

# The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Daily Morning Prayer Rite Two  
Sunday, November 23, 2025

10 a.m.



*Welcome visitors and newcomers; we are glad you are here! If you would like more information about the community of St. Thomas, please speak to a greeter or a member of the clergy. To receive information by email, please fill out a visitor card found in the pew and give to an usher or place in the offering plate.*

## Prelude

## Hymn 535

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

*Paderborn*

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,  
2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!  
4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;  
and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.  
Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.  
All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:  
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,  
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.  
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

*Children's Chapel participants come forward*

*The Officiant says*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

*The Officiant says to the congregation*

Will you pray for these young people and chaplains as they hear and receive God's Word?

*People* **We will.**

*The Officiant then says to the chapel participants*

Will you pray for us as we hear and receive God's Word?

*Chapel Participants* **We will.**

*Officiant* Go in peace.

*The Officiant says*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

*All stand*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People*

**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. Alleluia.**

## Hymn S 35 *Venite*



1. Come, let us sing to the  
Lord; — let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -  
va - tion. — 2. Let us come be-fore his pres-ence with thanks - giv - ing —  
— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. — 3. For the  
Lord is a great God, — and a great King a - bove all  
gods. — 4. In his hand are the cav-erns of the earth, —  
— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The  
sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have  
mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the  
knee, — and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For  
he is our God, — and we are the peo-ple of his  
pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —  
— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

## Psalm 46

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.  
<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;  
<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.  
<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.  
<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.  
<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.  
<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.  
<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”  
<sup>12</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.  
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.

## The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah [23:1-6]

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossae [1:11-20]

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

<sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

Canticle 19: The Song of the Redeemed

*Magna et mirabilia*

*Revelation 15:3-4*

*All stand and say*

**O ruler of the universe, Lord God,  
great deeds are they that you have done, \*  
surpassing human understanding.**

**Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, \***

**O King of all the ages.**

**Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,  
and sing the praises of your Name? \***

**for you only are the Holy One.**

**All nations will draw near and fall down before you, \***

**because your just and holy works have been revealed.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke [23:33-43]

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Prayers**

*The people stand or kneel*

<i>Officiant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And also with you.</b>
<i>Officiant</i>	Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



*Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Travel may be offered. Announcements may be made.  
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The minister receives the offerings of the people and places them on the altar during the hymn.*

*All stand and sing*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 thron'g to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
 to us and to all whom you have made.  
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for your immeasurable love  
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to your service,  
 and by walking before you  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.



Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

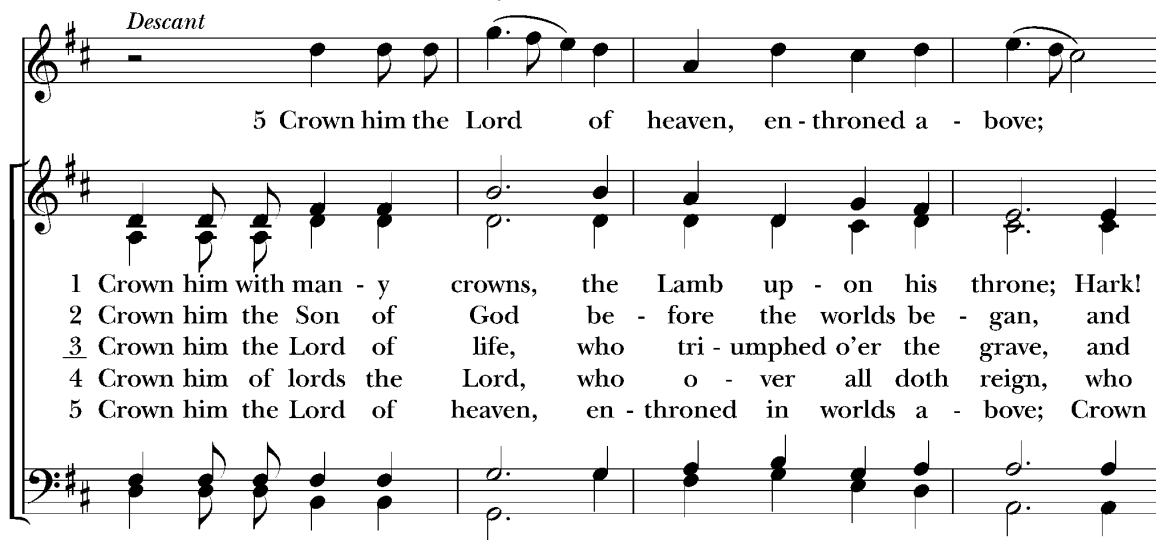
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* 2 Corinthians 13:14

## Hymn 494

Crown him with many crowns

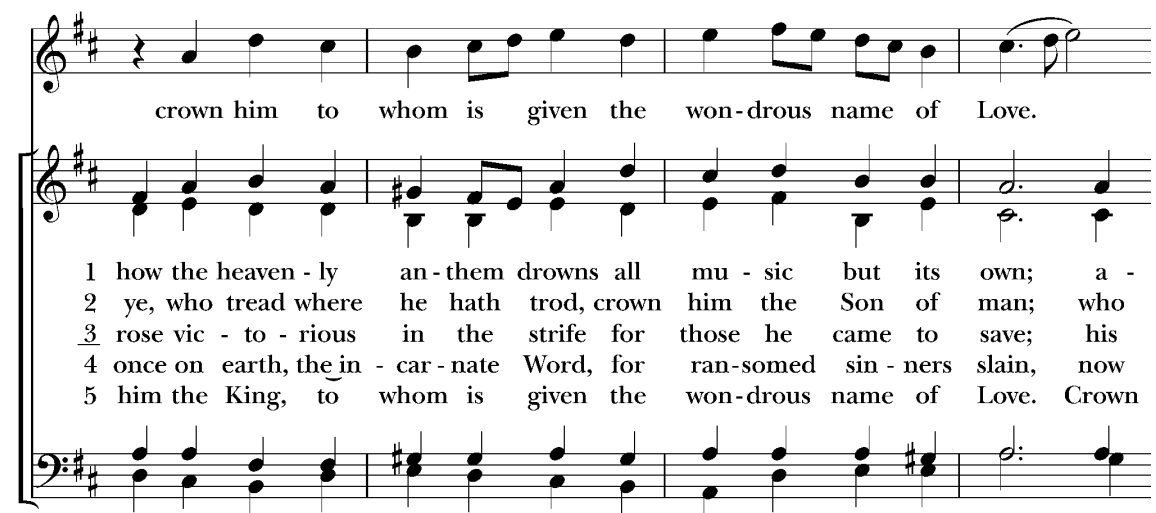
*Diademata*

*Descant*



5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown



crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran-somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man-y crowns, as thrones be-fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu-man breast, and  
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be-fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.  
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

## Postlude

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### ***Liturgical Ministers***

Officiant: Derek Reed

Preacher: The Rev. Kristen Burkholder

Guest Musicians: Ami Wolovitz, Violin & Ina Wolovitz, Piano

Reader 1&2: Gwen Prosser

Reader 3: Jeff Conrad

Ushers: Bobby Purkey & Diane Purkey

### *People in our Prayers*

**Healing:** Marieda Hunt, Patrick Coleman, Jan L., Miriam, The Nisbet Family, Wendy, Jeff, Sandra Covington, Peter Walker, Br. Richard Biernacki BSG, Jeff, David Bridges, Kathy Bridges, Donald, Diana Mohr, Gwen, Charles Lewis, Jeanie, Timothy Jackson, Catherine, Kristina Shea, Tony, Mya Delisle, Andrew Moran, Donovan, Debra and Amy, Ned and Kathleen Bachus, Anna and her child Brody, Ruth Tolman, Helene, John, Phyllis, Michael, Bob, Sylvia, Marlene, Percy, Joan Grey, Cathy, James, Ken, Joseph, Jo Panayotoff, Joyce S, Jan Schaefer, Christine & Paul M, Jason, Kristen, Jeanie, Cathie, Brian, Bob S., Gary P., Gay Schueler, Pat Medley, Timothy Darling, Leah, Sandy, Ezra, Chris Strazzulla, Fr. Tom Pike, Evie Bridges, Luke Morelli, Tim Peters, Janice Boetsch, Lucy Ebbert, Shirley, Budge Walen, Chris, Vicki Boetsch, Catherine G, Annabel, Pam Kaler, Margery, Stephanie, Kyle R.

**November Birthdays:** Bill Freeman (1), Ray Adams (3), Mabel Colby (4), Minnie Biggs (4), Connie Bock (6), Sandy Lyle (10), Priscilla Granston (11), Jeff Conrad (16), Jan Gilley (23), Susan Fockler (24), Amy Frankel (24), Edmund Hartt (27), Kay Lehr (28), Lance Buchanan (29)

**For the repose of the soul of:** Brooke Metcalf

**Diocese Cycle of Prayer:** Grace Church, Bath, For the spouses, companions, and families of clergy in the diocese



*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Laurence Cleland and Dorothy Foltz-Gray and in thanksgiving for daily blessings by Sue Foltz.*

**Beginning the first Sunday of Advent,** November 30, we will move to one service at 9:30 a.m. The Liturgy will continue to be Morning Prayer on the fourth Sunday each month; all other Sundays, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Rite I (traditional language) will be used in Advent/ Christmas, Rite II (contemporary language) for season of Epiphany, and Rite I for Lent. We will resume our regular schedule of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29.

**We are thrilled to be the host** parish for the Great Vigil of Easter, April 4 with the mid-coast parishes of Belfast, Rockland, Rockport, and Thomaston. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Brown, Bishop of Maine will be the Celebrant.

**Those wishing to be confirmed,** received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal vows can register today for Inquirer's Classes beginning January 11. See registration card in your pew.

**The Outreach Committee** will be providing Christmas stockings for parishioners to fill for Camden-Rockport Middle Schoolers. We will provide a list of ideas for gift items; be creative, have fun with it! Stockings will be available beginning today; please return filled stockings no later than on December 7 for Saint Nicholas to bless. The Committee will also be giving parents \$80 Walmart gift cards to the parents of these 27 children. HAVE FUN!

### *This Week at St. Thomas'*

#### **Sunday, November 23:**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite I

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer Rite II *(Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall)*

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer *(Lady Chapel)*

#### **Wednesday, November 26:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 a.m. Bible Study *(online)*

#### **The First Sunday of Advent, November 30:**

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I *(Coffee Hour follows in Parish Hall)*

4:00 p.m. Centering Prayer *(Lady Chapel)*

A.A. meetings are held daily at 6:30 p.m.

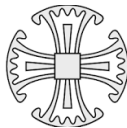
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