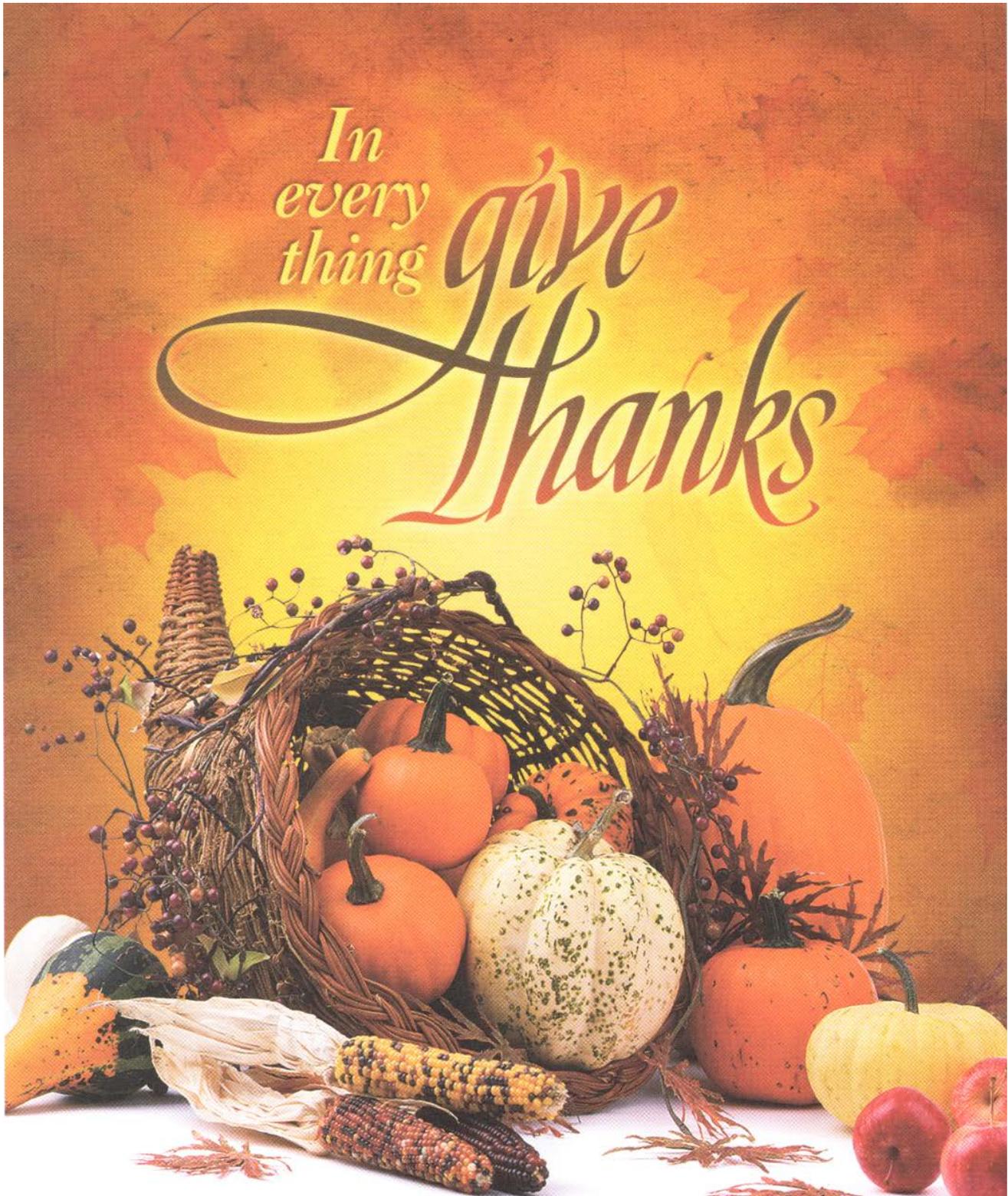


The Holy Eucharist
Thanksgiving Day
November 24, 2016
10:00 a.m.



A Note on Today's Readings

Thanksgiving Day—Year C

Welcome to our parish on this Thanksgiving Day. Since the earliest days of European settlement in North America, Christian people have gathered to give thanks for God's bounty. The Continental Congress during the time of the American Revolution began the custom of the government proclaiming a national day of thanksgiving, and forms of prayer for that day have been in the Episcopal Church's Book of Common Prayer from its first edition in 1789.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus begins a discussion triggered by his miraculous feeding of 5,000 people with loaves and fishes. As those people seek to find out how they can keep getting this free food, Jesus tells them that there is a more profound food that is needed, to be fed with God's own life. That food comes through Jesus' death and resurrection, which reveals him to be the Bread of Life. The first reading is Moses' instructions for the annual harvest festival of thanksgiving in which the people are to give thanks for their crops and, more importantly, thanks for God's saving acts in their lives. Paul tells the Philippian Christians that the central and most important action we are to perform is to live lives of thanksgiving and rejoicing at God's goodness.

In our liturgy today we rejoice that it is not only for the material things of this world, which do not last, that we give thanks. Here we are fed with the food that lasts into eternal life and we find that thanksgiving is at the heart of our relationship with God our Savior.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Nun danket alle Gott

Georg Fredrich Kaufmann

1679-1735

Our worship time together begins with a musical prelude.

**Thank you for listening in silence and for respecting the needs of worshippers
for a quiet time of prayer and meditation.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Come, ye thankful people

Hymnal, #290

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

all say together

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Let all things now living

Welsh folk tune

remain standing



1. Let all things now liv-ing a song of thanks - giv-ing to God the cre -
2. His law he en - for-ces, the stars in their cours-es and sun in its—



a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect-ed and
or-bit o - be-dient-ly shine; the hills and the moun-tains, the riv - ers and



stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days. God's
foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We

ban - ners are o'er us, his light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of
too should be voic-ing our love and re - joic-ing; with glad a - dor -
fire shin - ing forth in the night, till shad - ows have van - ished and
a - tion a song let us raise till all things now liv - ing u -
dark - ness is ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
nite in thanks - giv - ing: "to God in the highest, ho - san - na and praise!"

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

all are seated

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

At the end of the Reading: Reader The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

For the fruit of all creation

all stand

verses 1 - 2 before the Gospel

after the Gospel, verse 3

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - pair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: Welsh Traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

AR HYD Y NOS

THE HOLY GOSPEL

remain standing

John 6:25-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Deacon, after the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Very Rev. Dr. Alan Jones

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy
Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

- Leader Almighty God, creator of all life, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of this land,
People **and for the great resources of this nation.**
- Leader We thank you for the men and women of this nation,
People **who have kept the torch of liberty and opportunity burning for all people.**
- Leader We thank you for giving us the courage to confront poverty, prejudice and oppression,
People **and to strive for justice and peace.**
- Leader We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety,
People **revealing the love of Christ throughout the ages.**
- Leader We thank you for the healing love of Christ, present in your Church,
People **opening our hearts and our hands to all who seek your grace.**
- Leader We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
People **and the lives of those who have returned to you.**
- Deacon O Lord, hasten the day when all people, with many voices, in one chorus, will glorify your holy Name. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

all stand

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

GREETING AND OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All current and former members of
St. Mary's Children's, Youth, and Parish Choirs are invited forward to sing the
Offertory Anthem.

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

St. Mary's Parish Choir and Choir Alumni

b. 1945

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

We gather together

Hymnal, #433

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP, page 361

all 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.

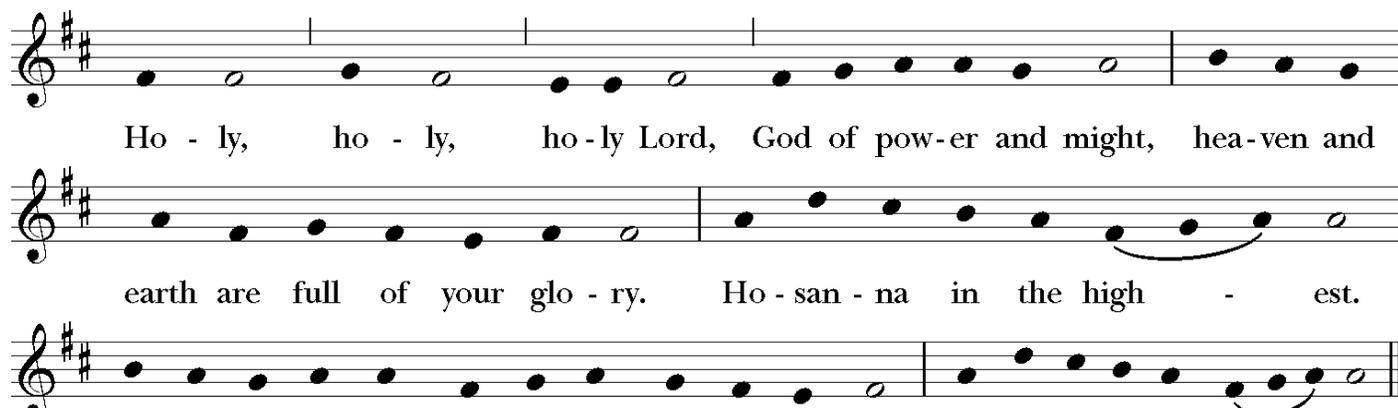
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues...

Celebrant 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

Hymnal, S-124



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.

Music: David Hurd

After the Sanctus, the people kneel or stand. The Celebrant continues....

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

all stand

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All those who wish to are invited to hold hands during this prayer.

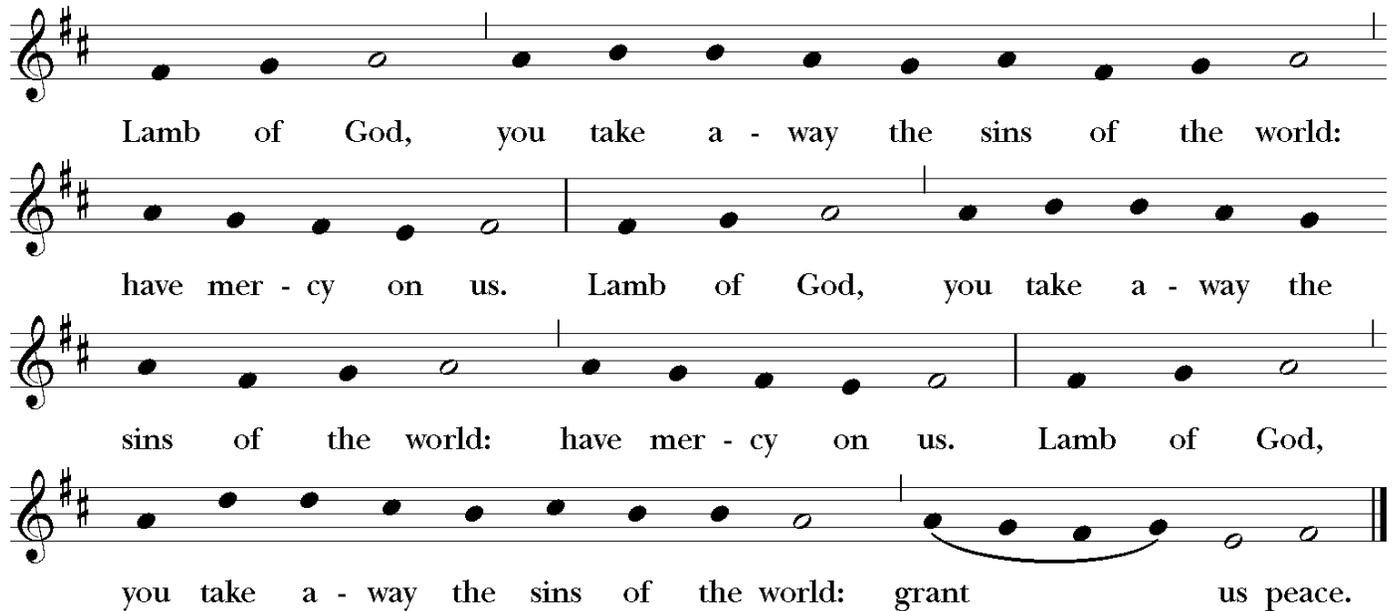
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

AGNUS DEI

Hymnal, S-261



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Music: David Hurd

THE INVITATION

All who desire to know God are invited to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.
Bread and wafers are both available as well as gluten free wafers.
If you have preference, please let the clergy know.
You may also receive a blessing instead of bread and wine
by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now the silence

Hymnal, #333

COMMUNION ANTHEM

O Food to pilgrims given

Johann Sebastian Bach

St. Mary's Parish Choir

1685-1750

O food to pilgrims given,
O bread of life from heaven,
O manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us,
nor thy delights deny us,
whose hearts to thee draw nigh.

O stream of love past telling,
O purest fountain, welling
from out the Savior's side!
We faint with thirst; revive us,
of thine abundance give us,
and all we need provide.

O Jesus, by thee bidden,
we here adore thee, hidden
in forms of bread and wine.
Grant when the veil is risen,
we may behold, in heaven,
thy countenance divine.

Text: Latin, 1661

tr. John Althestan Laurie Riley(1858-1945)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

This is my song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for
 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun - light beams on
 3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms, your king - dom come; on

lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 clo - ver - leaf and pine. But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 earth your will be done. O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine. So hear my song, O
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one. So hear my prayer, O

oth - er lands are beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 God of all the na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 God of all the na - tions, my - self I give you; let your will be done.

Text: Lloyd Stone (1912-1993); Georgia Harkness (1891-1974)
 Music: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957)

FINLANDIA

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

all stand

BCP, p.365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joyful, joyful

Hymnal, #376

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Johann Heinrich Buttstedt

1666-1727

**As a courtesy to those who wish to continue in prayer or listen to the postlude,
please exit quietly and join in fellowship in the courtyard.**

We request that there be no applause after the postlude.

Thank you.

Welcome and blessings on this Thanksgiving Holiday!

If you are home for the holiday, welcome back.

If you are a visitor, thank you for folding your prayers in with ours today.

If you are a newcomer, please return to join us for the many special services and events coming up during the Advent and Christmas season.

Upcoming Events

at The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin

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| November 27 | 11:00 am | Choral Eucharist for the First Sunday of Advent |
| December 4 | 6:00 pm | Advent Carol Sing and Dinner |
| December 17 | 1:00 pm | Caroling on Union Street with St. Mary's Parish Choir |
| December 18 | 9:00 & 11:00 am | A Service of Lessons & Carols
St. Mary's Children's Choir and Parish Choir |
| December 24 | 3:00 pm | Christmas Pageant
Costumed players and live animals |
| | 5:00 pm | Christmas Eve Eucharist with Children's Choirs |
| | 8:30 pm | Candlelight Carol Sing
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble |
| | 9:00 pm | Candlelight Eucharist
Parish Choir and Brass Ensemble |
| December 25 | 10:00 am | Holy Eucharist with Carols |

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