

7:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I

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

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming)</i>	Brahms
<b>Entrance Hymn 444</b>	Blessed be the god of Israel (st. 1,2)	Thornbury
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<b>The Peace and Announcements</b>		
<b>Offertory Voluntary</b>	O come, o come Emmanuel	Plainsong
<b>Offertory Hymn 380</b> (st. 3)		Old 100 <sup>th</sup>
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost</i>	
<i>Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.</i>		
<b><i>Response: And of thine own have we given thee.</i></b>		
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<b>Dismissal Hymn 59</b>	Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding (st. 1,2)	Merton
<b>The Dismissal</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Frei dich sehr, o meine Seele (I Am Very Glad, Oh My Soul)</i>	Böhm
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10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Nursery is available in the room past the Sun Room.  
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<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen (Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming)</i>	Brahms
<b>Entrance Hymn 59</b>	Blessed be the god of Israel	<i>Thornbury</i>
<b>Opening Acclamation</b>		page 355
<b>Gloria S-280</b>	<i>Powell</i>	Pew Card
<b>The Collect</b>		
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. <i>Amen.</i>		
<b>Isaiah 35:1-10</b>		
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.
<b>Canticle 15 <i>Magnificat</i></b> <i>(at 10:00, it will be read by Hettie Bickham)</i>	
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. <i>Amen.</i>	

**James 5:7-10**  
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

<b>Sequence Hymn 67</b>	Comfort, comfort ye my people	<i>Psalm 42</i>
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**Matthew 11:2-11**  
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.”

<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Abby Pettee
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Prayers of the People

Leader: We are your children.  
Everyone: Hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution page 360

The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Anthem Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming Es ist ein Ros Choir  
Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright,  
amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah was foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love a-right,  
she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.  
O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
Dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
true man yet very God,  
from sin and Death now save us, and share our every load.

Offertory Hymn 380 (st.3) Old 100<sup>th</sup>  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.  
Response: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A page 361

Sanctus and Benedictus S-129 Powell Pew Card

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The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S-163 Powell Pew Card

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! If you would like us to bring communion to you, stay in your seat and an usher will let us know.

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

Communion Hymn 72 Hark! the glad sound! Richmond

Postcommunion Prayer page 365

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn 59 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding Merton

The Dismissal

Postlude Frei dich sehr, o meine Seele Böhm  
(I Am Very Glad, Oh My Soul)  
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Birthday and Anniversary Prayer:  
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.

Prayer for Sending Eucharistic Visitors:  
Clergy: I send you forth in the name of God and this congregation bearing these Holy gifts that those who receive it may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.



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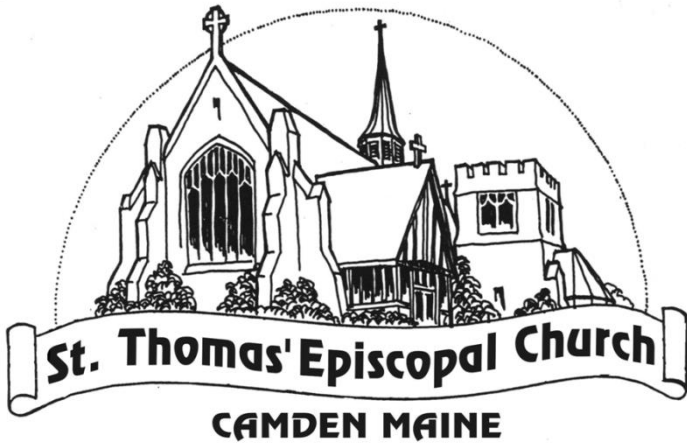
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Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2019

7:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite II



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