

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Offertory Anthem *Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth*
Text: Ambrose, tr. J.M. Neale *Music: Puer nobis nascitur, arr. by Mark Schweizer*

*Come, Thou Redeemer of the earth,
 And manifest Thy virgin birth:
 Let every age adoring fall;
 Such birth befits the God of all.
 Begotten of no human will,
 But of the Spirit, Thou art still
 The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
 The promised Fruit to man displayed.
 Thy cradle here shall glitter bright,
 And darkness breathe a newer light,
 Where endless faith shall shine serene,
 And twilight never intervene.
 All praise, eternal Son, to thee;
 Whose Advent sets thy people free,
 With whom the Father we adore,
 And Holy Ghost forevermore.*

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The Communion *All who seek God and are drawn to God through Christ are welcome at God's table. We usually receive the bread in our hands and sip from the chalice, or carefully dip (intinct) the bread into the wine. If you do not wish the bread and wine, please come forward for a blessing—just cross your arms over your chest!*

Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.

Communion Voluntary *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Dietrich Buxtehude
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A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 76 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry *Winchester New*

Dismissal

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland* Johann Sebastian Bach



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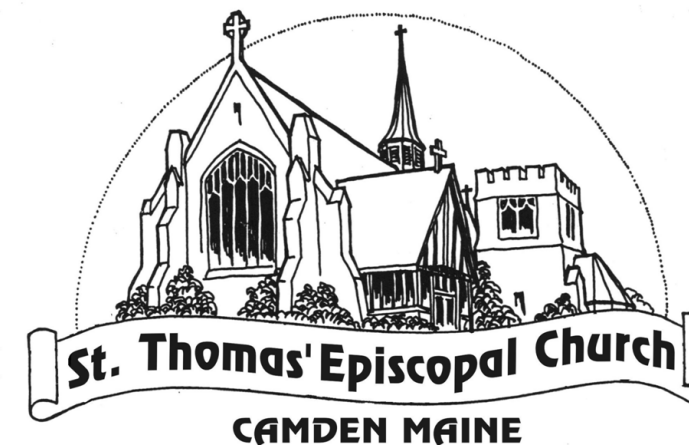
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Our Nursery Room is located past the Sun Room. Turn right. The Blue Room is the Nursery; the Yellow Room is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).



Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

7:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Children are always welcome in the church.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.

Prelude	<i>Freu dich, O meine Seele</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
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10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery is available in the room past the Sun Room.
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.

Prelude	<i>Freu dich, O meine Seele</i>	Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Member of the Choir sings one stanza of <i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i>		
Entrance Hymn 54	Savior of the nations, come! <i>Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland</i>	
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Holy God *Trisagion* (Sung three times)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect

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.

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at

God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Sequence Hymn 67 Comfort, comfort ye my people *Psalms 42*

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,