

tion, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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**The Peace and Announcements**

*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**      *O thou, the central orb*  
*Text: H.R. Bramley*                      *Music: Charles Wood*

*O thou, the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most high,  
 Eternal light of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,  
 Hope soars above.*

*Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with  
 rays divine.*

*Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, As stars about thy throne,  
 Set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, Gives measured grace to each, thy  
 power to prove.*

*Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day,  
 In fellowship with thee, Transforming day to souls erewhile unclean,  
 Now pure within.*

**Offertory Hymn 380 (st.3)**                      Old 100th  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow

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<i>O Lamb of God S-158</i>	<i>Willan</i>	Beige Pew Cards

**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.*

<b>Communion Voluntary</b>	<i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i>	Gerald Near
<b>Communion Hymn 75</b>	There's a voice in the wilderness crying	<i>Ascension</i>
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<b>A Prayer attributed to St. Francis</b>		

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 68**      Rejoice! Rejoice, believers      *Llangloffan*

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**                      *Ave Maris Stella*                      Marcel Dupré

**Bass Solo:** Christopher Glass



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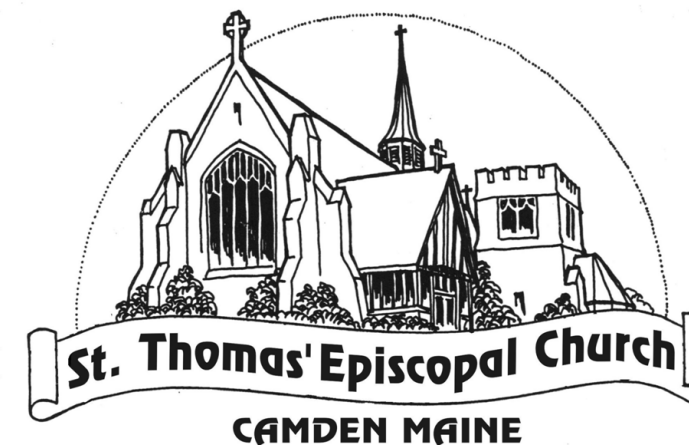
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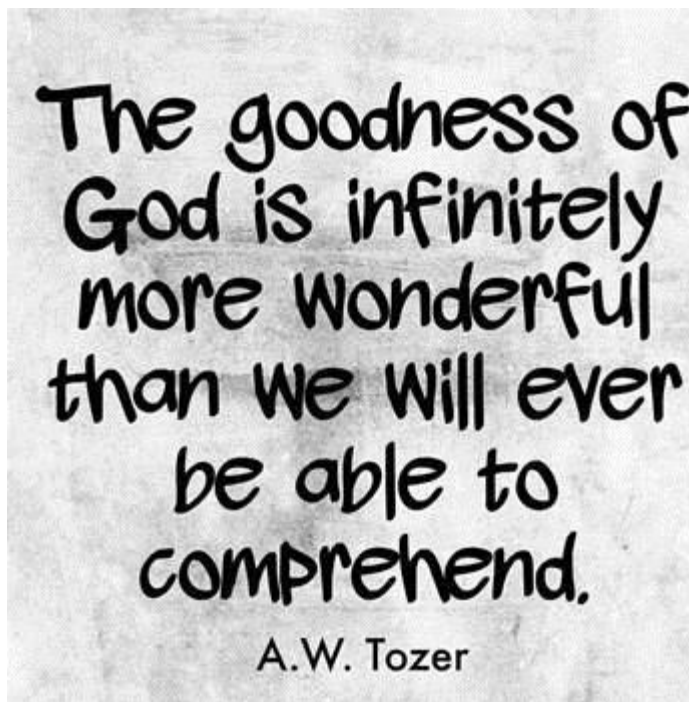
Our Nursery Room is located past the Sun Room. Turn right. The Blue Room is the Nursery; the Yellow Room is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same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



*Third Sunday of Advent*

**December 16, 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.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
<b>Entrance Hymn 59</b> (st.1,2,5)	Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding	Merton
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<b>Offertory Hymn 56</b> (st.1)	<i>Veni, veni Emmanuel</i> <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel,</i> <i>and ransom captive Israel,</i> <i>that mourns in lonely exile here</i> <i>until the Son of God appear.</i> <i>Rejoice! Rejoice!</i> <i>Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!</i>	
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<b>Dismissal Hymn 68</b> (st.1,3)	Rejoice! Rejoice, believers	Llangloffan
<b>Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Ave Maris Stella</i>	Marcel Dupré



## 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.

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimm</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
Member of the Choir sings stanza three of <i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i>		
<b>Entrance Hymn 59</b>	Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding	Merton
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### S 102

**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

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.

### Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all you heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and

renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

### Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*  
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;  
Make his deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \*  
and this is known in all the world.  
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.  
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 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Sequence Hymn 679** Surely it is God who saves me *Thomas Merton*

### Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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."  
And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusa-