connection.*

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Birthdays:** Victoria Thomas 12/13, Michael Edwards 12/15, Edric Coppolella 12/19, Scott Schuerman 12/23, Dale Truscott 12/22, Mary Kirkland 12/10, Robert Vanderau 12/7, Marilyn Erwin 12/15, Robyn LaBreck 12/5, Barbara Adams 12/28, Kay Wolf 12/5, Leslie Poole 12/24, Isabel Personette 12/26, Jacqueline Rodriguez 12/14, Lisa Ikegami 12/14, Deborah Sponsler 12/7

## Prayer REQUEST

We pray for Savanna, Linda K., Seminarian Philip, Bette W., Stuart, Kathy S., Seamone, and Priscilla. For our members who are unable to attend in-person worship: Molly, Phil, Faith, Hazel, Ruth, Val, Bill, Tom, Sandra, Tom, Serena, and Ruth.

And family and friends, Billie Castile, Helen Catherine, Wayne Justice, Keira, Morna, Jan and Nancy, Rick, Sarah, Rachel, Emma, Lucian, Mary Kathryn, Eric and Blake.

Heal me, LORD, and  
I'll be healed. Save me  
and I'll be saved, for you  
are my heart's desire."

JEREMIAH 17:14

## OCTOBER FINANCE REPORT

Plate and Pledge in October: \$20,852.00  
Total Revenues: \$39,184.71  
Total Expenses: \$42,118.02  
Ending October Cash Flow: (\$2,933.31)  
Year-to-date Cash Flow: \$ 26,444.97

The Finance Commission and Vestry continue to search for solutions to reduce the monthly shortfall, and we hope for a successful stewardship campaign for 2026.

**Pledges Received to date:** 27 pledges totaling \$130,551.00. Our goal is to receive total pledges of \$355,000.00.



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