



First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024 ❖ 8:00 am

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome all people into our community without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Anna Eakins and in loving memory of James Eakins.

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Coming Events

Sunday, Dec. 1

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Dec. 2

- 6:30 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, Dec. 3 – 12:30 pm SAGES Bunco Bash

Wednesday, Dec. 4

- 10:00 am Healing & Reconciliation Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 am Blue Bin Sorting
- 5:00 pm Good Grief Support Group
- 6:00 pm Nurture Group

Thursday, Dec. 5 – 1:00 pm Quilters and Knitters Group

Sunday, Dec. 8

- 9:10 am Spiritual Formation Class: "Who is Jesus?"
- 11:25 am Advent Wreath Making and Luncheon
- 11:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Long Beach Camerata Singers performance

Monday, Dec. 9

- 5:00 pm Blue Christmas Service
- 6:30 pm Concert Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sunday Choir Rehearsal

For more events, dates and times, visit our church calendar:
<https://bit.ly/stfranciscalendar>

The Processional Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Hymnal #56

O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, that
 O come, thou wis - dom from on high, who or - derest all things might - i - ly; to
 O come, O come, Thou Lord of Might, who to thy tribes on Si - nai's height in
 O come, Thou Day - spring, from on high, and cheer us by thine draw - ing nigh; dis -
 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of all - man - kind; bid

mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 us the path of know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re
 an - cient times didst give the law, in cloud, and maj - es - ty and awe.
 perse the gloom - y clouds of night and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 thou our sad di - vi - sions cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.

joyce! Re-joyce! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent.; ver. "Hymnal 1940," alt. Music: "Veni, veni, Emmanuel," plainsong, Mode 1, "Processionale," 15th cent.; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937).

- The Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Collect for PurityBook of Common Prayer p. 323
- The Summary of the Law.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Kyrie.....Book of Common Prayer p. 324
- The Collect of the DayBook of Common Prayer p. 184
- The First Lesson.....Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

- The Response..... Psalm 25:1-9 (Book of Common Prayer p. 614)
- The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Holy Gospel Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said: ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby

The Nicene Creed Book of Common Prayer p. 327

The Prayers of the People Book of Common Prayer p. 328

The Confession Book of Common Prayer p. 331

The Peace Book of Common Prayer p. 332

The Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your child(ren), 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 hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Book of Common Prayer p. 333

The Lord’s Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 364

The Post-Communion Prayer Book of Common Prayer p. 339

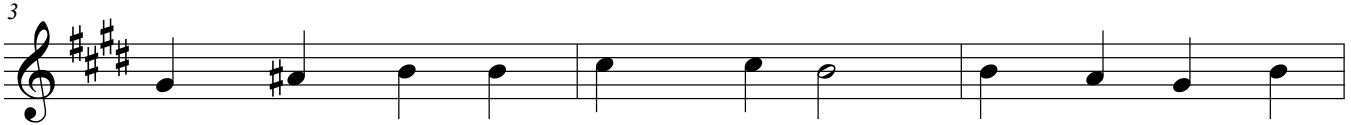
The Blessing and Sending Forth Book of Common Prayer p. 339

The Recessional Hymn: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

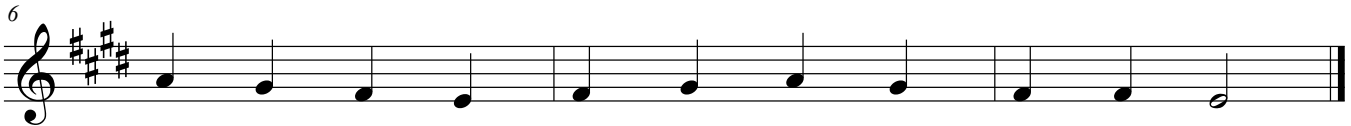
Hymnal #59



Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing:
 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing,
 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed,
 so when next he comes with glo - ry,
 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing



"Christ is nigh," it seems to say; "Cast a - way the
 from earth's bond - age let us rise; Christ, our sun, all
 comes with par - don down from heaven; let us haste, with
 and the world is wrapped in fear, may he with his
 to the Fa - ther and the Son, with the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
 sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; tr. "Hymns Ancient and Modern," 1861, alt.
 Music: "Merton," William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935);
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The Postlude

Rorate Coeli

arr. Pietro Yon

DR. JAMES K. BASS, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

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Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Albert, Andrea, Billy Whelan, Bruce Schaefer, Carlos, Ceri Falk, Chris, Chris Goldsmith, Colette Furbush, Daniel Drayling, Erica, Gail Winters, George Ginis, Hector Gutierrez, Jean Dicus, Judy Morgan, Kristen, Loren, Patt Parker, Richard Cantine, Roxanne Wall, Russell, Sally Hill, Sandy, Stephen, Tommy, Tony Lowe, for the people of the Middle East, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

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