

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 *Rejoice for women brave*

Text: Lisa Neufeld Thomas

Music: Frances McCollin

*Rejoice for women brave, who laughed and cried and sang,
Who listened to angels, believed their God,
From them salvation sprang.*

Refrain: *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,
Rejoice, again I say rejoice,
Rejoice again, I say rejoice.*

*Rejoice for Sarah's mirth; she listened laughingly.
In joy she brought forth a new nation,
Saying, all will laugh with me. Refrain.*
*Rejoice for Hannah, bold; she loudly made her plea.
Then God heard her prayers and she, exultant,
Sang of victory. Refrain.*
*Your gracious love divine, like Miriam we proclaim.
May we now sing praise and with Mary
Magnify your holy name. Refrain.*

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

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B page 367

Holy, Holy, Holy S-114 Willan Beige Pew Cards

The Lord's Prayer page 364

O Lamb of God S-158 Willan 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.

Communion Voluntary *Creator of the stars of night* Sam Batt Owens

Communion Hymn 60 *Conditor alme siderum*
Creator of the stars of night

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 73

St. Stephen

The King shall come when morning dawns

Dismissal

Postlude

Erhalt uns Herr

Dietrich Buxtehude



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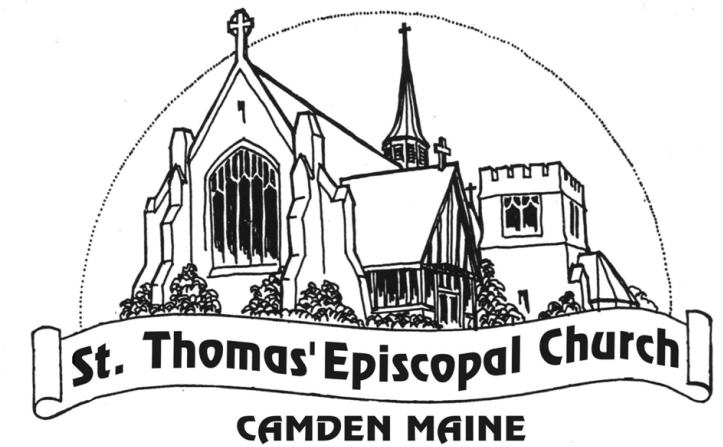
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

7:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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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).

7:30 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

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| Prelude | <i>Ave Maris Stella III</i> | Marcel Dupré |
| Entrance Hymn 74 (st.1,3) | | <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i> |
| | Blest be the King whose coming | |
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| Offertory Voluntary | <i>Wachet auf</i> | Marcel Dupré |
| Offertory Hymn 56 (st.1) | <i>Veni, veni Emmanuel</i> | |
| | <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!</i> | |
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| Dismissal Hymn 66 | Come, thou long expected Jesus | <i>Stuttgart</i> |
| Dismissal | | |
| Postlude | <i>Erhalt uns Herr</i> | Dietrich Buxtehude |



10:00 am — Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery is available in the room past the Sun Room.
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| Prelude | <i>Ave Maris Stella III</i> | Marcel Dupré |
| Member of the Choir sings stanza four of <i>Veni, veni, Emmanuel</i> | | |
| Entrance Hymn 74 | Blest be the King whose coming | <i>Valet will ich dir geben</i> |
| Opening Acclamation | <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> | page 355 |
| Lighting of the Advent Wreath | | |

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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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Canticle 15 - The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.
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.*

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Sequence Hymn 66 Come, thou long expected Jesus

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Luke 1:39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Sermon

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry

The Nicene Creed

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