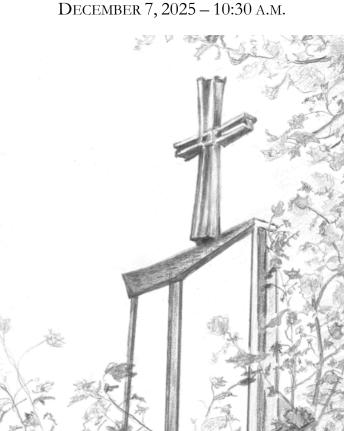


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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO





Welcome! We are so glad you are here. If you are visiting please use this QR code to fill out a visitor card or use the one in the pew.



Sign language interpreting is offered for our 10:30 service.



Assisted Listening Devices are available for all services in the Nave. An usher is happy to help you with one.



Our nursery, staffed by trained, caring professionals, serves infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



Our children's worship resources shelf, located in the narthex, includes materials to help children 3-10+ enter into our liturgy. Included parent info sheets explain how to use these items to support children's worship.

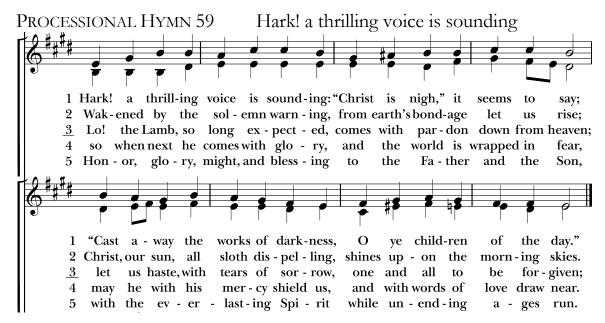


Please wear your name tag. If you need one, email parishadmin@htparish.com.

VOLUNTARY

Lauda Musicam, Resident Music Ensemble

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews* 4:14,16

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

BCP 352

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

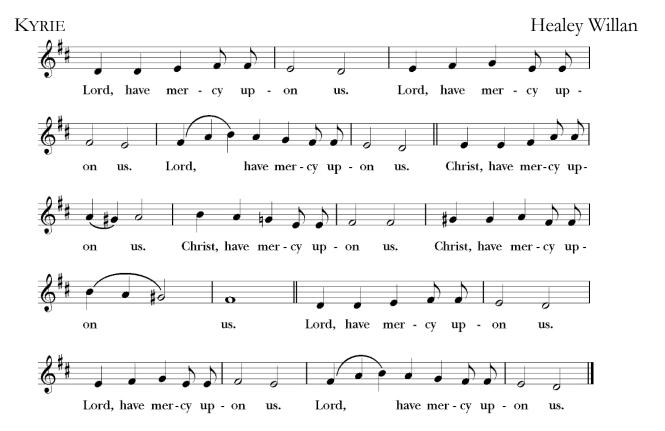
We have not loved you with our whole heart;

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.

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.**



COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**.

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.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19 (sung by the choir)

Plainsong, Tone I.1

- 1 Give 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.
- 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!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

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.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord, and all people will see the salvation of our God.

MATTHEW 3:1-12

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

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.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has given us:

for the splendor of creation...

for the wonder of life...

for the lives of those we love...

and above all for the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Give thanks to God, either silently or aloud.

Silence.

I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and baptism anniversaries this week, including the marriage yesterday of Katie Dunn and Dan Remington and:

Jean Lorentzson Cara Mai

Joe Foley Valerie Pearce
Louis Belline Leanne O'Rear
David Coblentz Eleanor Gross
Berkeley Boone Leah Myers

Frank Derrickson Kerah Jayanna Nana Freret Elena Allison

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our presiding bishop; Rob, our bishop; Greg, Rhett, and Ellen, our priests; Will, our minister of music; our staff and vestry; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, for those in the justice system, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially: Buzz Trotti, *mother of Lou Trotti*, and Sara June McDavid, *friend of Lynne Pickens*.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for: Lee Echols, Ellen Purdum's brother; Gail McClellan; Sharon, friend of Lynne Pickens; Jim; Zack Spratlin, Chotsy Waites' neighbor. Silence.

I ask your prayers for Jon and Rafael, our U.S. senators; Elena, our state senator, and Melody, our sheriff.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to give online, use your phone's camera to scan this QR code.



BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW REDEDICATION

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will sing stanzas 1-3, the congregation is invited to join them in singing stanzas 4 - 5.

1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea, day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;"

- 2 as, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store; from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."
- 5 Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

ANTHEM (sung by the choir)

O very God of very God, and very Light of Light, whose feet this earth's dark valley trod that so it might be bright:

Our hopes are weak, our fears are strong, thick darkness blinds our eyes; cold is the night; thy people long that thou, their Sun, wouldst rise.

O very God

Robert Edward Smith

And even now, though dull and gray, the east is brightening fast, and kindling to the perfect day that never shall be past.

O guide us till our path is done, and we have reached the shore where thou, our everlasting Sun, art shining evermore!

We wait in faith, and turn our face to where the daylight springs, till thou shalt come our gloom to chase, with healing in thy wings. GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

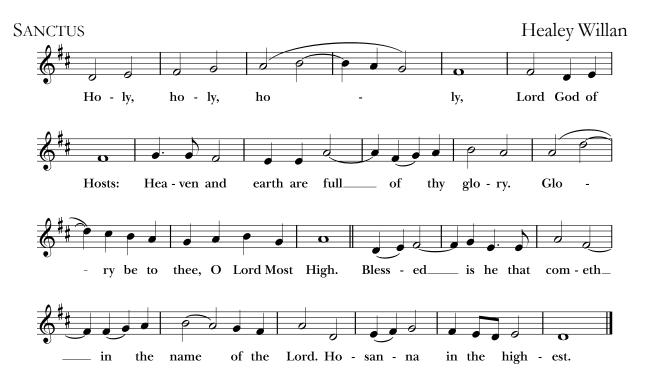
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:



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,

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

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, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Virgin Mary 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**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.



INVITATION

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The safe and normative method for receiving communion is to eat the consecrated Bread and then drink the consecrated wine from the chalice. Intinction (dipping) is best reserved for the sick and the very young. To receive via intinction allow the minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it in your hands. Please do not dip the bread into the wine yourself.

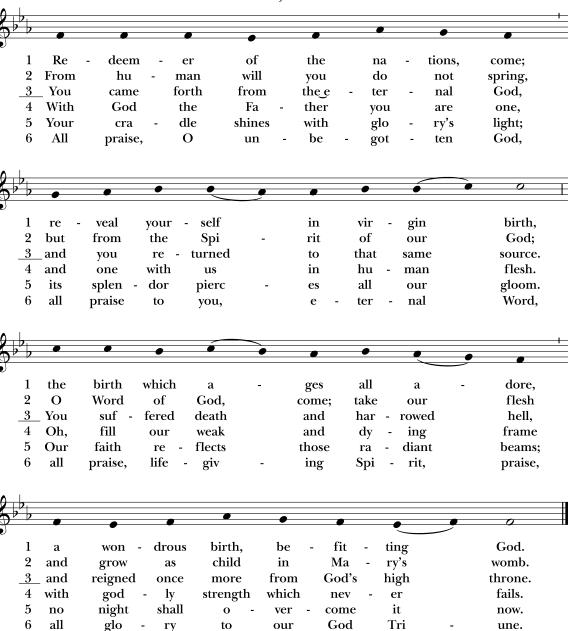
All baptized Christians of any age and tradition are invited to receive Holy Communion, and no one who comes to the altar will be turned away. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament cross your arms over your chest.

AT THE ALTAR RAIL - you are welcome to stand or kneel.

AT THE FLOOR STATION - the bread is gluten-free.

IF YOU NEED COMMUNION BROUGHT TO YOU - please let an usher know.

HYMN 55 Redeemer of the nations, come



O day of peace that dimly shines Through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to justice, truth, and love, Delivered from our selfish schemes.

May the swords of hate fall from our hands, Our hearts from envy find release, Till by God's grace our warring world Shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, Nor shall the fierce devour the small; As beasts and cattle calmly graze, A little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, All creatures find their true accord; The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, For all the earth shall know the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING 14 Soon and very soon 1 Soon and ver - y soon 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King, 3 No more dy - in' there, 4 Soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' there, goin' to see the King, we are more dy - in' there, soon and ver - y soon soon and ver - y soon more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King. more dy - in' there, soon and ver - y soon 1, 2, 3 Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King! Coda after stanza 4 jah, hal Hal lu le le lu jah, hal - le - lu jah, hal - le - lu jah.

DISMISSAL

VOLUNTARY

The Upcoming Week at HTP

Sun Dec 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

Photo Directory Photos Taken, Gaylord Room

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

10:30am Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

4pm Diocesan Confirmation, The Cathedral of St Philip

Mon Dec 8, 2025

7pm Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Office Reception Area

Tue Dec 9, 2025

10am Souls 'n Stitches, Chapel

1pm Yoga, Narthex

Wed Dec 10, 2025

9:15am Preschool Chapel, Chapel

10am Women's Bible Study, Comer Center

11am Holy Eucharist and Healing Service, Chapel

1pm Elaine Barfield Funeral, Chapel

5:30pm Wednesday Night Supper, Tisdale Hall

6:30pm Men Under 50 Bible Study, Comer Center

6:30pm St Nicholas Evening Prayer and Hot Cocoa Party

7pm Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sat Dec 13, 2025

10am Daughters of the King, Gaylord Room

11am Camp Peace Christmas Party, Tisdale Hall

Sun Dec 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

8am Holy Eucharist, Chapel

10:30am Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist (In Person/Streaming), Nave

12pm Wassail Reception, Tisdale Hall

2:30pm PORCH Monthly Food Drive, Tisdale Hall

5:30pm Young Adult Cookie Swap, Tisdale Hall

Announcements & Updates

St Nicholas Evening Prayer & Hot Cocoa Party

Join us December 10 for a St. Nicholas service, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This service will last approximately 15-20 min and will be followed by a Hot Cocoa Party, with a special visitor!

Christmas Flowers and Music

Donations for Christmas flowers and music are being accepted now. Please <u>complete this form</u> and return it to the parish office with your check made payable to Holy Trinity, Specify Christmas Flowers/Music on your check. **To be printed in the Christmas bulletins,** donations must be received in the parish office before 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 14 (this is a firm deadline and cannot be extended). If you'd like to pay online via Realm, use "flowers for Nave" for flowers and "Music & Sr. Choir" for music gifts.

Wassail Reception

Please join the parish for the annual Wassail Reception following the Lessons and Carols service on December 14. The reception will be in Tisdale Hall around noon. Wassail and assorted finger foods will be served.

The kitchen crew will need your assistance in two ways:

- 1. Please bring plated finger foods to share, savory and/or sweet, to the kitchen during the Christian Formation hour, 9:15 to 10:15 on Sunday, Dec. 14th.
- 2. Dishwashers needed, expert and/or willing, to wash and dry and put away the glass plates and punch cups used during the reception. (Many hands make light work!) Contact Nancy Boone if you can help.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Services - December 24 @ 4:30 & 8:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Service - December 25 @ 10:30 a.m.

Prayers of the Parish December 7 (feel free to tear off and take home with you) Sunday

For those who are ill or in need: Lee Echols, Ellen Purdum's brother; Gail McClellan; Sharon, friend of Lynne Pickens; Jim; Zack Spratlin, Chotsy Waites' neighbor

For those who have died: Buzz Trotti, mother of Lou; Sara June McDavid, friend of Lynne Pickens

Monday

For those who are ill or in need: Joe Girardeau, Chuck Girardeau's brother; Anthony Grant; Donna Warfield; Beth; Bill Clark; Gail Wasdin, Chotsy Waites' sister, Gracie Kennedy, Ginna Evans' friend; Carroll Fregosi, Giulia Galvin's sister-in-law

Anglican communion cycle of prayer: The Church of Bangladesh; the Diocese of Ruwenzori, the Diocese of East Ruwenzori, the Diocese of South Ruwenzori – the Church of the Province of Uganda; the Diocese of Sabah – Church of the Province of South East Asia; the Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora – the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Sacred Circle – the Anglican Church of Canada

Tuesday

For those who are ill or in need: Kay Holditch, daughter of Ernie and Blanche Holditch; Sarah Lindsay, friend of Lewis Thorp; Lisa Shore-Staats, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Mekia Goodbee, friend of Rosemary Jean-Louis; Geta Reid; Sunny; Jane and Berry Skelton, Leslie King's sister and brother-in-law; Diane Smarro, Belinda Watkins' sister, Greta Betty

For the Vestry and Officers: Cindy, David, Ellen, Greg, Hope, Julia, Mollie, Nathan, Stacy Wednesday

For those who are ill or in need: Jamie Jayanna and family; James; James; Leslie Funt, *Albert Nim-Dixon's friend*; Debra Kay, *Nana Freret's friend; sister*, Liane Muller, *sister of Alicia Philipp*For the Staff: Will, Ellen, Amanda, Christian, Amy, Kate, Mike, Heather, Shaun
Parish birthdays: 12/7 Jean Lorentzson, Joe Foley; 12/8 Louis Belline; 12/9 David Coblentz; 12/11 Berkeley Boone, Frank Derrickson, Kerah Jayanna; 12/12 Nana Freret, Elena Allison, Cara Mai; 12/13 Valerie Pearce, Leanne O'Rear, Eleanor Gross

Thursday

For those who are ill or in need: Andrea, *Giulia Galvin's sister*; Margaret Hertlein; Ellen Bishop and Family; Bill Williams, *Ed Watkins' brother-in-law*; Charles Berkeley, *Ed Watkins' cousin*; Bob Huber, *Katie Johnson's father*; Kathy Garner; Daniel; Grant Knox

For preschool staff, teachers, students and parents

Friday

For those who are ill or in need: The Spence family, friends of Helen Blier, Jimmy Pirkle, Ada Smedley's cousin; Rosalind and her daughter Rachelle, Jim; Nancy Qarmout; Doreen Lewis, Jeanne Knox's friend; Katy Pope, Linda Pope's daughter. Parish baptism anniversaries: 12/8 Leah Myers

Clergy and Staff

Vestry

The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright Bishop Cindy Stein, Sr. Warden The Rev. Greg Tallant Rector Ellen Bishop, Ir. Warden The Rev. Rhett Solomon Mollie Arkin Assoc. Rector The Rev. Ellen Echols Purdum Min. for Hope Baker Evangelism & Member Integration Stacy Reece Will Buthod Minister of Music Greg Smedley Amy Wells Children's Minister David Triemer Christian Foster Iulia Gable, Clerk Youth Minister Nathan Penner, Treasurer & Sack Lunch Ministry Ellen Hopkins Financial Secretary Heather Horne Parish Administrator

Mike Shortell Facilities Manager Amanda Vaughn Communications Minister

Shaun Gibbons Children's Choir Director

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The Word of God

Procession Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding BCP 355 Opening Acclamation Confession

Kyrie S-91 Collect of the Day BCP 211 Lessons Inside bulletin Sequence Prepare the way of the Lord, Berthier

Sermon

Peace BCP 360

The Holy Communion

O very God, Robert Edward Smith, sung by the choir Offertory Anthem

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP 367 BCP 367 (S-114) Sanctus **BCP 364** Lord's Prayer

Fraction Anthem S-158

Communion Music

Hymn 55 Redeemer of the nations, come

Anthem O day of peace, Josh Garrels, sung by trio

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 365 **BCP 366** Blessing & Dismissal

Procession Hymn Lift Every Voice and Sing 14 Soon and very soon