



St. Cross

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The First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2022

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. With COVID, we ask that you respect other people's personal space. Masking is strongly recommended, but no longer required. We strive to create an environment that is safe for all to worship and participate, and we encourage a sense of mutual respect and understanding for each individual.

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 A

Welcome to our parish. On this Advent Sunday, the liturgy is centered on the second Advent of Christ, when he will return as judge and establish the Kingdom of God. In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells his followers that his return will be sudden and with no warning. Therefore, we are to live at all times as though his return is imminent.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah foresees that Kingdom as God's reign over a united and peaceful humanity. All people will know themselves to be the children of God and brothers and sisters to all other people.

The Advent theme that points to Jesus' first coming in his birth becomes the sign for us of the Advent yet to come. As we gather in the Eucharist, we find in our liturgical action a foretaste of the unity and peace of God's Kingdom. We recognize that in this in-between time (between Jesus' first coming and his second) we ourselves are caught up in the Eucharist into the Kingdom.

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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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Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Fantasia on "Veni Emmanuel"

Alec Rowley

Opening Hymn

Hymn 57

Please stand.



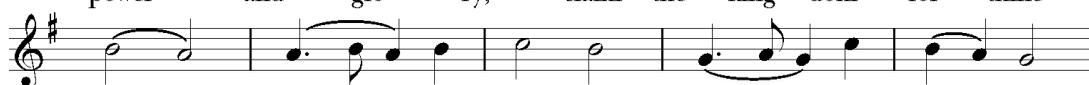
1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



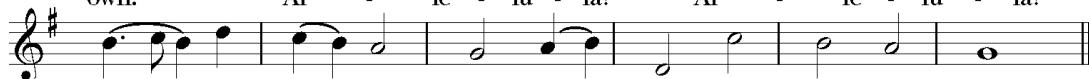
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



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 Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

Reader The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. – *Isaiah 9:2*

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus, who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness.

People **May our lives be a light to others. 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

Isaiah 2:1-5

Please be seated.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Hymn 68

Please stand.



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!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt. Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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 Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 as you are able.

**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. To add names to the prayer list, please go to stcross.org/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 five quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, and D5. The second part, labeled 'People (unison or harmony)', consists of a half note G4, a half note A4, and a whole note chord of B4 and C5. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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.

Deacon 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

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 remaining by your pew and offering a gesture of peace to your neighbors.

Signs of Christ's Love

We are a community who serves others as a sign of Christ's love. The rector and members of the church share announcements about how the church is serving others in the weeks ahead.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

During the setting of the table a collection is taken online at www.stcross.org/give or will be given in person at the collection plates at the altar during communion. These gifts support the life and ministry of St. Cross.

Offertory Anthem

Veiled in Darkness
text: Douglas L. Rights
music: Glenn Rudolph

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day, while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light, heavenly voices chanting then, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.' Still the earth in darkness lies, up from death's dark vale arise voices of a world in grief, prayers of men who seek relief; now our darkness pierce again, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.' Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon thy world today; break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light, send thy blessed word again, 'Peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

Presentation Hymn

Hymn 73

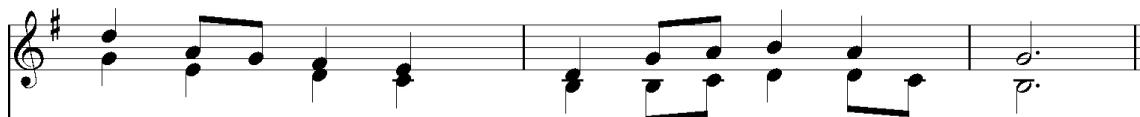
Please stand.



1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and



1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy



1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925), alt. Music: St. Stephen, William Jones (1726-1800), alt.

Great Thanksgiving

The people stand.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People

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 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.

At St. Cross all who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward as directed by the ushers. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying the usher. After receiving the bread (wafer), you may choose to hold the bread in your hand and have the eucharistic minister intinct (dip) the bread in the wine for you and place the sacrament back in your hand, you may consume the bread first, then sip from the chalice, or you may touch the chalice as a sign of receiving the sacrament. If you would prefer not to receive either the bread or the wine, cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will offer a blessing. Gluten free bread is offered upon request. Babies and children of any age are welcome to receive communion. If you have any questions or concerns about receiving Holy Communion please feel free to contact one of the clergy.

Communion Hymn

Hymn 61



1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
 3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let



shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
 heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
 saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as



wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
 wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
 harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the



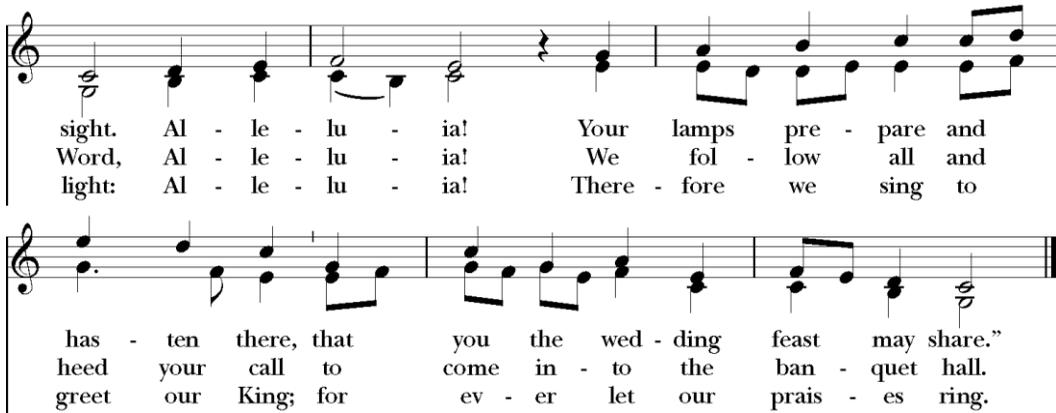
cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
 Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
 ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -



ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
 rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
 tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -



sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to
 has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

Words: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); tr. Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Music: *Wachet auf*, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Prayer After Communion

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

People and Celebrant

**We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
 kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
 that when your Christ comes again
 we may shine as lights before his face;
 who is alive and reigns now and for ever. 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 LEVAS 12

Please stand.



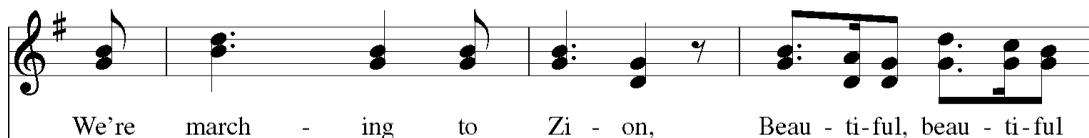
1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join
2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But
3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Be
4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We're



1. in a song with sweet accord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
4. march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march - ing thro' Im - man - uel's



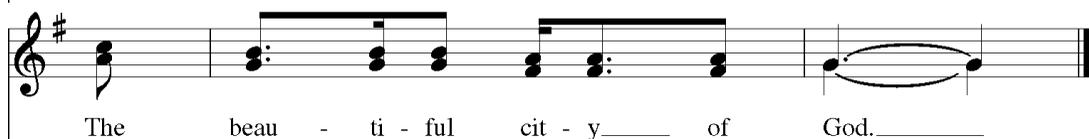
1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,



The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Dismissal

The Priest dismisses the People and they respond,

*Deacon
People*

As we await our coming Savior, go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
Malcolm Archer

St. Cross Prayer List

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

Continuing Prayers:

Bo, Autumn, Susan, Lindsey, Len, Karla, Lance, Sonia, Wanda, Jef, the people of Ukraine, Bea, Lizabeth, Jim, Emily, the Wright family, the Gerds family, Jon, Amanda, Jim, Janet, Kathy, Debbie, Susan, Jim, Sandra, David, Tina, Jeri, Bob, Astin, Jill, the Alarcon family, Astin, Selené, Rick, Kyla Elliot, Chris, Debbie, Cathy, the Tyner and Naranjo families, Jay, Susan, the Pierce family, the Biewer family, the Sulahian family, Kim, McCall

For Healing:

Jim, Len, Jan, Art, Melissa, Kim, Carol, Jack, George, Dr. Maureen, Samantha, Anh, Robert (RJ), Woodrow, Denise, Chris, Katie, Kenneth, Radomir, Linda, Donna, Sheila, Sue, Charlotte, Art, Case, Brett, Nancy, Mike, Wanda, Audrey, Cate, Maria, John, Mary, Caden, Mary, Theresa, Juve

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

Mike, Art's family, Valerie, Bob, Virginia, Carl and the Remy family, Johannes, Renee, the Olsen family, Chad, Jarod, Jamie, Teddy, Caroline, Samantha, Joey, Rory, Barb, Woodrow, Denise, Katie, Juanita, the Pierson family, Ann, George, the Alarcon family, Candy, Wanda, Barb, Jose, Barry, Janet

For Safe Travel:

Tracy, Juanita, Lizabeth, Terry & Elaine & Irene

For Thanksgiving:

Pedro, Angelica, Julie, Irene, Allie, Haylie, and the Ministries of the Sewing Guild, and Readers for Life

For Those Who Have Died:

Raschid, Skip, Jack, Lance, Mark

For Military Personnel:

Marcus, Andrew, Jim, Kenneth, Jarod

Community News

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

Please email them to Trudy at info@stcross.org

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. Please submit your dedications by Sunday December 11th to ensure they are published in the Christmas bulletins.

Advent Book Table: Looking for a devotional, calendar, or book to enrich your Advent experience. Stop by the Advent Book Table after services. Sundays, Nov 13 - Dec 4th, after each service.

Giving Tree – Please stop by Parker Hall to pick a child (or two!) to sponsor this holiday season. If you are not able to come to church, we have two options: 1) Feel free to email Courtney and she will match you with a child. 2) If you prefer to make an online donation that will go to a child without a sponsor, or to help with grocery gift cards, please go to: <https://onrealm.org/stcrosshermosa/-/give/online> In the drop down button next to “Funds” make sure to select “Giving Tree”. Courtney Shott’s contact info is courtneyshott@hotmail.com

Faith@5 | Nov. 27, 5pm - Our Faith@5 service will take place tonight at 5pm. There will be a potluck meal and Eucharist. Bring your Thanksgiving leftovers and join us for church and a meal in the Parish Hall!

Messiah - Come join us for the seasonal classic, Messiah, on **December 4th at 4pm**. This landmark choral work by George Frederick Handel celebrates the season and the foretelling of the birth of Jesus. Full orchestra and soloists accompany the St. Cross chancel choir. This is a free event. A free-will offering will be collected.

Dec 11th: Advent Market - The Advent Market returns to the St Cross Parish Hall Sunday December 11th! After both the 8am and 10am services local vendors will be selling festive wares. If you would like to be a vendor or help host this event, please contact: Mimi Woolley at mc.ery@live.fr

Dec 14th: Blue Christmas (aka Longest Night) - A special Wednesday evening service during Advent that invites us into reflection on the history of God's creative and life saving work that often takes place in the darkest parts of our selves and our world. Wednesday, 7pm, please contact Rev. Josh.

Dec 16th: Food Prep for Shower Ministry - Friday at 3pm come to the Parish Hall to help us make sandwiches, cook soup, and bag cookies and desserts. These food items will be served Saturday morning at the St Luke’s Shower Ministry. This food prep session is a great opportunity for families to volunteer together right here on campus. Questions? Contact Greg Bellavia at gbella333@gmail.com

Dec 17th: Serving Food at Shower Ministry - Saturday at 7am, we will meet at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Long Beach. We will serve hot coffee and pastries and distribute sack lunches to guests at the Shower Ministry. Questions? Contact. Rev. Josh.

Upcoming Baptism Date – Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 10:00am. If you desire a baptism, please contact the office.

Upcoming Events

November 29	Vestry Meeting	December 25	Christmas Day: 10am ONLY
November 30	Laundry Love	December 26	OFFICE CLOSED
December 4	Messiah, 4pm	December 28	Laundry Love
December 14	Blue Christmas, 7pm	January 1	New Year’s Day: 10am ONLY
December 18	Pageant, 5pm	January 2	OFFICE CLOSED
December 24	Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm, & 9pm	January 29	Annual Meeting

Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Preacher	The Rev. Josh Paget
Deacon	The Rev. Patti Angelo
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Lector	Owen Bernard
Ushers	Al Dickinson JoAnn and Ralph Kaye Charlotte and Russ Lesser
Eucharistic Ministers	Kent Brown David Charlton Rick Murphy Alison Wilcox

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Greg Bellavia
David Charlton
Joe DesParte
Sherry Graham, Junior Warden
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