

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE II
The Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022
10:45 A.M.

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome
Center. This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.
If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk in the north east
corner of the Parish Hall.*

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

*If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area.)
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

***During the Season of Advent, our Community of Faith invites you to help us prepare for Christ's birth
through your participation in the age-old tradition of nesting. As you arrive please pick up a raffia twist
found in the Narthex.***

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Advent Season.

During these four weeks before Christmas, the Church stops to prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Advent bridges the past and the future, and brings them into the present. Advent is a time of the Christ who was, who is, and who is to come. Christ is seen not only as a child born of Mary, crucified and resurrected, nor as the fulfillment of all things, but as an active presence here and now. Christ stirs power from the past and hope from the future, to begin his Messianic reign in the present, which begins in the hearts of those who follow the Christ.

Even as we look at our liturgical environment, we see that it echoes what nature herself displays. Indeed, Advent is that inky blue hour between night and day, between the deep purple darkness and the light, when we know in our hearts that indeed “the dawn from on high will break upon us.” It is the messenger before the day of God, as John the baptizer was the messenger before Jesus, calling people in darkness to increase in light of love, and bear fruit worthy of repentance.

It is only through our waiting and preparation, listening to the Word proclaimed, and partaking of the Sacraments that we are able to reply with Mary, “Let it be with me according to your word.” Only then will the golden dawn of the future for which we yearn begin to break forth in all of its splendor.

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask anyone around you for help.

I hope to meet you before or after worship but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again welcome to you and your family.

Happy Advent,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +

Rector

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Voluntary: Improvisation on a “Noel”

arr. J. S. Potter

Welcome and Announcements

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Moment of Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in other silent activity. At the tolling of the bell, please stand and face the entrance.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free. Amen.**

Please kneel.

Confession of Sin

Presider Repent, for the kingdom of God has come near. – *Matthew 3:2*

Presider Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

Absolution

Presider 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.

People **Amen.**



The congregation is invited to follow the Ministers of the Liturgy to the Altar and place their raffia twists in the manger, then return to their seats via back side of Altar. Please remain standing.

Gathering Song: “Everlasting God”

Brenton Brown

Strength will rise as we wait ___ up - on the Lord, wait ___ up - on the Lord, we will wait

1. ___ up - on the Lord. 2. up - on the Lord. Our God ___ You reign ___ for - ev ___

er; Our hope ___ our strong ___ de - liv ___ er - er ___

You are the ev - er - last - ing God ___ the ev - er - last - ing God
 You're the de - fen - der of the weak ___ You com - fort those in need

___ You do ___ not faint, You ___ won't grow wear - y.
 ___ You lift ___ us up on ___ wings like eag - les.

Gathering Hymn: “The King Shall Come”

St. Stephen

The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri - um - phant breaks;
 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark night is past;
 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings:

when beau - ty gilds the east - ern ___ hills and life to ___ joy a - wakes.
 O haste the ris - ing of that morn, the day that e'er shall last.
 Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy peo - ple ___ pray, come quick - ly, ___ King of kings.

Collect for the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect of Our Lady of Guadalupe

O God, Father of mercies, who placed your people under the singular protection of your Son's most holy Mother, grant that all who invoke the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe may seek with ever more lively faith the progress of peoples in the ways of justice and of peace; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

During the singing of O Come, O Come Emmanuel, the children are invited to gather around the Advent Candles at the Altar.

Hymn of Light: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel



O come thou key of David come
O come, thou Day-spring from on high
and o - pen wide our heav'nly home.
and cheer us by thy draw - ing night.
make safe the way that leads on high
dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
and close the path to mis - er - y
and death's dark sha - dow put to flight.
Re - joice! Re - joice! E - man u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent family Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom, and the waters would break forth in the wilderness. As we light these candles strengthen our hearts as we wait for the coming of the Lord. May his light pierce the darkness of this world that we may make known his deeds among the nations: for he is our light and salvation.

People **Blessed be God forever.**

Hymn of Light: "Light One Candle"

Wayne L. Wold



Light three can - dles to watch for Mes - si - ah: let the light ban - ish dark - ness.



He — shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

The Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10

Lector A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Lector The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: “Ye Servants God”

Paderborn



Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:
and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,
the Name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,
his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gospel Response: Alleluia

S. Chard

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu - ia. A - le - lu, A - le - lu *(rit.)* - ia.

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay



Please stand.

During the Season of Advent, we will sing our faith using a Kenyan form of the Creed thus uniting us with Christians of other places, times and cultures. *Ninasadiki means "I believe."

Nicene Creed: "Ninasadiki"



I be - lieve in God, the al - mighty, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
And con - ceived by the Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
Tru - ly hu - man, he lived a - mong us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
On the third day he rose tri - um - phant, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
He shall come once more then to judge us, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ac - knowl - edge one ho - ly bap - tism, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



who cre - a - ted earth and the heav - ens, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was born of the vir - gin Mar - y, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and he suf - fered much un - der Pi - late, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
as was proph - e - sied in the scrip - tures, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and his king - dom shall have no end - ing, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
and for - give - ness, par - don for sin - ners, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



and in Je - sus, God's son from heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
to the earth he came as a ba - by, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he was cru - ci - fied, died, was bur - ied, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
he as - cend - ed then up to heav - en, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I be - lieve in one Ho - ly Spir - it, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,
I ex - pect one great res - ur - rec - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki,



of e - ter - nal love, the be - got - ten, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
born for us and for our sal - va - tion, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
he de - scend - ed down in - to hell, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and shall come a - gain in great glo - ry, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
I be - lieve in one ho - ly church, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.
and the life of the world to come, Ni - na - sa - di - ki.

Prayers of the People

During the season of Advent, we invite you to write your prayers on the slips of paper provided in the envelope holders in front of each chair. Please bring your prayers forward with you as you receive communion and deposit them in the receptacles at the head of the center aisle.

Peace

Presider God will speak peace to his people, to those who turn to him with their hearts.
The peace of our Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due God's Name; bring offerings and come into God's courts. *Psalm 96:8*

During the Offering in Song, please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.

To submit your offering electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/Give SAC" in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.

Offering in Song: "Mary, Did You Know?"

Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Presentation Song: "Soon and Very Soon"

André Crouch

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King

Soon and ver - y soon — we are — go - in' to see the King A-le-

lu - ia! A - le - lu - ia! We're go - in' to see the King.

Please stand.

During Advent, the congregation is invited to turn and face the entrance which is toward the eastward direction of Bethlehem and the rising sun.

Please remain standing.

The Great Thanksgiving

Tune: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with you His servant.**

Presider Lift up your hearts unto the Lord
People **With hearts uplifted, thanks to Him we render:
With joy we come before Him.
In gratefulness implore Him.
With thankful hearts adore Him evermore!**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you as we sing,

Sanctus

Tune: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of hosts, by all adored!
Heav'n and earth cannot contain all the glory of your name!**

**Hail, Hosanna, God most high! Blest is He who now draws nigh.
In the name of God the King! Hallelujahs glad we sing;**

Hail, Hosanna! Praises due, be forever, Lord, to you.

Please stand or kneel.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death,
Rising, you restored our life,
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with the blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**

Fraction Anthem: "O Come O Come Emmanuel"

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Re - jice! Re - jice! E - man u - el
shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Re - jice! Re - jice! E - man u - el". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el". The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words like "man" and "ra" having long horizontal lines underneath them to indicate a sustained note.

Communion Distribution

All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.

If you wish to receive Communion under both kinds, please receive a napkin from an usher. The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin. After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.

Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Veneration

On this "Gaudete / Lady of Guadalupe Sunday" you are invited to honor Our Lady taking a rose from the arrangement before the Marian Statue in the Side Chapel.

Communion Meditation: "Lord be the Morning"
"All Who are Thirsty"

*Robert Wilke, Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson*

Communion Hymn: "My Lord What a Morning"

Negro Spiritual

My Lord, what a morn - ing. My Lord, what a morn - ing, O
my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the stars be - gin to fall.
You'll hear the trum - pet sound _____ To wake the na - tions un - der ground.
You'll hear the sin - ner mourn _____ To wake the na - tions un - der ground.
You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____ To wake the nat - tions un - der ground.
Look - ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Presider May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Flourish Improvisation on “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

John S. Potter

You are cordially invited to the Commons Area for refreshments following the service so that we can get to know each other better.

We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to gather in the side chapel after the service.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessing

Presider Let us pray.

People **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

+ PRAYER LIST +

For those with medical issues and other concerns: *Lela Frances Welch, Pamela, Evelyn and Eric Thrower, The Lorance Family, Annie Mae Miller, Debbie and Al Hamilton, Mike Hodges, Reggie Egin, Jada Smiley, Will Havins, Shiloh Kile, James L. Henry, Jim Henry, Stephanie Holladay, Judy Reeder, Richard Stuhr, Robby Housh, Gavin Marshall, Mackenzie Flick, Jason Eliot, Jackie Watson, Khalil Franklin, Mary Ortiz, Pamela Hernandez Angelino, Ann Merritt, Terry Cannon, The Rev. Kay Boman-Harvey, Dorene Peel, Ladina Justus, Barbara Hendricks, Mason, Daniel, Tabitha, Erlinda, Lamar, DaShaun, Ashley, Lamar, Antonia Duenez Estrada, Charlotte Cascio, Beverly Davis, Bill Hoover, David Rios Montero, Manuel Estrada, Maria Carmen de la Torre, Inna Jones, Vermit Jones, Valentina Gopanyako, Nick Gopanyako, Selena Estrada, Gavin Marshall, Ryan Spillars, Bill Hodges, Jessica, Beverly Davis, AimeeAnn, The Inselman Family, P.J. Nelson, Robin Troutman, Bruce, Jay, Winston, Edit, Jonna, Yvonne, Bridget, Marsha & Leonard Cayton, Deb Krausse, Steve Bauer, Arnie Stromberg, Teresa Stromberg, Karen Koch, Scott Mills, Bill Kerr.*

For those in the military: *Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfroe, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Birthdays this week: *Anne Jacobs, Sylvia Burns, Emily Fields, John Potter, John Madison, Adona Haase, Danny Glenn, Tessa Yeakley*

Anniversaries this week: *James Burkhart and Brett Cash, Crystal and Joshua Westmoreland, Matthew and Kyle Lawson*

Deaths: *Darla Inselman Sorenson, Mary Margaret Bott, Edgar Zuniga, Fred Nelson, Crispina Herrera*

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *St. Matthew's Enid, and Church of the Holy Spirit, Montevideo, Uruguay*

+ **THIS IS OUR STORY** +

Advent's third Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday, which translates as "rejoice". Beginning in the 13th century, Catholic priests began the third Sunday in Advent's liturgy with a Latin introit that read, "Rejoice (i.e., "Gaudete") in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." The Church questioned whether a Sunday's mass that begins with an inducement to "rejoice" be enshrouded by somber purple? For this reason the vestments for this Sunday are colored rose, a lighter shade of purple (they are not pink, a lighter shade of red). The rose vestments represent a softening of the penitential season. Gaudete Sunday is the "half time" for Advent - a time for taking a deep breath in the midst of our preparation for Christ's coming. Lutheran churches use blue vestments during Advent to suggest expectant hope. One reason for this choice was that in former times, purple dye was quite expensive. In addition, some Lutheran churches felt that although the penitential nature of purple was appropriate for Lent with its pilgrimage to Christ's suffering on the cross, they questioned whether penitence (even if fueled by Advent's overtones of "judgement") should be the *primary* theme for Advent in preparation for Christ's birth.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com, or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

+ **MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY** +

Today, Sunday December 11, 2022 – The Third Sunday in Advent

President: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Crucifer: Zachary Rosa-Berrios

Acolytes: Chase Dillard and Jaxon Mack

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeannie Haas and Sara Kyte

Lector: Mark Heaney

Advent Family: The Gruel Family

Oblation Bearers: Reiko Osumi and Jan Pope

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard and Karena Van Horn

Trumpet: Randy Polk

Organist: John Stephen Potter

Greeters: Sherry Dale, Brenda Gudino, and Janet Mills

Ushers: Jay Kyte and Luis Rosa-Berrios

Altar Guild: Gil Haas and Jan Pope

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

The Third Sunday in Advent

- 8:30am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II
- 12:30pm LGBTQ+ Small Group Lunch and Launch- Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 11:00am: Bible Study with Fr. Joseph
- 12:00pm: Noon Eucharist, Rt. II
- 6:15pm: Stations of the Crib, Dinner, Children's/Youth/Adult Formation

GLANCE AT NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 8:30am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. I
- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

- 11:00am: Bible Study with Fr. Joseph
- 12:00pm: Noon Eucharist, Rt. II
- 6:15pm: Stations of the Crib, Dinner and children/youth/adult Formation

LGBTQIA+ AND ALLIES SMALL GROUP TODAY!

All those who identify as LGBTQIA+ or as a supportive Ally of this community are invited to an organizational launch and festive lunch TODAY Sunday, December 11 in the Parish Hall at 12:30pm, following the close of second service. One or more small groups will be formed for those interested and next steps taken to forming supportive communities committed to meeting regularly for spiritual growth, friendship, and service. For more info contact Brad at bradley@bradleyddavidson.com

ADVENT WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

You don't want to miss Wednesday, December 14 and 21 at 6:15pm here at St. Augustine. Each of these special evenings will feature a 'Stations of the Crib' service beginning at 6:15pm, followed by dinner, and youth and adult forum activities.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UP

A Christmas Pageant with NO speaking parts and you just show up? Yes, please! Sign up your young person for our no pressure pageant TODAY. Clipboard sign up in the Commons or email jesse-heath@sac-okc.org for details or rehearsal schedule.

MORE THAN ENOUGH! STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING

Thank you to all who've already made their 2023 financial pledge to the church this past week! If you haven't yet had a chance, and wish to make a commitment for the upcoming year, fill out a paper form available at the reception desk or through our secure online pledge site - <http://bit.ly/3V1Shll>, OR go to the church website.

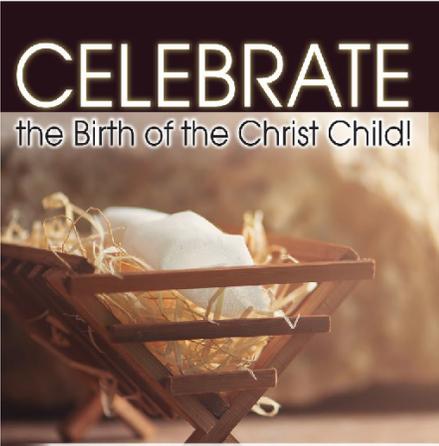
ADVENT OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

There are multiple opportunities to give this joyful season! We encourage you to participate in one or more of these wonderful chances to bless others this holiday season. Give physical donations OR make your financial contribution and designate the outreach your gift in the memo. We'll also need drivers and volunteers to help distribute these items. If you wish to participate, contact memberengagement@sac-okc.org

- Warm and Fuzzy Tree – Give new or gently used hats, gloves, scarves to be shared with St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Idabel and the homeless of OKC distributed during our Breakfast Burritos for the Homeless.
- Sleeping Bags for the Homeless – Your gift of \$40 provides an extra warm sleeping bag which will be distributed shortly after Christmas Eve to the homeless of OKC.
- Diaper Drive for OKCity Crisis Nursery – All sizes needed! Let's help support this amazing organization that provides so much for those in crisis. Bring any size diapers to the commons, or make a gift of \$40 and we'll provide an extra-large Sam's Club pack in your name.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE



CELEBRATE
the Birth of the Christ Child!

Please join us for one or all services

Sunday - Dec. 18th
6:00 pm *Blue Christmas: A service of comfort and healing for anyone experiencing loss or other difficulties during the holidays*

Saturday - Dec. 24th Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Children's Pageant
10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Incense, Brass & Organ

Christmas Day
10:00 am Christmas Around the Creche with Holy Communion

 St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church

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BLUE CHRISTMAS WITH FR. TONY MOON

“**Blue Christmas**” is a Eucharist service of comfort and healing for those experiencing loss or other difficulties during this Christmas season—a time when society says we are almost *required to be* a joyous! Fr. Tony will meet you where you are, whether that’s ill, worried, sad, lost, lonely, lacking direction or depressed. Or, maybe you want to attend to support others. You are truly invited to *come as you are!* 6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 18th.

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY AND SUGGESTED DONATIONS

St. Augustine’s Blessing Box Ministry seeks to provide sustenance to those experiencing food insecurity in our community by providing fresh and non-perishable food items, household goods and more. Suggested item for November and December is **boxed Macaroni and Cheese**. Drop off donations in the collection basket at the kiosk in the nave. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this ministry or have questions, email memberengagement@sac-okc.org

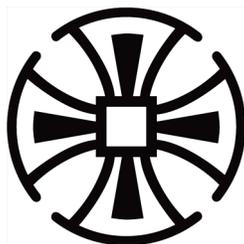
FLOWERS AND MUSIC DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you wish to contribute to the festive floral displays that beautify our Nave and great music that inspires our souls during the Christmas season, look for the sign-up display in the Commons Area. Contributions may be dedicated to the honor or memory of loved ones. If paying by check, please write “Christmas Flowers & Music” on the memo line.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFTS CONTRIBUTION

In this season of giving, please consider making a contribution towards gifts for the Staff of St. Augustine’s. You may contribute with a check; place cash in a pew envelope; or contribute electronically using instructions on the Electronic Giving pew card. Please be sure to specify “Staff Christmas Gift” on your contribution. Thank you!

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Wednesday – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

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Jr. Warden: Jon Wallingford

Treasurer: Marian Moon

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Valerie Hall, Rick Inselman, Valerie Lewis, Sherry Dale, & Jason Seabolt

Clerk: Renee Lewis

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