



# St. Cross

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.



## 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 Second Sunday of Advent—Year A*

Welcome to our parish. This is the first of the two Advent Sundays in which John the Baptist is the dominant figure. John's ministry as the forerunner of the Messiah is introduced in today's gospel reading by his preaching: a stern call to repentance. John warns that neither reliance on the religious practices of the Pharisees and Sadducees nor descent from Abraham is of any use unless one turns around and repents.

The first reading is one of the visions of Isaiah. From the almost moribund family of Jesse (King David's father) a new shoot will appear, a new David. This Messiah will establish God's universal reign as a time of peace even extending to the natural world.

Advent calls all people, not just those who are religious, into relationship with God and with each other. Nevertheless, a key element in this new relationship is repentance, entering into the new Way of living brought through the dying and rising of Jesus.

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

*If you would like to make a flower dedication, please go to [www.stcross.org/flowers](http://www.stcross.org/flowers)*

# Liturgy of the Word

## Prelude

*O God of God* - arr. Tyleen Stults  
*O come, O come, Emmanuel* - arr. Kevin McChesney  
St. Cross Handbells

## Opening Hymn

Hymn 76

*Please stand.*



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

## 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* A man named John was sent from God. He came as a witness to testify concerning the light, so that through him everyone would believe in the light. – *John 1:6-7*

As we light the first two candles of the Advent wreath,  
we welcome the prophets who shine your light in the world.  
*People* **Help us to get ready to welcome Jesus, once again. Amen.**

### Kyrie

S-96

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.

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.**

## First Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

*Please be seated.*

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.

*Lector*               The Word of the Lord.

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

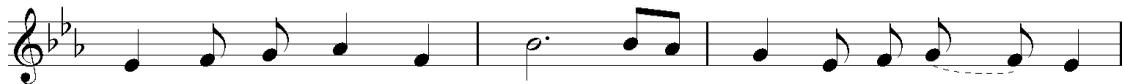
# Hymn

Hymn 75

*Please stand.*



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a  
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ——— of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The ———  
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like  
feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!  
na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;  
lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

Words: James Lewis Milligan (1876-1961), alt. Music: *Ascension*, Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

## Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

*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.*

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

## Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Smith

*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](http://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 single melodic line with four quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5. The second part, labeled 'People (unison or harmony)', consists of a single chord of four notes: G4, A4, B4, and C5, held for a duration of two measures. The lyrics 'Lord, in your mer - cy Hear our prayer.' are written below the notes.

*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*  
*People*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**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](http://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

*E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come*  
text: Revelation 22  
music: Paul Manz

*Peace be to you, and grace from Him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed His blood that we might be saved. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God, who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!*

# Presentation Hymn

Hymn 597

*Please stand.*



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our  
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the



hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly



love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -



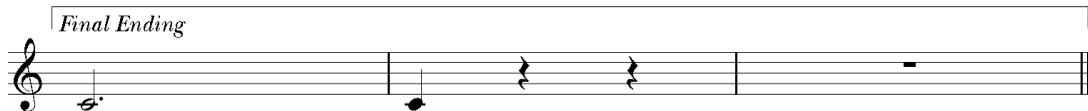
hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -  
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -



lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the



prom - ised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)



Lord.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Copyright ©1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: *Jerusalem*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918);

# 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.

*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 67

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er  
 saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,  
 mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry  
 ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;  
 tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken  
 and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Words: Johann G. Olearius (1611-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Psalm 42*, melody and bass Claude Goudimel (1514-1572); harm. *Hymnal 1982*

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

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

# Closing Hymn

Hymn 65

*Please stand.*



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.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772-1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999) Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt.

## 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

*On Jordan's bank*  
Malcolm Archer

## **St. Cross Prayer List**

*To add names to the prayer list, please go to [www.stcross.org/pray](http://www.stcross.org/pray).*

### Continuing Prayers:

Bo, Autumn, Susan, Lindsey, Len, Karla, 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:

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, Charmaine, Matthew, Maureen

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

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, Nancy, the Stepczyk family, the May family

### For Safe Travel:

### For Thanksgiving:

The Ministries of Laundry Love, and Neighbor to Neighbor

### For Those Who Have Died:

Frank, Kurt

### 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](mailto: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](http://stcross.org/flowers). Please submit your dedications by Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> to ensure they are published in the Christmas bulletins.

**Giving Tree** - Thanks to everyone for their generosity! If you would still like to help with Giving Tree, please stop by our table today in Parker Hall. All gifts are due back next Sunday Dec 11th. Questions? Reach out to Courtney [courtneyshott@hotmail.com](mailto:courtneyshott@hotmail.com)

**Handel's Messiah - December 4th at 4pm.** After the concert, join us in the Parish Hall for a festive reception.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Christmas Pageant | Dec. 18, 5pm** – Join us for the wonderful tradition that is the St. Cross Christmas Pageant.

**Jan 6th: Glow Ride:** To Celebrate the 12th night of Christmas, St. Cross is hosting a Glow Ride. Decorate your bike with lots of lights! We will ride as a group on the strand. Children under 18 must wear helmets, but everyone is encouraged to wear one. Everyone is also encouraged to dress up in festive attire. This is a slow roll ride from Hermosa Beach Pier to Manhattan Beach Pier and back. It is open to anyone, so please invite your friends. Friday, Jan 6th, 5:00pm. Meet at the Hermosa Beach Pier. If you would like to help organize or promote the event, please contact Rev. Josh.

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

### Upcoming Events

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

## Today's Ministers – 10:00am

Celebrant	The Rev. Rachel Nyback
Preacher	The Rev. Stephen Smith
Assisting	The Rev. Josh Paget
Deacon	The Rev. Patti Angelo
Organist/Choirmaster	Sean O'Neal
Lector	Patsy Brierley
Ushers	Terry Eddy Amanda Hunter Erica Lynett Brian Wilcox
Eucharistic Ministers	Katherine Crockett Al Dickinson Malinda Difley Rick Murphy

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