



St. Cross

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021
10:00 a.m.



Advent

Welcome to worship at St. Cross!

We are a community that serves others as a sign of God's love. We strive to live into the gospel ideal of being an open and welcoming community. We know it is hard when you see your favorite people after a year (and may even have a vaccine). However, with COVID, we ask that you respect other people's personal space and per LA County, masks are required.

The entire service is printed in this bulletin and the people's parts are in bold type. Generally, we sit for teachings and stand or kneel for prayers. Do not be concerned if you are unable to stand or kneel, do what is comfortable for you. Please let the ushers know if you need any other assistance, such as communion brought to your seat.

Lessons and Sermon Notes

A few words on today's lessons about what you will hear, and what you will take with you through the week.

The First Sunday of Advent—Year C

Welcome to our parish. On the first Sunday in Advent, the liturgy is concerned with our preparation for the return of Christ at the end of time. The Gospel reading today is a portion of Jesus' words concerning that time. He tells us to see the events of history as signs of the approaching end and to recognize that end as the coming of our redemption.

The Old Testament reading today from the prophet Jeremiah looks forward to the time when God will fulfill the promise of a successor to David. The New Testament Christians understood the "righteous Branch" of David's line to be our Lord Jesus Christ.

There is an "already, but not yet" aspect to the New Testament's discussion of the Lord's return. God's kingdom is not limited to a time in the far off future; it began breaking into human history in Jesus' death and resurrection. The Lord comes to judge and to save in each moment in the life of his people. Above all, he is revealed in our encounter with him in the Eucharistic meal.

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God:
In celebration of Advent
by the people of St. Cross*

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Prelude

Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel"

-Alec Rowley

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

All are silent following the ringing of a chime.

Reader Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness.
People **And put on the armor of light.**

Silence while the candle is lit.

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

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn

Hymn 57

Please stand. Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

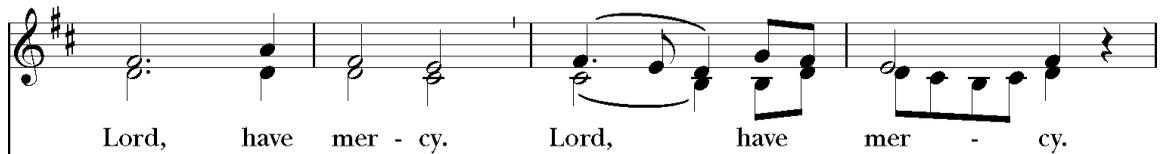
Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

Celebrant and People together say.

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. Amen.

Kyrie

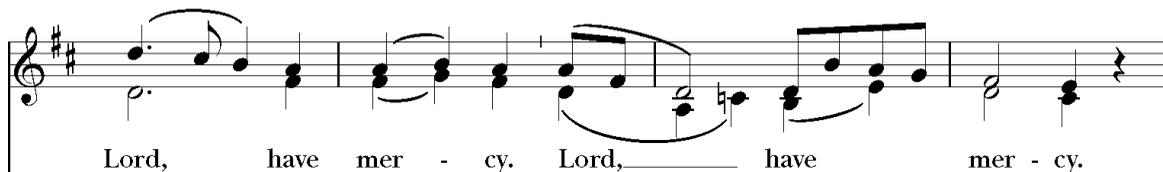
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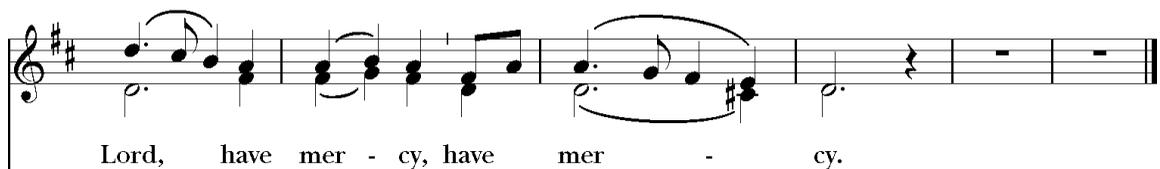
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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

First Lesson

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Please be seated.

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

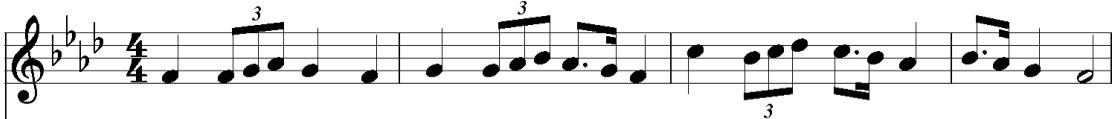
Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hymn WLP 721

Please stand. Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1. Signs of end-ings all a - round us—dark - ness, death, and win - ter days
2. Can it be that from our end - ings, new be - gin - nings you cre - ate?
3. Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.



shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, numb - ing mouths that long to praise.
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.



Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.
Take our fears, then, Lord, and turn them in - to hopes for life a - new:
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice blos - som now through - out the earth;



Give us hope and faith and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son sing their Glo - ri - as to you.
your do - min - ion bring now near us; we a - wait the sav - ing birth.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Please remain standing and face the gospel book. It is customary to make a small cross on one's forehead, lips, and heart at the opening acclamation as a sign that we keep the gospel ever in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Josh Paget

Following the sermon a time of silence for private meditation is observed.

Nicene Creed

All stand and face the altar.

**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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of the People

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Please remain standing. We pray for the church in all places, for the world and our nation, for the needs of others, for ourselves, and for those who have died. You are welcome to add your own petitions as we pray.

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It is divided into two parts. The first part, labeled 'Deacon or Cantor', consists of a sequence of six quarter notes: F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second part, labeled 'People (unison or harmony)', consists of a whole note chord: F#4, G4, and A4.

Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.

*The response to “Lord, in your mercy” is: “**Hear our prayer.**”*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love. By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

The people kneel if they are able and a period of silence is observed.

Priest and People

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 Priest stands and says

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.**

Peace

All stand as you are able.

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

Please greet one another in the name of Christ by offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors. Please keep social distancing even if vaccinated.

Announcements

Announcements are made at this time.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry of St. Cross.

Offertory Anthem

Rejoice, O Jerusalem

text: Romans 13:12

music: Healey Willan

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore, let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Behold, the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him; and in that day the light shall be great. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, behold thy King cometh. Alleluia!

Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

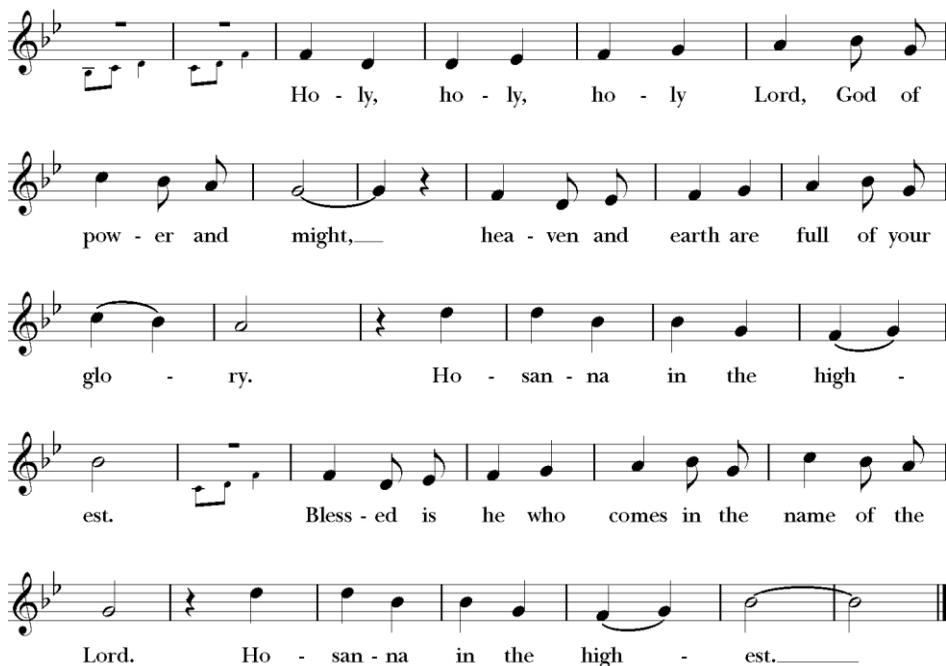
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Hymn S-127



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, as they are able, and 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 all 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 together say

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, with the Blessed Virgin Mary 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.

Celebrant and People together say

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

Celebrant

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

People and Celebrant

**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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to the altar as directed by the usher. Take the sacrament of bread back to your seat and consume the sacrament at your seat. If you would prefer not to receive the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest and the clergy will offer a (non-touch) blessing instead.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 68

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 Re - joice! re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark-ened sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride-groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Prayer After Communion

After Communion, the people stand or kneel as they are able and the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

People and Celebrant

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Priest blesses the people

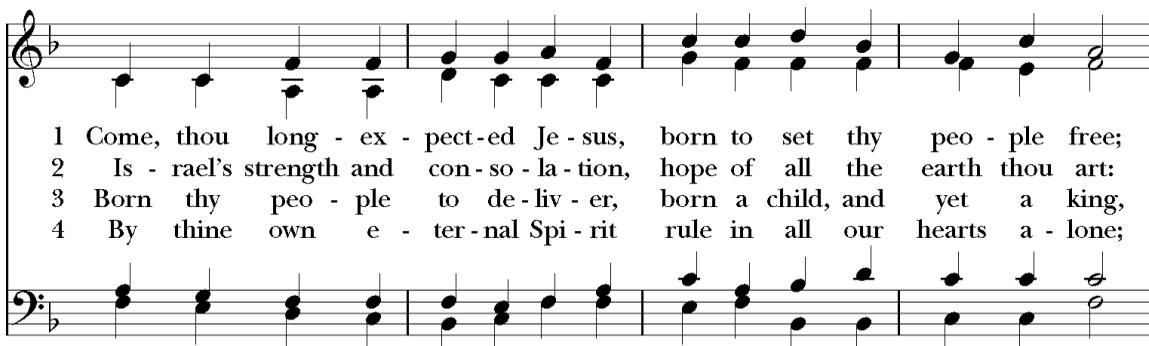
<i>Celebrant</i>	With love and compassion,
<i>People</i>	come, Lord Jesus
<i>Celebrant</i>	With judgement and mercy,
<i>People</i>	come, Lord Jesus
<i>Celebrant</i>	In power and glory,
<i>People</i>	come, Lord Jesus
<i>Celebrant</i>	In wisdom and truth,
<i>People</i>	come, Lord Jesus

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymn 66

Those vaccinated are invited to sing.



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the People and they respond,

Deacon

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland" BWV 599

-J.S. Bach

St. Cross Prayer List

To add names to the prayer list, please go to www.stcross.org/pray.

Continuing Prayers:

Bo, Anne, Micky, Autumn, John, Susan, Nicky, Susan, Nancy, Maria, Christi, Kelly Anne, Lindsey, Zelda, Carlton, Tina, David, Astin, Alice, Bill, Sue, Pete, Jill, Elizabeth, Karen, Abbe, Lori, Jake, Morena, Len, Ryder, Sean, McKenzie, Ruth, Andy, Jim, Karla, the Alarcon family, Jonathan, Sonia, Marilyn, Amanda, Sean, Afghan refugees, Amanda D, Wanda, Sandra, Jeri, the Hunter family, Patrick, Jef, Kayla, Joanna

For Healing:

Anna, Melissa, Nick, Asher, Becky, Oscar, Alan, Jack, Clair, Dave, Caden, Peter, Lori, May, George, Sharon, Alice, Dale, Alan, Judie, Jill, Zoe, Alice, Elizabeth, Kathy, Wenjin, Eugenie, Robert

For Peace/Comfort/Guidance/Those without a job at this time:

David, Linden, Alex, James, Jessie, Sandy, Steve, Sebastian, Rebecca, Mary, Elaine, Dave, Casey, Beth, Dennis, Marie, Jeremy, Mary, Shantelle

For Safe Travel:

Kathy

For Thanksgiving:

Aries, The Giving Tree, Flower Ministry, Pastoral Care and Eucharistic Ministers

For Those Who Have Died:

For Military Personnel:

Jim, Marcus, Andrew, Jake

Community News

*Lectern Announcement and Community News Deadline is **Wednesday at noon.***

Please email them to Trudy at info@stcross.org

Adult Ed – Nov/Dec 2021

- 11/28 Thanksgiving (No Class)
- 12/5 Clergy Offering
- 12/12 How Luke Differs from the Synoptic Gospels
- 12/19 An Overview of Luke
- 12/26 Christmas (No Class)

Christmas Flowers - To make Christmas Flower dedications, please use the donation envelopes in the pews. Please print *clearly* on the envelope. You can also make your donation online at stcross.org/flowers. The last Sunday to get your dedications published in the Christmas bulletins is December 12th.

Giving Tree 2021 is here! Please come find our elves in Parker Hall and choose a deserving child or two to sponsor this holiday season. As always, monetary donations are always welcome to help us purchase grocery gift cards for each family. We will be accepting presents starting today, as well as on December 5th and 12th. If you'd prefer to make an online donation that will go to a child without a sponsor or to help with grocery gift cards, go to: <https://onrealm.org/stcrosshermosa/-/give/online>

In the drop-down button next to "Funds" make sure to select "Giving Tree". We look forward to another wonderful year for our Giving Tree families. Questions? Contact Courtney Shott at courtneyshott@hotmail.com

Coffee Hour Needs YOU! If you would like to see coffee hour return, please email Rev. Rachel at Rnyback@stcross.org and let her know you are willing to volunteer for two hours once a month.

Interested in joining the Youth Choir? You're just in time to prepare for Christmas! We welcome singers in grades 3 through 9. Rehearsals are Sundays after church, 11:15am-Noon. Contact Candace Ford at candaceford1@mac.com for more information.

St. Cross Covid Chronicles - You can go to stcross.org/covid-chronicles-submission and submit online. Any questions? Please contact kathyshinkle@verizon.net or patsybrierley@gmail.com. *The submission date has been extended, so please continue to submit your stories.*

Upcoming Events

- December 5 Messiah Concert, 4pm
- December 12 Longest Night
- December 14 Vestry Meeting
- December 19 Pageant, 5pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve Services at 4pm, 6pm, 9pm
- December 25 Christmas Day Service at 10am
- December 29 Laundry Love

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Preacher	The Rev Josh Paget
Deacon	The Rev. Josh Paget
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Cantor	Dan Wilson
Lector	Larry Johnson
Ushers	Al Dickinson JoAnn and Ralph Kaye Charlotte and Russ Lesser

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Greg Bellavia
David Charlton, Junior Warden
Sherry Graham, Secretary
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